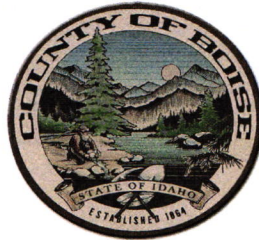


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RESOLUTION NO. 2008-20

## RESOLUTION TO ENACT THE IDAHO ENHANCED EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS GRANT FEE

At a meeting of the Board of Boise County Commissioners, State of Idaho, on the 16th day of June 2008, the following Resolution was adopted, to-wit:

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature in 1988 enacted the Emergency Communications Act ("Act") as Title 31, Chapter 48 of the Idaho Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the Act establishes a method for financing the initiation, maintenance, and enhancement of consolidated emergency communications systems which allows for 9-1-1 service within the several counties; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 28, 1996, an advisory ballot passed by the voters of Boise County approving a telephone line user fee, also known as an emergency communications or 9-1-1 fee, of up to one dollar (\$1.00) per line per month to fund and finance the maintenance and operation of a 9-1-1 emergency communications system as provided in the Act; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 10, 1996 the Board of Boise County Commissioners ("Board") in Resolution No. 96-8 set the emergency communications fee to be assessed in Boise County at one dollar (\$1.00) per line per month; and

**WHEREAS**, the current emergency communications fee collected by Idaho counties and 9-1-1 service areas for use in 9-1-1 centers do not adequately fund the needed improvements in the centers and many centers in rural Idaho do not have Enhanced 9-1-1 service where the dispatchers can tell the number a caller is calling from and the location of the caller; and

**WHEREAS**, Idaho counties recognize the importance of providing seamless Enhanced 9-1-1 service across Idaho and has determined a need to establish a statewide fund to assist consolidated emergency communications centers make the necessary upgrades to protect all citizens and visitors to Idaho; and

**WHEREAS**, the Office of Performance Evaluations recommended increased funding for Enhanced 9-1-1 service by the Idaho Legislature in its report to Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on March 20, 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature in 2008 enacted amendments to the Emergency Communications Act and adopted Idaho Code section 31-4819 that creates the Enhanced Emergency Communications Grant Fee in an effort to fund the increasing costs of technology needed for the operation of a 9-1-1 system and to enhance public safety throughout the State of Idaho; and