

RESOLUTION NO. 48-2025

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF LAKE COUNTY, OHIO, TO PROVIDE CENTRAL DISPATCH
AND COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, Council has been advised that there is an immediate need to provide for the continuation of Central Dispatch and general communication services for utilization by the Perry Village Police Department; and,

WHEREAS, Council deems it to be in the best interests of the residents of the Village of Perry to provide for the uninterrupted continuation of said services.

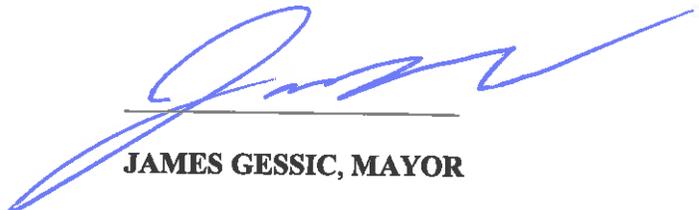
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PERRY, COUNTY OF LAKE, AND STATE OF OHIO, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to enter into a five (5) year agreement with The Board of Commissioners of Lake County, Ohio (same to commence the 1st day of January, 2026 and terminating on the 31 day of December, 2030), for the purpose of securing continuous and uninterrupted Central Dispatch and general communication services for utilization by the Police Department of the Village, as is more specifically set forth in Exhibit "A" (a 5-page document) that is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Section 2. That all formal actions of this Council concerning the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting, and all deliberations of this Council, or any of its Committees, which resulted in such formal actions, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be and is passed as an emergency measure, the emergency being the need to continually provide for the fair and proper administration of Village affairs and protect the health and safety of Village residents. Said Resolution is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the Village of Perry, Ohio.

Wherefore, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage.



JAMES GESSIC, MAYOR

ADOPTED: October 9, 2025

ATTEST: John H. Roskos
JOHN H. ROSKOS, FISCAL OFFICER

FIRST READING 8/14/25
SECOND READING 9/18/25
THIRD READING 10/9/25



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July 14, 2025

To: Lake County Police & Fire Dispatch Users
From: Sheriff Frank Leonbruno
Ref: 2026 Central Communications Dispatch Contracts

We have been anticipating the need to increase cost for dispatching services through Central Communications. We promised many of our users we would have the new contracts delivered well in advance of 2026 so that each could adequately plan such costs increases into next year's budget planning. Enclosed you will find the five (5) year contract that will take affect in 2026 when the current one (1) year contract expire.

The cost of operations for the Lake County Sheriff's Office Communications Center currently rests at approximately 3.7 million dollars per year to adequately dispatch 21 police and fire agencies across Lake County. Currently, only 1.8 million dollars is charged to users to offset the cost of operations. Even when considering additional revenue sources, the County remains at a significant deficit. This significant imbalance in cost sharing has forced us to re-evaluate the cost structures and distribute operational pricing.

Since the inception of the Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center in the 1980's there has been a disparity between the cost of operations and amount charged to users in both the police and fire classifications. The County has always operated at a significant deficit. The Lake County Commissioners have worked diligently to absorb that deficit despite rising costs. However, the significant increases in the cost of technological hardware, data software, communications equipment, personnel costs and benefits, as well as other associated expenses have grown too significant for the County to incur this loss annually.

The Sheriff's Office has evaluated all costs and determined what we believe is a sound tiered system for pricing for users. The Lake County Commissioners have made a commitment to pay \$1 million dollars annually towards the cost of dispatch operations, which includes the dispatching needs of the Lake County Sheriff's Office.

A six-tier pricing structure has been created for policing, and four-tier system for fire. These tiers are based on a myriad of factors which include population, geography, number of calls for service, scope of calls, number of staff included and other variables.

This increased cost sharing will have larger impacts for some agencies who have been under-paying for the cost of services provided, and less significant for other agencies that have been paying rates much closer to current values. Given the variables on financial impacts the Lake County Commissioners have agreed to five (5) year contracts for all police and fire users. Any increases will be spread out evenly over the five (5) year period to give users a greater period of time to arrive at their new rate for service.

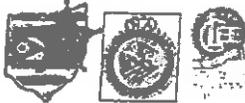
Presently our communications center is preparing for the change over going statewide in Next Generation 9-1-1 services. The success and reliability of 911 will be greatly improved with the implementation of NG911, as it will enhance emergency number services to create a faster, more resilient system that allows voice, photos, videos and text messages to flow seamlessly from the public to the 911 network. NG911 will also improve public safety answering points' ability to help manage call overload, natural disasters and transfer of 911 calls based on caller location data. The costing for upgrades to equipment and software programs to enable NextGen transition is already factored into the new contractual rates.

The Lake County Sheriff's Office Central Communications Center is dedicated to providing the most experienced and professional communication services possible in a very technical and ever-changing communications environment. If you have any questions regarding the new contracts I am available to answer your questions or concerns.

Respectfully Yours,



Sheriff Frank Leonbruno
(440)350-5517



"Excellence through relationships, trust and professionalism."

"Exhibit A"

AGREEMENT FOR CENTRAL DISPATCH AND COMMUNICATION SERVICES

THIS AGREEMENT was made and entered into by and between THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LAKE COUNTY, OHIO, hereinafter referred to as "LAKE COUNTY", and the VILLAGE OF PERRY, Lake County, Ohio, hereinafter referred to as "PERRY VILLAGE".

