

RESOLUTION NO. 2009 - 197

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA ESTABLISHING THE CARRYFORWARD OF UNSPENT MONEYS IN THE "E-911 COMMUNICATIONS FUND" FOR PURPOSES OF FUNDING ALLOWABLE "E-911" CAPITAL EXPENDITURES PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE SECTION 365.173.

WHEREAS, St. Johns County ordinance No. 86-55, as previously amended, established the collection of moneys to fund a "E-911" system in St. Johns County pursuant to Florida Statute Section 365.171; and

WHEREAS, prudent management practices dictate the need for St. Johns County to be prepared for the replacement and/or improvement of allowable "E-911" equipment and facilities; and

WHEREAS, on an annual basis unspent funds may accumulate in the "E-911 Communications Fund" which can be used toward the purchase of such allowable "E-911" equipment and facilities; and

WHEREAS, as of September 30, 2008, unspent money totaling \$358,391.40 had accumulated in the "E-911 Communications Fund"; and

WHEREAS, Florida Statute Section 365.173(2)(c) allows that the amount of money carried forward each year may be accumulated for allowable capital improvements if documented by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners expressing the purpose of the carryover; and

WHEREAS, the carryover of such above-referenced funds are necessary under State law, in order to provide vital "E-911" equipment and facilities to the residents of St. Johns County, Florida;

WHEREAS, the carryover of such above-referenced funds is in both the short-term and long-term interests of the County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County that:

1. The above recitals are hereby adopted and incorporated as legislative findings of fact.
2. Funds totaling \$358,391.40 as of September 30, 2008 shall be carried forward in the St. Johns County "E-911 Communications Fund" in order to allow for the future purchase of "E-911" related equipment and/or facilities, as well as, service features and installation charges pursuant to Section 365.173, Florida Statutes.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, State of Florida, this 21st day of July 2009.

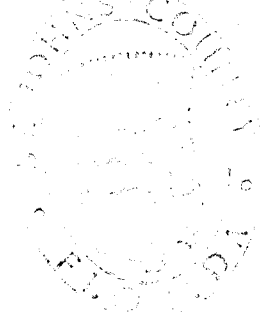
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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1365.173 Emergency Communications Number E911 System Fund.--

(1) All revenues derived from the fee levied on subscribers under s. 365.172 must be paid by the board into the State Treasury on or before the 15th day of each month. Such moneys must be accounted for in a special fund to be designated as the Emergency Communications Number E911 System Fund, a fund created in the Technology Program, or other office as designated by the Secretary of Management Services, and, for accounting purposes, must be segregated into two separate categories:

- (a) The wireless category; and
- (b) The nonwireless category.

All moneys must be invested by the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to s. 17.61. All moneys in such fund are to be expended by the office for the purposes provided in this section and s. 365.172. These funds are not subject to s. 215.20.

(2) As determined by the board pursuant to s. 365.172(8)(h), and subject to any modifications approved by the board pursuant to s. 365.172(6)(a)3. or (8)(i), the moneys in the fund shall be distributed and used only as follows:

(a) Sixty-seven percent of the moneys in the wireless category shall be distributed each month to counties, based on the total number of service identifiers in each county, and shall be used exclusively for payment of:

1. Authorized expenditures, as specified in s. 365.172(9).
2. Costs to comply with the requirements for E911 service contained in the order and any future rules related to the order.

(b) Ninety-seven percent of the moneys in the nonwireless category shall be distributed each month to counties based on the total number of service identifiers in each county and shall be used exclusively for payment of authorized expenditures, as specified in s. 365.172(9).

(c) Any county that receives funds under paragraphs (a) and (b) shall establish a fund to be used exclusively for the receipt and expenditure of the revenues collected under paragraphs (a) and (b). All fees placed in the fund and any interest accrued shall be used solely for costs described in subparagraphs (a)1. and 2. The money collected and interest earned in this fund shall be appropriated for these purposes by the county commissioners and incorporated into the annual county budget. The fund shall be included within the financial audit performed in accordance with s. 218.39. A county may carry forward up to 20 percent of the total funds disbursed to the county by the board during a calendar year for expenditures for capital outlay, capital improvements, or equipment replacement, if such expenditures are made for the purposes specified in subparagraphs (a)1. and 2.; however, the 20-percent limitation does not apply to funds disbursed to a county under s. 365.172(6)(a)3., and a county may carry forward any percentage of the funds, except that any grant provided shall continue to be subject to any condition imposed by the board. In order to prevent an excess recovery of costs incurred in providing E911 service, a county that receives funds

greater than the permissible E911 costs described in s. 365.172(9), including the 20 percent carryforward allowance, must return the excess funds to the E911 board to be allocated under s. 365.172(6)(a).

