



RESOLUTION # 28-10/20

TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ITEM # 10-5

BOARD ACTION

Adopted:
For: 26
Against: -
Abstain: -
Abs/Excd: 3
Vote Req: -
Other Action: -

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTION

Adopted:
For: 9
Against: 0
Abstain: 0
Abs/Excd: 0

RE: 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 La Crosse 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.

Date: 10-7-2020
Glenn L. Kruse
COMMITTEE CHAIR

Date: October 7, 2020
Jerry J. Pavlic
RECORDING CLERK

	Reviewed Only	Recommended	Not Recommended
Co. Admin.	<u>SRD</u>	<u>50</u>	
Fin. Director	<u>MS</u>		
Corp. Counsel			
Board Chair			

Requested By: Steve O'Malley
Date Requested: October 1, 2020
Drafted By: Corporation Counsel

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this 15 Day of October, 2020

STATE OF WISCONSIN
COUNTY OF LA CROSSE

I, Ginny Dankmeyer, County Clerk of La Crosse County do hereby certify that this document is a true and correct copy of the original resolution required by law to be in my custody and which the County Board of Supervisors of La Crosse County adopted at a meeting held on the 15th day of October 2020.

Ginny Dankmeyer
Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse County Clerk