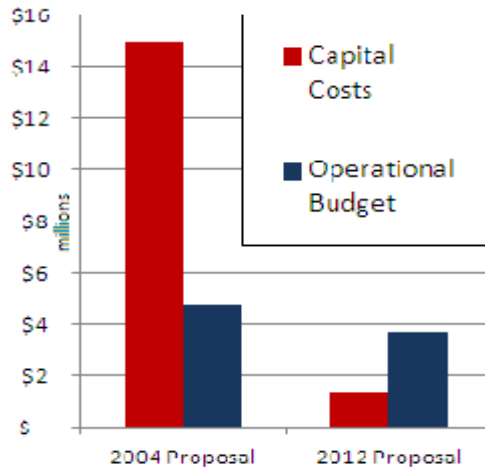


Is this the same as the 2004 proposal?

NO -The proposal in 2004 was a millage request to fund a \$15 million capital (consolidation) project and a new consolidated dispatch center's yearly operational budget of \$4.8 million.

Local government officials came up with an alternative funding mechanism to consolidate the dispatch centers. The alternative provided funding for the consolidated dispatch center for 2009 thru 2013. The three dispatch centers were consolidated in March 2010 for less than \$1.4 million; approximately 90% less than the 2004 proposal. The average operational budget for the center ranges from \$3.3 to \$3.7 million; 25% less than the 2004 proposal.



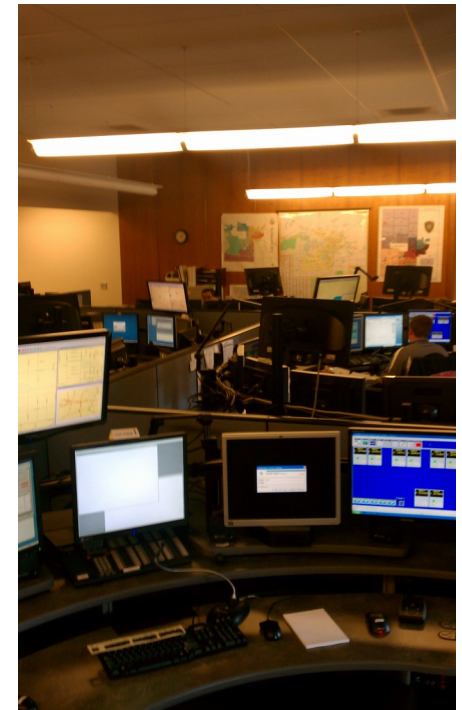
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AUGUST 7, 2012 BALLOT PROPOSAL



On August 7, 2012 voters will decide how to fund 9-1-1 service for the next ten (10) years. This proposal is the result of a two year evaluation conducted by the Calhoun County Consolidated Dispatch Authority

(CCCCDA) Governing Board of Directors. The process began in April 2010 when a Funding Subcommittee was assigned the task of developing several funding formulas/mechanisms for the consolidated dispatch center. In June 2010, the funding subcommittee presented eight (8) funding proposals to the Governing Board. The Governing Board selected four options to present to municipalities and citizens for consideration and feedback. CCCDA conducted over 20 presentations throughout the county; including six public forums. Evaluation of the feedback received revealed that the majority was in favor of the surcharge option. On October 11, 2011, the CCCDA Governing Board of Directors approved a two-step approach to funding 9-1-1:

1. Allow the voters to decide if they want to fund 9-1-1 service with an all device surcharge of \$2.25, or
2. If the voters vote down the surcharge, a Call for Service formula will be implemented. Each municipality (township, city, village, etc.) will be invoiced by CCCDA for calls for service that originate within their geographical boundaries.

Why are we being asked to consider a telephone surcharge?

CCCCDA believes the method of telephone surcharge for funding 9-1-1 is a fair and equitable solution. This fee for service is based upon access to the 9-1-1 network. If you have a device that can access the network by dialing 9-1-1, you have access to immediate emergency/public safety services. In addition, 9-1-1 surcharge monies are collected by telephone service providers and remitted to CCCDA on a quarterly basis therefore, there are no collection/remittance fees incurred by CCCDA.



What can 9-1-1 surcharge funds be utilized for?

9-1-1 surcharge funds are dedicated funds that are protected by statute and subject to an "allowable expenditure" list maintained by the State 9-1-1 Committee. To view the list of allowable and disallowable 9-1-1 surcharge expenditures, go to http://www.mi.gov/documents/ListingofAllowable_14259_7.pdf.

How is CCCDA funded now?

CCCCDA is funded collaboratively by the Interlocal Agreement that created CCCDA. This funding mechanism is a mix of local 9-1-1 telephone surcharge and general fund tax dollars. It costs ap-

proximately \$3.4 to \$3.7 million per year to operate the consolidated dispatch center. The current 9-1-1 telephone surcharge (Local - .60 cents & State - .19 cents) generates approximately 30% of our annual revenue. The remainder comes from general fund contributions made by the participating municipalities of the Interlocal Agreement: Albion, Battle Creek, Marshall, AMSA agencies (Springfield, Pennfield Twp., Bedford Twp., Emmett Twp., Newton Twp., and Leroy Twp.), and Calhoun County. The general fund contributions as outlined in the Interlocal Agreement expire at the end of 2013.

If my municipality is currently contributing general fund monies, what will they do with that money if the surcharge passes?

On April 10th, the CCCDA Governing Board of Directors passed a resolution asking local units of government to declare their intent of any general fund savings realized as a result of an affirmative vote by you for the 9-1-1 surcharge proposal.

Your local unit of Government's response to this request can be found on CCCDA's website at www.calhouncounty911.org under Funding the Future—*What About Current Monies?* We will continue to update this page as municipalities adopt various resolutions.



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