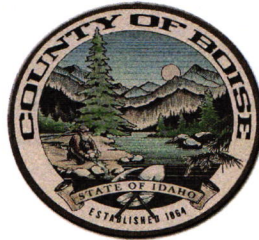


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RESOLUTION NO. 2008-20

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

WHEREAS, the Enhanced Emergency Communications Grant Fee shall be in an amount of twenty-five cents (\$.25) per month per access or interconnected VoIP service line; and

WHEREAS, such fee shall be dedicated for and shall be authorized for disbursement as grants to eligible entities that are operating consolidated emergency communications systems for use to achieve the purposes of Idaho Code section 31-4819; and

WHEREAS, in order to be eligible for an award of moneys under this chapter a county or 911 service area must be the collecting emergency communications fee in accordance with Idaho Code section 31-4804 in the full amount authorized and must also be collecting the enhanced emergency communications grant fee in the full amount authorized; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to the authority granted to this Board pursuant to Idaho Code section 31-4819, the Board of Boise County Commissioners hereby enacts the Enhanced Emergency Communications Grant Fee in an amount of twenty-five cents (\$.25) per month per access or interconnected VoIP service line; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the emergency communications fee increase is effective as of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2014, or in the event the Idaho Legislature extends the effectiveness date, until that date without further action by this Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Enhanced Emergency Communications Grant Fee shall be collected by all telecommunications providers as provided in and pursuant to Idaho Code section 31-4819; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that fee shall be remitted to the Idaho emergency communications fund provided in Idaho Code section 31-4819 on a quarterly basis by Boise County for dedication for disbursement as grants to eligible entities that are operating consolidated emergency communications systems pursuant to Title 31, Chapter 48, Idaho Code.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of June 2008.

Board of Boise County Commissioners

By: 
Fred H. Lawson, Chairman

By: 
Terry C. Day, Commissioner

By: 
Linda W. Zimmer, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Constance Swearingen, County Clerk