(d) Thirty percent of the moneys in the wireless category shall be distributed to wireless providers in response to sworn invoices submitted to the board by wireless providers to reimburse such wireless providers for the actual costs incurred to provide 911 or E911 service, including the costs of complying with the order. Such costs include costs and expenses incurred by wireless providers to design, purchase, lease, program, install, test, upgrade, operate, and maintain all necessary data, hardware, and software required to provide E911 service. Each wireless provider shall submit to the board, by August 1 of each year, a detailed estimate of the capital and operating expenses for which it anticipates that it will seek reimbursement under this paragraph during the ensuing state fiscal year. In order to be eligible for recovery during any ensuing state fiscal year, a wireless provider must submit all sworn invoices for allowable purchases made within the previous calendar year no later than March 31 of the fiscal year. By September 15 of each year, the board shall submit to the Legislature its legislative budget request for funds to be allocated to wireless providers under this paragraph during the ensuing state fiscal year. The budget request shall be based on the information submitted by the wireless providers and estimated surcharge revenues. Distributions of moneys in the fund by the board to wireless providers must be fair and nondiscriminatory. If the total amount of moneys requested by wireless providers pursuant to invoices submitted to the board and approved for payment exceeds the amount in the fund in any month, wireless providers that have invoices approved for payment shall receive a pro rata share of moneys in the fund and the balance of the payments shall be carried over to the following month or months until all of the approved payments are made. The board may adopt rules necessary to address the manner in which pro rata distributions are made when the total amount of funds requested by wireless providers pursuant to invoices submitted to the board exceeds the total amount of moneys on deposit in the fund.

(e) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) and (d), the amount of money that remained in the wireless 911 system fund on December 31, 2006, must be disbursed to wireless providers for the recovery of allowable costs incurred in previous years ending December 31, 2006, and in accordance with paragraph (d). In order to be eligible for recovered costs incurred under paragraph (d), a wireless provider must submit sworn invoices to the board by December 31, 2007. The board must disburse the designated funds in the wireless 911 system fund on or after January 1, 2008.

(f) One percent of the moneys in the fund shall be retained by the board to be applied to costs and expenses incurred for the purposes of managing, administering, and overseeing the receipts and disbursements from the fund and other activities as defined in s. 365.172(6). Any funds retained for such purposes in a calendar year which are not applied to such costs and expenses by March 31 of the following year shall be redistributed as determined by the board.

(g) Two percent of the moneys in the fund shall be used to make monthly distributions to rural counties for the purpose of providing facilities and network and service enhancements and assistance for the 911 or E911 systems operated by rural counties and for the provision of grants by the office to rural counties for upgrading and replacing E911 systems.

(h) By September 1, 2007, up to \$15 million of the existing 911 system fund shall be available for distribution by the board to the counties in order to prevent a loss in the ordinary and expected time value of money caused by any timing delay in remittance to the counties of wireline fees caused by the one-time transfer of collecting wireline fees by the counties to the board. All disbursements for this purpose must be returned to the fund from the future remittance by the nonwireless category.

(i) If the wireless category has funds remaining in it on December 31 after disbursements have been made during the calendar year immediately prior to December 31, the board may disburse the excess funds in the wireless category in accordance with s. 365.172(6)(a)3.b.

The Legislature recognizes that the fee authorized under s. 365.172 may not necessarily provide the total funding required for establishing or providing the E911 service. It is the intent of the Legislature that all revenue from the fee be used as specified in this subsection.

(3) The Auditor General shall annually audit the fund to ensure that moneys in the fund are being managed in accordance with this section and s. 365.172. The Auditor General shall provide a report of the annual audit to the board.

History.--s. 1, ch. 99-203; s. 50, ch. 2000-158; s. 3, ch. 2001-133; s. 2, ch. 2003-182; s. 379, ch. 2003-261; s. 5, ch. 2005-171; s. 1, ch. 2007-79.

¹Note.--Section 14, ch. 2007-105, provides that "[u]nless otherwise specified in this act, the Department of Management Services, established in s. 20.22, Florida Statutes, shall assume the duties and responsibilities of the State Technology Office as set forth in ss. 215.322(2), 282.102, 282.103, 282.104, 282.105, 282.106, 282.107, 282.1095, 282.111, 282.21, 282.22, 288.1092, 288.1093, 365.171, 365.172, and 365.173, Florida Statutes."

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