

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) BETWEEN DELTA TOWNSHIP AND EATON COUNTY FOR ALERT AND WARNING TO THE PUBLIC UTILIZING THE INTEGRATED PUBLIC ALERT AND WARNING SYSTEM (IPAWS)

August 17, 2022

Introduced by the Public Safety Committee

Commissioner Barnes moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Mulder.

WHEREAS, under the authority of the Michigan Emergency Management Act (Public Act 390 of 1976, as amended), each county is required to appoint an emergency management coordinator. In addition, some Michigan communities have municipal emergency management coordinators; and

WHEREAS, as the designated county and municipal PA 390 emergency management programs in Eaton County, the jurisdictions of Delta Township and Eaton County recognize the need for interagency cooperation to enhance public alert and warning capabilities; and

WHEREAS, in order to be recognized as an alerting authority, a jurisdiction must complete a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for an Authority to Operate (ATO) with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) Program Management Office regarding the use of the IPAWS OPEN Platform for Emergency Networks (IPAWS-OPEN), complete monthly proficiency demonstrations, and commit to an annual testing, training, and exercise schedule; and

WHEREAS, this agreement will remain in effect based on the life of the ATO for IPAWS-OPEN. The current agreement is in effect until March 2025. Upon expiration of the IPAWS-OPEN ATO, this agreement will expire without further action and system access privileges will be revoked. If the parties wish to extend this agreement, they may do so by reviewing, updating, and reauthorizing this agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee has reviewed and is recommending the approval of the attached MOA.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners approves entering into the MOA with Delta Township to recognize Eaton County as the exclusive IPAWS Alerting Authority and the identified individuals to be the exclusive Alert Originators to alert and warn the public when there is an impending natural or human-made disaster or threat that meets criteria according to the established policy found in the *Eaton County IPAWS Plan*. Carried unanimously.