

RESOLUTION NO. 2014 - 41

**JOINT RESOLUTION TO ADVOCATE FOR THE AUTHORIZATION**  
**OF A**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY FEE FOR THE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER IN**  
**HENDRICKS COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, the elected officials within Hendricks County value public safety and have approved a total consolidation of public safety telecommunication centers within the county resulting in a single Public Safety Answering Point; and

**WHEREAS**, Hendricks County Communication Center consolidated in 2006 through interlocal agreement with 24 participating jurisdictions, each of which is a signatory to the interlocal agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the interlocal agreement provides that the Center would be funded through E911 fees and other contributions of the participating jurisdictions until such time as a new method of funding the Center were approved legislatively; and

**WHEREAS**, the participating jurisdictions have incurred and are incurring additional expenses outside E911 fees, with such E911 fees making up approximately only 40% of the budget for the Center; and

**WHEREAS**, Hendricks County Government and the Hendricks County Communication Center are taking steps to address capital funding needs through the proposed issuance of bonds for enhanced radio coverage in the County and with respect to State-mandated system upgrade project for which the Center is a partner with the State; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Board of the Hendricks County Communication Center has succeeded in becoming more efficient and in providing dramatically enhanced public safety but at the same time has struggled to provide a fair and adequate funding mechanism given the limitations of the multiple funding sources and many jurisdictions involved; and

**WHEREAS**, Hendricks County Communication Center commissioned a public safety expert to ensure the Hendricks County Communication Center has found all of the efficiencies possible with consolidation; and

**WHEREAS**, Hendricks County Communication Center has spent countless hours drafting a pilot project utilizing a public safety fee for communications for local enactment and sought approval from the State; and

**WHEREAS**, inherent in the idea of a consolidated Hendricks County Communication Center with a single PSAP is a stable and broad based funding source such as a single public safety fee; and

WHEREAS, the Hendricks County Board of Commissioners acknowledges and understands the need for flexibility in working with the Indiana General Assembly in finding an adequate funding mechanism to sustain the Center's operations now and in the future;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The members of the Hendricks County Board of Commissioners and Hendricks County Council hereby urge the Indiana General Assembly to grant authority to Hendricks County and other counties interested in enacting a public safety fee to be determined and collected by the county for administration of emergency communications services.
2. The members of the Hendricks County Board of Commissioners and Hendricks County Council; invite all participating jurisdictions who are party to the interlocal agreement to join them in this Resolution by affixing their assent and signatures hereto.

Resolved and adopted by:

Hendricks County Board of Commissioners

Phyllis A. Palmer  
Phyllis A. Palmer, President

Bob Gentry  
Bob Gentry, Vice President

Matthew D. Whetstone  
Matthew D. Whetstone, Member

Date: 10/28/14

ATTEST: Cinda Kattau  
Cinda Kattau, Auditor

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Date: 12/11/14

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