

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

OCTOBER 20, 2021

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HB 5026 TO AMEND THE EMERGENCY 9-1-1 SERVICE ENABLING ACT

Introduced by the Public Safety Committee

Commissioner Barnes moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Pearl-Wright.

WHEREAS, the Emergency 9-1-1 Service Enabling Act, Michigan Public Act 32 of 1986, MCL §484.1101 et seq., as amended (“Act”), sunsets on December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, without an extension of the Act, Eaton County has no authority to provide 9-1-1 service or to determine the technical, operational, managerial, or fiscal aspects of 9-1-1 service within the Eaton County 9-1-1 Service District; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the 9-1-1 Emergency Service IP Network has been historically funded by a user fees on communication devices; and

WHEREAS, user fee revenue has fallen short of expectations, which will result in a deficit in the State fund that pays for 9-1-1 network costs by 2023; and

WHEREAS, HB 5026 increases the State prepaid device user fee from 5% of the sale to 6% of the sale; and

WHEREAS, this small increase in the prepaid user fee, along with a \$16 million appropriation in SB 82, will provide only the amount necessary to fund the Emergency Services IP Network.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners supports enactment of HB 5026 to ensure continued operation and funding of 9-1-1 service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, copies of this resolution will be forwarded to all members of the Michigan legislature representing Eaton County. Carried unanimously.