

VAN BUREN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION MOTION REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

WHEREAS, Michigan House Bill 4651 and Senate Bill 400 have been introduced in the Michigan Legislature, which would amend Public Act 32 of 1986 entitled the "Emergency Telephone Service Enabling Act", and;

WHEREAS, these bills would amend the funding system for 9-1-1 so that all communication devices that have access to 9-1-1, including prepaid wireless devices, contribute equally to the funding of 9-1-1 operations, and;

WHEREAS, these bills provide a stable funding source for the counties to support their migration to Next Generation 9-1-1 and ongoing operational levels of service for 9-1-1 to its residents, and;

WHEREAS, these bills afford the State and Counties collecting 9-1-1 fees a mechanism for court action should any service providers fail to collect and remit the fees, and;

WHEREAS, these bills have a mechanism that provides the necessary check and balances to ensure revenues generated are used for authorized expenditures for 9-1-1 services, and;

WHEREAS, these authorized expenditures are limited to those directly related to receiving and processing 9-1-1 calls and the subsequent dispatching of responders via a public safety radio, and;

WHEREAS, such limitation of expenditures has historically met the criteria established through the courts to define 9-1-1 surcharge as a fee for service directly related to telephone services, and;

WHEREAS, an attempt to amend House Bill 4651 and Senate Bill 400 for other State of Michigan general fund purposes not directly related to 9-1-1 may not meet the criteria of a fee for service and could be viewed as a tax increase for the residents of Van Buren County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners does hereby offer our support of House Bill and senate Bill 400 as introduced, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners opposes amending House Bill and Senate Bill 400 to include any additional State of Michigan taxes on telephone service customers under the guise of 9-1-1 surcharge, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Richard Snyder, and all Senators and Representatives serving Van Buren County.

I certify that I have compared this copy with the original on file in this office and that it is a correct copy of the whole of such original
Paw Paw, Van Buren County, Michigan

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SUZIE ROEHM, Van Buren County Clerk

By Bear Sudla
DEPUTY CLERK

Signed:

Donald A. Hanson
Paul Schumacher
Mike Toth
Richard Freestone
Kurt Dook
Gail Patton Gladney
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Date: August 22, 2017

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