

# RESOLUTION

## **A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF PADUCAH, KENTUCKY, DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO NOTIFY McCracken County THAT THE CITY DOES NOT INTEND TO RENEW THE CURRENT INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING AND GOVERNING PADUCAH-McCracken County E-911**

WHEREAS, the Paducah-McCracken County E-911 system infrastructure is one of the most important and critical aspects of providing and delivering public safety to citizens of Paducah and McCracken County; and

WHEREAS, significant operational problems were identified in 2013 which have and will continue to impede efficient operation of the 911 system; and

WHEREAS, as a result of those identified problems, in 2014, the Paducah-McCracken County Emergency Communications Board (hereinafter "Board"), consisting of State, City and County officials, initiated a review of all 2013 operations resulting in actionable items to be addressed; and

WHEREAS, the actionable items identified by the Board included: (1) seeking alternative funding, (2) making facility modifications, (3) restructuring staff, (4) abolishing the assistant director position, (5) creating a capital plan, (6) researching the feasibility of becoming a city or county department, (7) restructuring board size and governance, and (8) merging Mercy dispatch into the 911 operation; and

WHEREAS, despite those actionable items being identified, only two items have been addressed by the Board, neither of which have received Board support for implementation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Paducah and McCracken County requested a proposal from the Kentucky State Police for outsourcing 911 dispatch operations in an effort to address those actionable items and increase efficiency and decrease costs; and

WHEREAS, after careful review and consideration of the Kentucky State Police proposal, the City determined that the proposal would not increase efficiency or decrease costs as had been hoped; and

WHEREAS, in March 2015, the City passed a Resolution to continue to provide 911 services to its citizens and not outsource 911 dispatch operations; and

WHEREAS, to date, McCracken County continues to pursue the idea of outsourcing dispatch operations and has not indicated a set timetable for its final decision on the Kentucky State Police proposal; and

WHEREAS, in the meantime, the current 911 system infrastructure of radio, telephony, and CAD are beyond their functional life and in dire need of replacement before a catastrophic breakdown occurs; and

WHEREAS, there is no capital plan in existence for replacement of the critical infrastructure with the exception of the radio which is a city asset and is covered under a city capital replacement and expenditure which was established in 1992; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, the Board commissioned a Request for Qualifications/ Request for Proposals for a Public Safety/Wireless Communications Consultant to plan, design and provide implementation assistance of a Public Safety Radio /Wireless Communication System, 911 Telephony System, and Computer Aided Dispatch System; and

WHEREAS, all proposals were received and evaluated by the Board which, pursuant to a unanimous vote by the State, City, and County members of the Board, recommended that Federal Engineering, Inc. be commissioned to perform the proposed work in the amount of \$252,172.00 to be paid for by the City and County equally; and

WHEREAS, the City has adopted an ordinance authorizing the expenditure of one-half of Federal Engineering, Inc.'s fee, as requested by unanimous vote of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the County has indicated that it does not plan to consider whether it will authorize the expenditure of its half of the fee until a decision has been made concerning the Kentucky State Police proposal, for which there is no certain timetable; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Paducah to initiate a capital replacement of the 911 operation infrastructure and continue with plans for the future of 911, neither of which can occur while McCracken County is considering a withdrawal from the agency; and

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Paducah and McCracken County provides that either party may terminate the Agreement upon six-months' notice to the other party before the expiration of the term which ends on June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF PADUCAH, KENTUCKY:

SECTION 1. Although the Board of Commissioners for the City of Paducah is of the opinion that the community is better served by a joint 911 operation between the City of Paducah and McCracken County, due to the current unknown status of 911's governance/ operation and the antiquated nature of 911's infrastructure, which is

a potential threat to public safety, the Mayor is hereby directed and authorized to notify McCracken County in writing on or before December 30, 2015 that the City does not intend to renew the current 911 Interlocal Cooperation Agreement on June 30, 2016.

SECTION 2. The Mayor is further authorized to inform McCracken County that if the County notifies the City in writing on or before March 1, 2016 of its intent to continue a relationship with the City for purposes of providing 911 services to the citizens of Paducah and McCracken County, the City will be amenable to engaging in discussions with McCracken County concerning that potential relationship.

SECTION 3. In the meantime, the City of Paducah will authorize the Mayor, via ordinance, to execute a contract with Federal Engineering, Inc. for consulting services to plan, design, and provide implementation assistance of a Public Safety/Wireless Communication System, 911 Telephony System, and Computer Aided Dispatch System, with the City funding the entirety of the contract.

SECTION 4. If McCracken County does not notify the City of Paducah on or before March 1, 2016 of its desire to continue a relationship with the City for purposes of providing 911 services, City staff is directed to begin the process of developing an internal 911 Department for 911 operations to ensure that the emergency needs of the City's citizens are not interrupted and to further explore and develop a proposal which would offer other agencies, including McCracken County, 911 services through this newly-developed department.

SECTION 5. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tammara S. Sanderson, City Clerk

Adopted by the Board of Commissioners, December 17, 2015  
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