

RESOLUTION NO. 118

A RESOLUTION REGARDING "PAYING TWICE" FOR CENTRAL DISPATCH IN HAWKINS COUNTY

WHEREAS, pursuant to the "Emergency Communications District Law", the Hawkins County Emergency Communications District was established to provide 911 service to the citizens, owners of taxable property, and users of emergency telephone services in Hawkins County; and,

WHEREAS, the Hawkins County Emergency Communications District adopted the direct dispatch method of emergency communications service, and a central dispatch was formed to implement that service to the citizens, owners of taxable property, and users of emergency telephone services in Hawkins County; and,

WHEREAS, the citizens, owners of taxable property, and users of emergency telephone services in Hawkins County pay an emergency telephone service charge which is used to finance central dispatch operations; and,

WHEREAS, the Hawkins County Commission has made an appropriation out of its General Tax Levy upon all taxable property in Hawkins County to finance central dispatch operations for the benefit of all the citizens, owners of taxable property, and users of emergency telephone services in Hawkins County; and,

WHEREAS, the Emergency Communications District of Hawkins County has informed the citizens, owners of taxable property, and users of emergency telephone services in Hawkins County that the cost it incurs to provide central dispatch service to all citizens, owners of taxable property, and users of emergency telephone services in Hawkins County, exceeds the amount of the emergency telephone service charge and the present appropriation from the General Tax Levy upon all taxable property in Hawkins County; and,

WHEREAS, on March 13, 1995, some of those citizens, owners of taxable property, and users of emergency telephone services in Hawkins County -- those who happen to live within the boundaries of municipalities -- were asked to pay a separate and additional charge out of their municipal tax levy in order to receive the central dispatch services which the remaining citizens, owners of taxable property, users of emergency telephone services in Hawkins County would continue to receive.

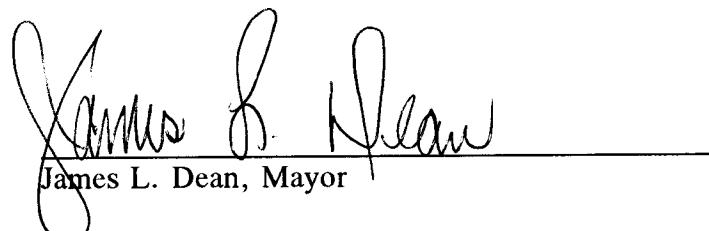
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN as follows:

1. That this Board go on record as opposing the imposition of an additional charge upon the citizens, owners of taxable property, and users of emergency telephone services in Hawkins County who reside in Mount Carmel, over and above the emergency telephone service charge and appropriation from the General Tax Levy upon all taxable property in Hawkins County.
2. That if central dispatch service is denied to the citizens, owners of taxable property, and users of emergency telephone services in Hawkins County who reside in Mount Carmel, that they receive a credit on their Hawkins County General Tax Levy for their pro rata share of the appropriation to finance central dispatch operations.

3. That if central dispatch service is denied to the citizens, owners of taxable property, and users of emergency telephone services in Hawkins County who reside in Mount Carmel, that they receive a pro rata reduction of that portion of their emergency telephone service charge that finances the direct dispatch method of emergency communications service.
4. That a copy of this Resolution be given to the members of the Hawkins County Commission representing the citizens, owners of taxable property, and users of emergency telephone services in Hawkins County who reside in Mount Carmel.
5. That the members of the Hawkins County Commission representing the citizens, owners of taxable property, and users of emergency telephone services in Hawkins County who reside in Mount Carmel express to the full commission that fairness requires that taxes and telephone service charges have uniform application and should be imposed throughout the entire jurisdiction to the greatest extent possible in conformity with the availability of services within the jurisdiction. To the extent central dispatch is paid for by a general tax levy, the service should be available to all citizens, owners of taxable property, and users of emergency telephone services in Hawkins County without regard to whether they reside in or outside of any municipal corporation in Hawkins County.

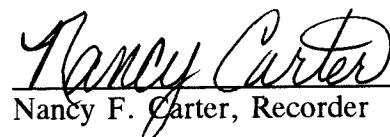
ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
ON THIS THE DAY OF MARCH, 1995.

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1



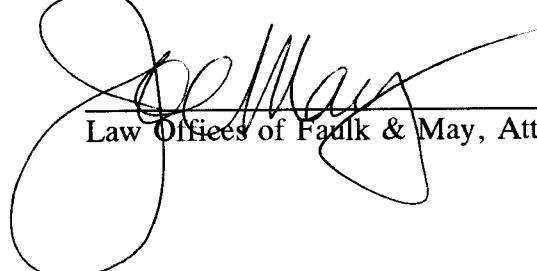
James L. Dean, Mayor

ATTEST:



Nancy F. Carter, Recorder

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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