

**RESOLUTION NO. 20 - \_\_\_\_\_**

A Resolution Urging Governor Evers And The Legislature To Provide State Funds For Counties To Upgrade Their 911 Emergency Response Systems.

WHEREAS many counties in Wisconsin, including Richland County, have a need to modernize their 911 emergency response systems in order to transition to a digital system, either by purchasing equipment or upgrading their existing equipment, and

WHEREAS it is estimated that the average cost to upgrade a county’s 911 system to a digital system is in excess of \$250,000, not including ongoing maintenance costs, and, while the State has in the past provided funding for counties to upgrade their 911 emergency response systems through the State Police and Fire Protection Fund, State funding has not been provided for over a decade, and

WHEREAS the Law Enforcement and Judiciary Committee has carefully considered this matter and is now recommending that the County Board urge Governor Evers and the Legislature to provide needed State funding to counties to enable them to modernize their 911 emergency response systems to a digital system.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Richland County Board of Supervisors that the County Board hereby urges Governor Evers and the Legislature to provide \$15 million annually for grants to counties through the State Police and Fire Protection Fund to enable counties to upgrade their 911 emergency response systems to a digital next generation 911 system, as well as for ongoing maintenance for the digital systems, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Board further urges Governor Evers and the Legislature to support the budget request of the Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs to continue the building of the Statewide emergency services network, which is the first step in the transition to a digital emergency response system, and for an annual appropriation for the ongoing maintenance of that system, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is hereby directed to send a copy of this Resolution to Governor Tony Evers and to all members of the Legislature whose districts include any part of Richland County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage and publication.

VOTE ON FOREGOING RESOLUTION		RESOLUTION OFFERED BY THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND JUDICIARY COMMITTEE		
AYES _____NOES _____		FOR AGAINST		
RESOLUTION _____		_____	_____	_____
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COUNTY CLERK		_____	_____	_____
DATED _____		_____	_____	_____
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