

RESOLUTION # IV.B.2091026

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A STATEWIDE WIRELESS 9-1-1 SERVICE FEE ADJUSTMENT AND SUSTAINABLE FUNDING MODEL FOR NEXT GENERATION 9-1-1

Whereas, the North Central Texas region is projected to grow from approximately 8.7 million residents today to more than 12 million by 2050, placing increasing demands on emergency response systems and the public safety infrastructure that supports local communities; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of North Central Texas to continue to have reliable and dependable access to emergency police, fire, and medical services, and such access depends on maintaining a modern resilient, and secure 9-1-1 systems; and

WHEREAS, as North Central Texas continues to grow and technology evolves, sustaining a fully funded Next Generation 9-1-1 network is essential to protecting lives, supporting first responders, and safeguarding the long-term well-being of communities throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Emergency Communication District (NCT 9-1-1) operates pursuant Texas Health & Safety Code Chapter 772 to provide regional 9-1-1 emergency communication services for residents and visitors within its service area; and

WHEREAS, the statewide wireless 9-1-1 service fee has remained at \$0.50 per device per month since its inception in 1997, nearly thirty years without adjustment, resulting in an outdated and increasingly unsustainable funding model; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Communication Districts do not have authority to levy property taxes and rely solely on state-authorized service fees to fund essential emergency communications infrastructure, network operations, cybersecurity protections, and system modernization; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Legislature in 2021 mandated implementation of Next Generation 9-1-1 statewide by September 2025, requiring the transition from legacy analog systems to secure, IP-based networks capable of routing voice, text, data and other multimedia communications; and

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WHEREAS, NCT9-1-1 successfully met the mandated deployment requirements for NG911 at the time such mandate was issued; however, a long-term, sustainable funding mechanism to support its ongoing operation, cybersecurity requirements, redundancy, and lifecycle replacement costs has not yet been established; and

WHEREAS, underfunding the 9-1-1 system jeopardizes public safety by threatening the security, reliability, resiliency, and timeliness of emergency response services for all residents and visitors in the NCT9-1-1 service area; and

WHEREAS, most states have increased their 9-1-1 fees to reflect modern operation realities, with only a small minority of states maintaining fees at \$0.50 per month or less, and many charging significantly higher amounts; and

WHEREAS, a 2024 statewide survey found significant statewide support for increasing the wireless 9-1-1 fee, demonstrating broad public recognition of the importance of sustaining emergency communications services; and

WHEREAS, ENSURING THAT Texas 9-1-1 systems remain reliable, secure, modern, and capable of handling voice, text, and multimedia emergency communications is essential to protecting lives and property in all communities.

NO, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RAINS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT THAT:

Section 1.

The Court expresses its support for legislative action to adjust the statewide wireless 9-1-1 service fee to a level that reflects the true cost of providing resilient, Next Generation 9-1-1 services and provides an ongoing automatic methodology for adjustments based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

Section 2.

The Court supports establishment of a sustainable, long-term funding model to ensure continued operation, cybersecurity protection, redundancy, and modernization of Texas 9-1-1 systems.

Section 3.

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The Court directs that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the North Central Texas Emergency Communications District, the Governor of Texas, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, and members of the Texas Legislature representing Rains County.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 10th day of September 2026.

Brent D. Hilliard, Rains County Judge

Jeremy Cook, Commissioner Precinct 1

Jim Jones, Commissioner Precinct 2

Korey Young, Commissioner Precinct 3

Lori Northcutt, Commissioner Precinct 4



JOHNSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

Christopher Boedeker
County Judge

Rick Bailey
Commissioner
Precinct 1

Kenny Howell
Commissioner
Precinct 2

Mike White
Commissioner
Precinct 3

Larry Woolley
Commissioner
Precinct 4

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF JOHNSON

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ADJUSTMENT AND SUSTAINABLE FUNDING MODEL FOR NEXT GENERATION
9-1-1**

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas region is projected to grow from approximately 8.7 million residents today to more than 12 million by 2050, placing increasing demands on emergency response systems and the public safety infrastructure that supports local communities; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of North Central Texas to continue to have reliable and dependable access to emergency police, fire, and medical services, and such access depends on maintaining a modern, resilient, and secure 9-1-1 system; and

WHEREAS, as North Central Texas continues to grow and technology evolves, sustaining a fully funded Next Generation 9-1-1 network is essential to protecting lives, supporting first responders, and safeguarding the long-term well-being of communities throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Emergency Communications District (NCT9-1-1) operates pursuant to Texas Health & Safety Code Chapter 772 to provide regional 9-1-1 emergency communications services for residents and visitors within its service area; and

WHEREAS, the statewide wireless 9-1-1 service fee has remained at \$0.50 per device per month since its inception in 1997, nearly thirty years without adjustment, resulting in an outdated and increasingly unsustainable funding model; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Communication Districts do not have authority to levy property taxes and rely solely on state-authorized service fees to fund essential emergency communications infrastructure, network operations, cybersecurity protections, and system modernization; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Legislature in 2021 mandated implementation of Next Generation 9-1-1 statewide by September 2025, requiring the transition from legacy analog systems to secure, IP-based networks capable of routing voice, text, data, and other multimedia communications; and

WHEREAS, NCT9-1-1 successfully met the mandated deployment requirements for NG911 at the time such mandate was issued; however, a long-term, sustainable funding mechanism to support its ongoing operation, cybersecurity requirements, redundancy, and lifecycle replacement costs has not yet been established; and

WHEREAS, underfunding the 9-1-1 system jeopardizes public safety by threatening the security, reliability, resiliency, and timeliness of emergency response services for all residents and visitors in the NCT9-1-1 service area; and

WHEREAS, most states have increased their 9-1-1 fees to reflect modern operational realities, with only a small minority of states maintaining fees at \$0.50 per month or less, and many charging significantly higher amounts; and

WHEREAS, a 2024 statewide survey found significant statewide support for increasing the wireless 9-1-1 fee, demonstrating broad public recognition of the importance of sustaining emergency communications services; and

WHEREAS, ensuring that Texas 9-1-1 systems remain reliable, secure, modern, and capable of handling voice, text, and multimedia emergency communications is essential to protecting lives and property in all communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE JOHNSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT THAT:

Section 1.

The Court expresses its support for legislative action to adjust the statewide wireless 9-1-1 service fee to a level that reflects the true cost of providing resilient, Next Generation 9-1-1 services and provides an ongoing automatic methodology for adjustment based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

Section 2.

The Court supports establishment of a sustainable, long-term funding model to ensure continued operation, cybersecurity protection, redundancy, and modernization of Texas 9-1-1 systems.

Section 3.

The Court directs that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the North Central Texas Emergency Communications District, the Governor of Texas, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, and members of the Texas Legislature representing Johnson County.

Said Resolution was moved and approved on this, the 23rd day of March 2026.

Christopher Boedeker, Johnson County Judge

Voted: ____ yes, ____ no, ____ abstained

Rick Bailey, Comm. Pct. 1

Voted: ____ yes, ____ no, ____ abstained

Kenny Howell, Comm. Pct. 2

Voted: ____ yes, ____ no, ____ abstained

Mike White, Comm. Pct. 3

Voted: ____ yes, ____ no, ____ abstained

Larry Woolley, Comm. Pct. 4

Voted: ____ yes, ____ no, ____ abstained

ATTEST: April Long, County Clerk