

STAFF REPORT

TO: DODGE CO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FROM: Shelly Holzerland, Communications Director
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SUBJECT: Interlocal Agreements with Burt and Cuming Counties

Background: The current 911 system is in the process of transitioning to NextGen 911. The next generation of 911 will be IP based. In order to minimize costs and maximize interoperability, the state is encouraging regionalization of 911 systems. Two 911 servers from the same vendor can be joined together to form a host and other counties can become remotes. Two hosts are needed for redundancy. Dodge and Colfax Counties entered in to an Interlocal Agreement in February 2020 to co-host the regional 911 system, now known as *MidEast Regional 911*. The Interlocal Agreement was crafted to allow the inclusion of additional counties in the future.

At this time, two additional counties (Burt and Cuming) have requested to become remote PSAPs on the MidEast Regional 911 system. In September of 2020, Burt County signed the interlocal agreement, labeled *First Amendment*. Cuming County signed the interlocal, labeled *Second Amendment* in November 2020. Colfax County is in the process of accepting these additions to the region. This host/remote system will provide the opportunity to share in support costs and allows PSAPs to back each other up. This eliminates the need for costly backup systems and allows PSAPs the freedom to provide support for each other during high volume incidents.

The regional 911 system will be managed by a committee comprised of a representative from each PSAP. The Interlocal Agreement includes an outline of the cost sharing expectation. Each PSAP will fund their own expenses and will contribute to shared expenses based on the number of dispatch positions at each PSAP.