

**OUTAGAMIE COUNTY BOARD MEETING
JUNE 12, 2018**

RESOLUTION NO. 21—2018-19

Supervisor Grady moved, seconded by Supervisor Sturn, for adoption

RESOLUTION NO. 21—2018-19 IS ADOPTED.

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RollCall Systems, Inc.



Voting Results for RES. NO. 21 - APPROVE TRANSFER 1/1/2020 OF OUTDOOR WARNING SIRENS TO MUNICIPALITIES

Passed By Majority Vote

YES: **29** NO: **4** ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: **3**

1 - THOMPSON			YES	19 - MARCKS			YES
2 - MILLER			YES	20 - THOMAS			YES
3 - GRADY			YES	21 - THYSSEN			YES
4 - PATIENCE			YES	22 - HAGEN			YES
5 - GABRIELSON			YES	23 - KLEMP			YES
6 - KONETZKE			YES	24 - IVERSON			YES
7 - HAMMEN			ABSENT	25 - NOOYEN			YES
8 - VACANT			ABSENT	26 - DUNCAN			NO
9 - J. KRUEGER			YES	27 - CULBERTSON			YES
10 - LAMERS			YES	28 - STURN			YES
11 - DILLENBERG			NO	29 - BUCHMAN			YES
12 - MC DANIEL			YES	30 - WOODZICKA			ABSENT
13 - WEGAND			YES	31 - CLEGG			NO
14 - DE GROOT			YES	32 - VANDERHEIDEN			YES
15 - PETERSON			YES	33O'Connor-Schevers			YES
16 - SCHROEDER			YES	34 - RETTLER			NO
17 - CROATT			YES	35 - MELCHERT			YES
18 - SPEARS			YES	36 - SUPRISE			YES

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TO THE HONORABLE, THE OUTAGAMIE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

MAJORITY

1 Outdoor warning sirens are a limited and localized tool capable of notifying citizens
2 within approximately a one-mile radius of the siren. A recent statewide survey indicated
3 that counties in Wisconsin owned and operated 15 percent of sirens, while
4 municipalities owned and managed 77 percent. Outagamie and Winnebago counties are
5 the only counties in northeast Wisconsin that own and operate an outdoor siren system.
6 Outagamie County has invested in and is promoting the use of supplemental tools such
7 as the AtHoc Mass Notification System and NOAA weather radios. In conjunction with
8 the sirens, these tools provide essential warning redundancy and maximize public safety
9 in the event of severe weather or other emergencies.

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11 NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned members of the Public Safety Committee recommend
12 adoption of the following resolution.

13 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors does authorize and
14 approve of transferring ownership and maintenance of the outdoor warning sirens on January 1, 2020 to
15 Outagamie County municipalities along with a transfer of annual maintenance costs using a three-year
16 average with the county's levy authority, and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Outagamie County will continue to own and maintain the
18 infrastructure required to activate the outdoor warning system following the county's Activation Policy,
19 and


20 BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, that Outagamie County will shift resources currently
21 being spent on the outdoor warning siren system to programs available to all Outagamie County
22 residents, including the AtHoc Mass Notification System and the NOAA Weather Radio program, as
23 well as education and outreach to municipalities on these tools in order to enhance public safety
24 notification in Outagamie County, and


1 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Clerk be directed to forward a copy
2 of this resolution to the Outagamie County Finance Director, the Outagamie County Sheriff, the
3 Outagamie County Executive and the Outagamie County Emergency Management Director.

4 Dated this 12th day of June 2018


5 Respectfully Submitted,


6 PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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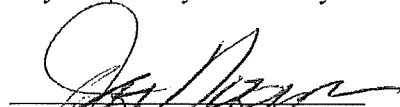
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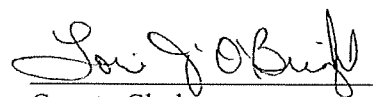


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26 Duly and officially adopted by the County Board on: June 12, 2018

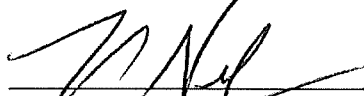
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31 Board Chairperson



County Clerk

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Vetoed: _____

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County Executive

Outdoor Warning Siren Ownership Transfer Questions & Answers

Question: Will there be costs for hardware/software?

Answer: Not as part of the transition of ownership. After Jan. 1, 2020, the municipalities will be responsible for any hardware maintenance issues and/or cost. The county will maintain the countywide system software for activation purposes only.

Question: Will the Sheriff's Department operate the sirens as directed by the municipality?

Answer: No, the county will continue to activate based on county policy, which requires activation when the National Weather Service issues a tornado warning.

Question: Will there be separate charges from the Sheriff's Department for labor costs, console modifications, protocol upgrades, tele-communicator training, etc.?

Answer: No, municipalities will not be charged by the county for anything related to the outdoor sirens. Following the ownership transfer, any costs for maintenance, upgrades or relocation of the physical siren would be the responsibility of the municipality.

Question: Are there going to be costs to the municipality for long-term software upgrades and maintenance?

Answer: At this time, the county will cover the costs associated with the countywide activation software and maintenance.

Question: Are there expected costs for siren upgrades? What are those costs?

Answer: Once a municipality takes ownership it can make the determination of when to replace its outdoor warning siren(s). The estimated cost of a new siren with pole is approximately \$25,000.

Question: Are municipalities able to select their own vendors for siren maintenance/repair?

Answer: Yes, the county currently utilizes Faith Technologies, but municipalities could use other vendors.

Question: Are the municipalities responsible for the electrical cost to run the sirens?

Answer: Yes. After ownership is transferred, electrical costs will be the responsibility of the municipality. This was factored into the levy-transfer calculation.

Question: Can municipalities develop their own guidelines for activation separate from other municipalities if any choose to take on the warning system?

Answer: Municipalities that choose to accept ownership, but wish to develop their own activation criteria would be disconnected from the county system and could opt to purchase the appropriate hardware and software required to activate their system independently.

Question: Will the municipalities own the sirens?

Answer: Yes

Question: What is the life expectancy of outdoor warning sirens?

Answer: In the past, the county has budgeted for 20-year replacement. Some units are still functioning properly after 40 years of service, however.

Question: What is the cost to replace a siren?

Answer: Replacement cost of a pole and siren is approximately \$25,000.

Question: Will there be cost-sharing among municipalities if more than one community chooses to take responsibility for the outdoor warning system?

Answer: That would be a decision between local municipalities. Should municipalities choose to develop activation criteria that differs from the county's, their sirens would be removed from the county system.