

R E S O L U T I O N
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A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING THE COUNTY'S EMERGENCY 911 COMMUNICATION CENTER AS THE PRIMARY PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT CALL CENTER IN THE COUNTY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Section 365.171, Florida Statutes cited as the Florida Emergency Communications State Plan Act established the Statewide Emergency Communication Plan that provides public agency emergency communications requirements for each entity of local government in the state; and

WHEREAS, Section 365.172, Florida Statutes cited as the Emergency Communications Act defines Public Safety Answering Point "PSAP" as the public safety agency that receives incoming 911 requests for assistance and dispatches appropriate public safety agencies to respond to the request in accordance with the Statewide Emergency Communication Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Emergency Communications Number E911 State Plan Administration Rule (Rule 60FF-6.004(1), F.A.C.), establishes the board of county commissioners in each county as the responsible fiscal agent for the county's 911 system and vests the board with the ultimate responsibility and authority for operations of the E911 system within the county; and

WHEREAS, the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission recommended that all public safety agencies work toward consolidation of

911 call centers and eliminate the 911 call transfer process for the purposes of improving efficiency and enhancing safety of the public and first responders; and

WHEREAS, Section 4.2 of the State of Florida E911 Plan encourages the consolidation of all PSAPs to serve multiple emergency response agencies in order to reduce costs and increase efficiencies; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the 911 Emergency Communications Interlocal Agreement (the "Interlocal"), the Sheriff of Charlotte County is charged with "implementing, operating, maintaining and supervising the County 911 System, within the County's physical boundaries and across jurisdictional boundaries as determined by regional initiatives"; and

WHEREAS, the County's Emergency 911 Communication Center is the largest and primary PSAP call center in the County, answering approximately 86,413 emergency 911 calls a year; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff, pursuant to his charge under the Interlocal, recommends that the Board of County Commissioners designate the County's PSAP and its ancillary facilities as the County's primary PSAP to reduce costs, enhance efficiency and protect the lives, health and safety of County residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds that it has sufficient authority pursuant to law to designate the County's PSAP as the County's primary PSAP and that doing so is in the best interest of the lives, health and safety of County residents and visitors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Charlotte County, Florida:

1. The recitals above are incorporated by this reference.
2. The County PSAP is hereby designated as the primary PSAP for Charlotte County, Florida.
3. This Resolution shall take effect on a date designated by the Sheriff, which shall coincide with commencement of County PSAP operations at the Sheriff's Administration Complex on Loveland Boulevard, Port Charlotte, Florida.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

PASSED AND DULY adopted this 8th day of April, 2025.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Joseph M. Tiseo, Chairman

ATTEST:
Roger D. Eaton, Clerk of the Circuit Court
and Ex-Officio Clerk to the
Board of County Commissioners

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

By: _____
Janette S. Knowlton, County Attorney
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