

**RESOLUTION 10-4-20**  
***Funding for PSAP Grants***

**WHEREAS**, modernizing Wisconsin's 911 system has been a priority for local governments, Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs), law enforcement, and the telecommunications industry since the early 2000s; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2017-19 and the 2019-21 state biennial budgets provided funding for creation of a statewide emergency services IP network (ESInet), which is the first step in the transition to a digital Next Generation 911 (NG911) system; and

**WHEREAS**, a NG911 system utilizes advancements in technology to improve communication with 911 operators and provides greater efficiency in assisting individuals in crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, local 911 centers (PSAPs) require NG911 capable equipment to connect to the digital system; and

**WHEREAS**, currently many PSAPs require an upgrade of their equipment to NG911 or will require maintenance and security upgrades to their current NG911 capable equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, the average cost for the necessary equipment upgrades will likely exceed \$250,000 per county in addition to ongoing maintenance costs based on the number of call stations in the PSAP; and

**WHEREAS**, while the state has provided grant funding for counties in the past to upgrade local PSAPs, state funding has not existed in over a decade; and

**WHEREAS**, the state currently has a fund—the Police and Fire Protection Fund—which its original intent was to fund county PSAP upgrades; and

**WHEREAS**, revenue from the Police and Fire Protection Fund has been diverted to the state general fund and had never been utilized for its intended purpose.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Green County does hereby urge the Governor and Wisconsin State Legislature to allocate \$15 million annually for grants to PSAPS through the Police and Fire Protection Fund for the upgrade of their equipment and the ongoing maintenance and upgrades required; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governor and Wisconsin State Legislature should support the Department of Military Affairs budget request to continue the build of the ESInet and for an annual appropriation for the ongoing maintenance of the system.

**SIGNED:            LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

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**FISCAL NOTE:** No fiscal impact.

**LEGAL NOTE:** Approved as to form. BDB

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I, Arianna L. Voegeli, County Clerk in and for said County, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution 10-4-20, adopted by the Board of Supervisors on October 20, 2020.

Dated at Monroe, Wisconsin, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

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Arianna L. Voegeli, County Clerk