

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SARPY COUNTY, NEBRASKA**

**RESOLUTION OF INTENT REGARDING JOINT AND COOPERATIVE COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 23-104 (Reissue 2012), the County has the power to do all acts in relation to the concerns of the County necessary to the exercise of its corporate powers; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 23-103 (Reissue 2012), the powers of the County as a body are exercised by the County Board; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §13-801 *et seq.* (Reissue 2007), an Interlocal Cooperation Act Agreement has been adopted by the City of Gretna, Nebraska, City of Papillion, Nebraska, City of Bellevue, Nebraska, City of LaVista, Nebraska, City of Springfield, Nebraska, and Sarpy County for the purpose of improving the coordination, cooperation and efficiency of health, safety and welfare services through the single county-wide communications system (Sarpy County Communications System), said Agreement found in the records of the Sarpy County Clerk at Resolution 2011-373 and hereinafter referred to as the "Agreement"; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to paragraph 4.8 of said Agreement, a study was conducted to determine if the services provided pursuant to the Agreement could be better provided jointly and cooperatively with other public bodies on a regional basis, hereinafter referred to as the "Matrix Study", a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference; and,

WHEREAS, there have been communications between representatives of Sarpy County, the cities within Sarpy County, the City of Omaha and Douglas County regarding cooperative efforts to provide communication services within their respective jurisdictions, and it is the intent of the Sarpy County Board of Commissioners to formally describe the future actions to be taken towards such efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Sarpy County Board of Commissioners that this Board believes that the best interests of the citizens of Sarpy County will best be served by:

1. Virtual Consolidation of the Sarpy and Douglas County communications systems, as such process is described in the Matrix Study.
2. Sarpy County maintaining a dispatch center that is separate and distinct from a similar facility operated by Douglas County or from any joint dispatch center.
3. That any future savings resulting from the Virtual Consolidation be used to reduce the share of the costs being paid by the Cities under the Agreement.
4. The formation of a separate entity by the parties to the Agreement as part of the Virtual Consolidation, to the extent that said separate entity preserves the terms of the Agreement except when necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair, County Administrator and such other County representatives as may be necessary are hereby directed and authorized to pursue the goals and intent of this Resolution, to negotiate such agreements as may be necessary to achieve the goals of this Resolution, and to report their activities to this Board at intervals of no less than 14 days.

The above and foregoing Resolution was duly approved by a vote of the Sarpy County Board of Commissioners at a public meeting duly held in accordance with applicable law on this \_\_\_\_ day of July, 2013.

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Chairman, Sarpy County Board

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Sarpy County Clerk