WHEREAS, an emergency dispatch and communication system is crucial to the effective and efficient operation of police and fire departments; and,

WHEREAS, LAKE COUNTY currently has the means and ability to provide emergency dispatch and communication services to multiple police and fire departments; and,

WHEREAS, PERRY VILLAGE desires to obtain and use said emergency dispatch and communication services in order to avail itself of the latest technology and avoid duplication of communication equipment and dispatch personnel.

NOW, THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE MUTUAL PROMISES AND COVENANTS SET FORTH HEREIN, AND OTHER GOOD AND VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, THE PARTIES HERETO MUTUALLY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. LAKE COUNTY shall provide to PERRY VILLAGE and its POLICE DEPARTMENT, emergency dispatch and communication services consisting of twenty-four (24) hour dispatching service, call forwarding service for non-emergency calls, answering service for E 9-1-1 calls, continuous radio contact and transmittal service, computerized CAD dispatch, batch reporting to provide incident summary, history, tracking, and daily shift information and such other information as the parties may mutually agree upon from time to time.

2. **PERRY VILLAGE** shall pay for said emergency dispatch and communication services as follows:

2026	\$ 37,737.59
2027	\$ 49,406.49
2028	\$ 61,075.39
2029	\$ 72,744.29
2030	\$ 84,413.17

Said cost shall be paid in equal quarterly installments on March 1st, June 1st, September 1st, and December 1st of each year. Payment shall be made in the form of a warrant check made payable to LAKE COUNTY CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS and mailed to P.O. Box 480, 8505 Garfield Rd., Mentor, Ohio, 44061.

3. This agreement shall be in full force and effect for a term of five (5) years, commencing January 1, 2026 and terminating December 31, 2030 provided, however, that this agreement may be terminated earlier by either party giving written notice of termination to the other party hereto at least six (6) months prior to the anticipated date of termination.
4. Absent written notice of termination, this agreement shall automatically renew itself for an additional one (1) year term, subject to the parties negotiating and agreeing upon the cost for said emergency dispatch and communication services during any additional term. Said cost shall bear a reasonable relationship to the actual cost of providing said services to **PERRY VILLAGE** and shall not include the cost of capital improvements to the dispatch and communication system.
5. The parties understand and agree that all equipment and devices located at the Emergency Operations Center, 8505 Garfield Rd., Kirtland, Ohio, and used to provide the emergency dispatch and communication services provided for herein shall be owned by LAKE COUNTY. All persons working at said Emergency Operations Center and providing the emergency dispatch and communications services provided for herein shall be employees of and shall be responsible to LAKE COUNTY.

6. LAKE COUNTY shall create and establish an Advisory Board which shall be comprised of one representative from each entity which is provided with emergency dispatch and communication services from LAKE COUNTY. The administration, management and day-to-day operation in providing the emergency dispatch and communication services referred to herein shall be the sole responsibility of LAKE COUNTY. However, LAKE COUNTY shall consult with, and take into serious consideration, any recommendations made by the members of the Advisory Board.

7. LAKE COUNTY shall use due care in providing the emergency dispatch and communication services referred to herein. LAKE COUNTY shall maintain the emergency dispatch and communication system referred to herein in good, operable condition and repair. LAKE COUNTY shall be responsible for the security, privacy, and safe keeping of all information and data provided to it by PERRY VILLAGE and others. PERRY VILLAGE shall be responsible for providing any information and data to LAKE COUNTY for storage, use and transmittal. PERRY VILLAGE shall abide by and comply with reasonable rules and regulations established by LAKE COUNTY to facilitate the orderly and efficient provision of the emergency dispatch and communication services set forth herein.

8. PERRY VILLAGE shall assume responsibility for and maintain security of law enforcement and criminal justice information systems as prescribed by the LEADS Steering Committee, Central Communications, and the NCIC Advisory Board; shall abide by any rules, regulations and decisions of the LEADS Steering Committee, Central Communications, and the NCIC Advisory Board; shall not provide Central Communications, LEADS or NCIC services to any other police or criminal justice agencies without prior written approval from the appropriate agency; shall supply and/or enter necessary data and assume the responsibility of periodically validating data input to Central Communications and LEADS to enhance the integrity of LEADS and NCIC; shall not hold LAKE COUNTY, LEADS OR NCIC responsible for the validity of data entered or stored in Central Communications, LEADS or NCIC; and shall not disseminate stored data to any agency or individual for gain or to exact a charge on an individual use basis except as provided for by Central Communications, LEADS or NCIC.

9. Failure to comply with any of the provisions set forth herein shall constitute a material breach and shall be just cause for termination of this agreement. If it becomes necessary to commence legal action or institute legal proceedings to effectuate performance of any provision or objective of this agreement, or arising out of the breach of this agreement, then the party found to be in default shall pay all reasonable expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, incurred thereby.
10. The failure of either party to insist upon strict performance of any of the covenants, conditions or provisions of this agreement, or to declare a breach for any violation thereof, shall not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment of the right to insist upon strict compliance with all covenants, conditions and provisions hereof, or to declare a breach for any violation thereof, if the violation is continued or repeated.
11. It is expressly understood and agreed that there shall be no modifications to this agreement without the express written consent of the parties hereto.
12. This agreement merges all prior negotiations and understandings, and there are no other agreements or understandings, oral or otherwise, between the parties pertaining to the subject matter of this agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this agreement on the day and year hereinafter set forth.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

VILLAGE OF PERRY
LAKE COUNTY, OHIO

Richard J. Regovich, Commissioner Pres.

John T. Plecnik, Commissioner.

Morris W. Beverage III, Commissioner

Frank Leonbruno, Sheriff of Lake County

ATTEST:

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