

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 16 (2012/13)

Re: **Approving Combined Dispatch Proposal**

**Printed as amended*

WHEREAS, on November 9, 2008, the City/County Shared Services Committee recommended that Sheboygan County establish a combined emergency dispatch center with the City of Sheboygan to serve all citizens of Sheboygan County, and

WHEREAS, such a dispatch system would be in the best interests of the citizens of Sheboygan County for the following reasons:

- The cellular 911 transfer issue would be resolved. Currently cellular 911 calls from within the City of Sheboygan are answered by County dispatchers and must be transferred to City dispatchers.
- A common dispatch point would be created for the entire County. In the instance of a broad-based emergency situation, response would be maximized from one location and the source utilization could be maximized.
- Creation of long-term operational efficiencies via creation of one dispatch facility with single direction, jurisdiction, training, and objectives.
- Creation of the standard setoff emergency dispatch protocol which would be uniform throughout the County.
- Potential economies of scale relating to future equipment and software purchases.
- Under county-wide dispatch, every County resident would get the same level of service and the costs would be allocated county-wide,

and

WHEREAS, based on the recommendations of the City/County Shared Services Committee, and recognizing the benefits as recited above, on March 17, 2009, the Sheboygan County Board adopted Resolution No. 31 (2008/09) directing the County Administrator and Sheriff to begin the negotiations aimed at establishing a shared system, and

WHEREAS, the City of Sheboygan has simultaneously supported the concept of a shared system, but because the City and County have heretofore been unable to agree on who would operate such a system, where such a system would be housed, what services would be combined and which would continue to be separate, and how such a system would be financed, combined dispatch has not become a reality, and

WHEREAS, despite the impasses that precluded obtaining an agreement, the County Board has continued to endorse the concept, most recently through the adoption of Resolution No. 28 (2011/12) adopted on April 10, 2012, in which the County Administrator and Sheriff were again directed to negotiate an agreement premised on County siting, County administration, and a significant City financial contribution, and

WHEREAS, thereafter, an ad hoc committee comprised of various City, County, and stakeholder representatives crafted a compromise proposal which would provide for a unified

integrated dispatch system to be operated by the County at the Law Enforcement Center, with start-up costs primarily underwritten by the City, and

WHEREAS, this proposal, a copy of which is on file with the County Clerk, has been endorsed by the City/County Shared Services Committee at its October 29, 2012, meeting and generally meets most of the County objectives as set forth in Resolution No. 28 (2011/12);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sheriff and County Administrator are directed to negotiate and are authorized to sign **the combined intergovernmental cooperative agreement, a copy of which is on file with the County Clerk.*

Respectfully submitted this 18th day of December, 2012.

LAW COMMITTEE

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Opposed to Introduction:

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