

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-56

RESOLUTION BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING RACINE COUNTY TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH MUNICIPALITIES WITHIN THE COUNTY FOR JOINT DISPATCH OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIRE, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

To the Honorable Members of the Racine County Board of Supervisors:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that the greatest possible consolidation of dispatch services for law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical services (EMS) will advance the fundamental governmental interests of enhanced public safety, improved coordination of emergency response, maximized efficiency of public resources, and long-term savings to taxpayers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that Racine County is hereby authorized to enter into agreements with any municipalities located in Racine County that now provide such dispatch services (known as PSAP--Public Safety Answering Point--municipalities), for the purpose of maximizing consolidation of dispatch services in Racine County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that joint dispatch services shall be provided under the following terms and conditions:

1. The joint dispatch operation shall provide full emergency call answering and dispatch services on a 24 hour a day, 7 day a week basis for
 - the Racine County Sheriff's Department;
 - all municipal law enforcement, and all municipal or volunteer fire and EMS, services that are currently dispatched by the Racine County Sheriff's Department; and
 - all municipal law enforcement, fire, and EMS services that are currently dispatched by any PSAP municipality that participates in the consolidation.
2. The joint dispatch operation shall be a department of Racine County government, staffed by civilian county employees and headed by a civilian director who shall report to the County Executive.
3. Racine County shall provide the primary dispatch facility and all furnishings, equipment (including hardware and software), utilities, and administrative and technical support services necessary to fulfill the dispatch responsibilities outlined in paragraph 1, above.

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- 4 4. The county's costs of incremental staffing to meet the total staffing needs of a joint
5 dispatch operation shall initially be borne collectively by the PSAP municipalities
6 participating in the consolidation, as more fully described in paragraph 5, below. The
7 allocation of such costs shall be agreed upon by those municipalities.
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- 9 5. For such incremental staffing costs, the participating PSAP municipalities shall together
10 pay to Racine County, in quarterly installments:
- 11 • in year one of the agreement, an amount sufficient to pay the county's incremental
12 staffing costs, including salaries, budgeted overtime, fringe benefits, and other
13 direct staffing-related expenses, for that year; and
 - 14 • in years two through ten of the agreement, a fixed annual amount, such amount to
15 be set so that its total payments over years two through five will cover the county's
16 incremental staffing costs over years two through five; and
 - 17 • in years eleven through nineteen of the agreement, an amount that, in each year,
18 declines by 10% of the amount established for years two through ten.
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- 20 6. It is anticipated that joint dispatch operations will be conducted from the Racine County
21 Communications Center, located at the Sheriff's Department Patrol Station, and that
22 the initial enhancement of facilities needed to accommodate joint dispatch will be
23 accomplished without extending the footprint of the building.
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- 25 7. Because the county's center might lose dispatch capabilities on account, for example,
26 of weather or power or equipment failure, it is anticipated that a secondary, "back-up"
27 dispatch center will be established in the current City of Racine communications center,
28 to be equipped and available for use on a temporary basis; Racine County shall reach
29 agreement with the City of Racine concerning terms and conditions of its access to that
30 facility and the county's control over equipment located therein.
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- 32 8. All the additional telecommunicator positions needed for full staffing of the joint
33 dispatch center shall be open to current full-time telecommunicators employed by the
34 participating PSAP municipalities whose positions will be eliminated because of this
35 consolidation; except for the position of the director, all supervisory positions shall be
36 open to all such individuals, as well as to current Racine County telecommunicators.
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- 38 9. A 911 Communications Commission, comprising a suitable number and mix of
39 representatives of law enforcement, fire, and EMS services from throughout Racine
40 County shall approve joint dispatch policies and procedures and shall, on the request of
41 the director of the joint dispatch operation, provide advice relating to operational
42 matters.
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4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that the
5 County Clerk, the County Executive and/or the County Board Chairman are authorized to
6 execute any contracts, agreements or other documents necessary to carry out the intent of
7 this resolution.

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9 Respectfully submitted,

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11 **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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13 1st Reading _____
14 Peter L. Hansen, Chairman

15 2nd Reading _____
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17 BOARD ACTION _____
18 Russell A. Clark, Vice-Chairman

18 Adopted _____
19 For _____
20 Against _____
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23 VOTE REQUIRED: Majority _____
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39 Pamela Zenner-Richards

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41 **The foregoing legislation adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of**
42 **Racine County, Wisconsin, is hereby:**

43 **Approved:** _____

44 **Vetoed:** _____

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46 **Date:** _____,

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49 **William L. McReynolds, County Executive**

3 **INFORMATION ONLY**

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5 **WHEREAS**, Racine County and municipalities within it have long recognized that
6 consolidation of dispatch services can produce significant public safety and fiscal benefits; and
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8 **WHEREAS**, since late 2009, elected officials, senior administrators, and the heads of public
9 safety agencies of the county, the Villages of Caledonia, Mount Pleasant, and Sturtevant, the City
10 of Racine (and, on occasion, the City of Burlington) have held tentative discussions regarding
11 consolidation of dispatch services; and
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13 **WHEREAS**, such discussions have produced agreement in principle, and subject to
14 approval by each jurisdiction's legislative body, of a mechanism for consolidating dispatch services
15 for all law enforcement, fire, and EMS services in Racine County, except the City of Burlington, as
16 well as a mechanism for allocating the costs of such consolidation; and
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18 **WHEREAS**, consolidating the dispatch of virtually all law enforcement, fire, and EMS
19 services in the county, and implementing such consolidation through an equitable cost allocation
20 arrangement, will mark a major milestone in inter-governmental cooperation in Racine County and
21 will enhance public safety, improve coordination of emergency response, maximize efficient use of
22 public resources, and produce long-term savings for taxpayers.
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