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SANGAMON COUNTY AUDITOR

RESOLUTION NO. 7-1

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING FUNDING FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE NEW
RURAL FIRE/EMS RADIO SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, the Sangamon County Board has overseen the construction of a new Rural Fire/EMS Radio System to serve county residents in the fire protection districts of Auburn, Buffalo, Chatham, Dawson, Divernon, Illiopolis, Island Grove, Loami, Mechanicsburg, New Berlin, Pawnee, Pleasant Plains, Riverton, Rochester, Sherman and Williamsville; and

WHEREAS, members of the County Board met with executives and chiefs of these sixteen (16) fire protection districts and executives of America Ambulance, Lifestar Ambulance and Medics First Ambulance companies to explain this new radio system and discuss the need to collect fees for its maintenance; and

WHEREAS, this new radio system meets Federal Communications Commission requirements for narrowband radio transmissions before its mandated 2013 deadline and enhances the current radio system serving rural Sangamon County fire and EMS first responders; and

WHEREAS, it is proper for Sangamon County to collect maintenance fees from these 16 fire protection districts, the three (3) private ambulance companies plus the Sangamon County Rescue Squad and to appropriate matching funds in an amount equal to the total being assessed each fiscal year to address maintenance costs of equipment service contracts, necessary telephone line connections, communications tower upkeep needs and a contingency for related unforeseen expenses; and

WHEREAS, the city of Auburn tabulates an annual calls-for-service number for Auburn Fire Protection District and Sangamon County Central Dispatch System tabulates an annual calls-for-service number for the remaining fire protection districts plus the Rescue Squad, and such numbers on a calendar year basis are identifiable for budgetary purposes with the 2011 call numbers available for the FY2013 budget, 2012 call numbers available for the FY2014 budget and so forward; and

WHEREAS, a per call fee of \$1.75 and a flat fee of \$1,500.00 are reasonable annual amounts to assess the 16 fire protection districts plus the Rescue Squad and the 3 ambulance companies, respectively, with numbers for New Berlin and Island Grove Fire Protection Districts being combined to reflect calls-for-service by the New Berlin - Island Grove Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, it is proper for Sangamon County to appropriate its matching funds and assess these respective annual fees beginning in FY2013, while appropriating and assessing one-half of these annual amounts for the balance of FY2012;

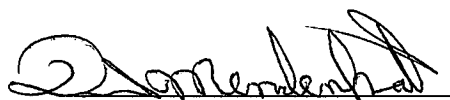
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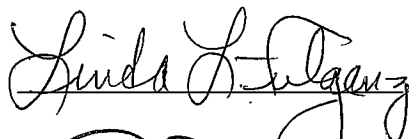
Joe Aiello
Sangamon County Clerk

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Members of the Sangamon County Board, in session this 12th day of June, 2012, that it should and henceforth will annually assess the Auburn, Buffalo, Chatham, Dawson, Divernon, Illiopolis, Loami, Mechanicsburg, New Berlin/Island Grove, Pawnee, Pleasant Plains, Riverton, Rochester, Sherman and Williamsville Fire Protection Districts plus the Sangamon County Rescue Squad a fee of \$1.75 per call and a flat fee of \$1,500.00 to the America Ambulance, Lifestar Ambulance and Medics First Ambulance companies, while appropriating matching funds in an amount equal to the total being assessed each fiscal year to address costs for maintenance of the new Rural Fire/EMS Radio System, using the latest calendar year calls-for-service figures available when annual budgets are being set; except that for the balance of FY2012, one-half of such annual amounts will be assessed and appropriated, using 2010 calls-for-service figures.

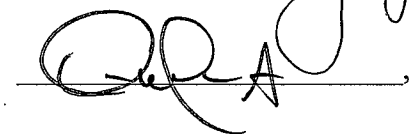
Respectfully submitted,
OEM/911 Committee

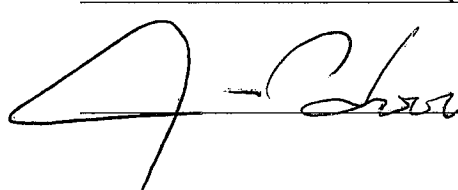
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