

ORIGINAL

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-008 A

THE DELAWARE COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

WHEREAS, The County and the City have previously determined that a centralized countywide emergency dispatch operation, with enhanced 9-1-1 capabilities, would best serve the safety of the residents of Delaware County the City of Muncie, and

WHEREAS, a combined centralized and county wide 9-1-1 emergency dispatch system has significantly reduced confusion of whom to call and what number to dial in the event of an emergency, and

WHEREAS, a central dispatch system has promoted the coordination of mutual aid in emergency responses and enhance the development of a uniform public safety operations procedure, a well-trained and professional dispatching staff, and a cost effective mechanism for purchasing, replacing and maintaining equipment, and

WHEREAS, there has been a need for proper management and direction in regard to the combined centralized 9-1-1 emergency dispatch system, and

WHEREAS, the 9-1-1 emergency dispatch center has been underutilized and managed because of political concerns which has conflicted with a proper regard for a uniform public safety operation, and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners recognize that a new board needs to be created to develop policy and be responsive to all citizens of Delaware County, and

WHEREAS, the County is committed to the progressive planning, development and implementation of a combined countywide 9-1-1 emergency response and central dispatch system;

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS ORDAINED that:

1) ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

There is hereby established a Delaware County Communications center, which shall be known as "The Delaware County Emergency Communications Center" (DCECC).

2) GOVERNING BOARD

There is hereby established a governing board of the DCECC, which shall be known as The Delaware County Emergency Communications Center Board.

3) MEMBERSHIP OF THE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER BOARD

The Board shall consist of five (5) members, three (3) of whom shall be appointed by the Board Of Commissioners of Delaware County and two (2) of whom shall be appointed by the Mayor of The City of Muncie for a four (4) year term. The members of the Delaware County Emergency Communications Center Board shall be residents of Delaware County and eligible voters. Ex-Officio non-voting member of the Board shall be the Sheriff of Delaware County, the Director of the EMS services of Delaware County, the Chief of Police of the Muncie Police Department, the Chief of the Muncie Fire Department and one (1) representative of the volunteer fire Departments that service any area of Delaware County as selected by the volunteer fire departments. Ex-officio members shall be permitted to attend all meetings, interact on all topics and offer their expertise and opinions in the operation of the DCECC.

The terms of the members of the Board shall be staggered. The initial terms shall be as follows:

One member appointed by the Board of Commissioners of Delaware County shall expire on December 31, 2006.

One member appointed by the Mayor of the City of Muncie shall expire on December 31, 2006.

One member appointed by the Board of Commissioners shall expire on December 31, 2007.

One member appointed by the Mayor of the City of Muncie shall expire on December 31, 2009.

All subsequent board members shall serve a full 4 year term. All terms shall expire on December 31. A board member may be removed for just cause as determined by the appointing authority. There shall be no more than three (3) members from the same political party. Members shall not have the authority to make appointments to the Board for the purpose of filling vacancies. Appointments for vacancies shall revert back to the original appointing entity.

4) DUTIES OF THE BOARD

The Board of the Emergency Communications Center shall have the following duties;

- A. Prepare an annual budget for conducting the business of the DCECC which shall be submitted to the Delaware County Council for their approval and passage.
- B. Propose policies for the conduct of the business and operations of the DCECC to the Delaware County Commissioners.
- C. Create uniform and objective standards for the hiring and discipline of all employees of the DCECC.
- D. Propose contracts for services, employees, and purchases related to the operation of the DCECC to the Delaware County Commissioners for their approval.
- E. Recommend the hiring and discharge of employees of the DCECC in compliance with the Delaware County Human Resource Department.
- F. Generally oversee the operations of the DCECC.
- G. Conduct all meetings of the Board pursuant to the Indiana Open Meetings law.
- H. Maintain all records of the operation of the DCECC pursuant to the Indiana Open Records Law.

The Board may not acquire or own real or personal property. Any and all personal or real Property obtained for the benefit of the DCECC shall be owned by Delaware County.

5) DCECC DIRECTOR AND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

The Commissioners hire and replace the Director of the DCECC and the director works at the pleasure of the Commissioners. Also the Commissioners negotiate the collective bargaining agreement of the DCECC.

6) DUTIES OF THE DIRECTOR

The Director and the Assistant Director are, at all times, responsible to the Board of the Emergency Communications Center and the Board of the County Commissioners. The Director shall implement the policies set by the Board of the Emergency Communications Center and Shall assist in the preparation of any budgetary matters.

7) COST OF THE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

Employees of the DCECC shall be considered employees of Delaware County, Indiana. The cost to run and maintain the DCECC shall be as has been in the past agreements, equally allotted between Delaware County and the City of Muncie.

8) ADDITIONAL PARTICIPANTS

In the event that any other user of the DCECC or governmental entity desires to be included in the operation of the DCECC as either an appointing or ex officio member, they shall contact the Ordinance No. _____ A

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Delaware County Commissioners. The Delaware County Commissioners shall be obligated to discuss any and all requests for participation by a user or other governmental agency with the Mayor of the City of Muncie.

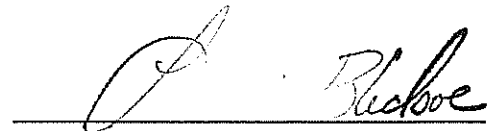
9) REPEAL OF PRIOR ORDINANCES OR INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS

In the event that this ordinance is in conflict with any other resolution or ordinance, duplicates any prior ordinance or creates another board or commission with similar duties or responsibilities, said prior resolution or ordinance is specifically repealed and replaced with this ordinance. In the event that there exists any InterLocal agreement with any governmental entity executed by the Delaware County Commissioners pursuant to IC 36-1-7 *et. Seq.* which pertains to any similarly constituted or empowered board or commission; said InterLocal agreement is hereby cancelled, rescinded or terminated by adoption of this Ordinance.

Approved and dated this 6 day of July, 2009.



Todd Donati, President



Larry Bledsoe, Vice-President



Don Dunnuck, Member

ATTEST: _____
Judy Rust, Auditor, Delaware County