

RESOLUTION NO. 87-3

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDING S. 365.171 OF THE FLORIDA EMERGENCY TELEPHONE ACT OF 1974; PROVIDING FOR A COUNTY "911" LOCAL OPTION FEE TO PAY FOR RECURRING SERVICE, OPERATING, AND/OR EQUIPMENT CHARGES INCURRED IN THE 911 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM. THIS AMENDMENT TO GO INTO EFFECT OCTOBER 1, 1987.

WHEREAS, it appears to the Board of County Commissioners that it is in the best interest of the County and its citizens that the Board support legislative action to have a local option fee to pay for recurring cost pertaining to the 911 Emergency Telephone System.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, to wit:

1. The Board supports the request of the County having "911" service, that the telephone company shall collect for the local exchange subscribers served by the "911" service, on an individual exchange line basis, at a rate not to exceed fifty cents (\$.50) per month per line, (Maximum 25 lines) for the sole purpose of funding the maintenance and operation for the 911 system.

2. The Board supports that the fees collected for recurring cost by the telephone company shall be returned to the county monthly to be used for "911" service, operating and equipment charges to operate same.

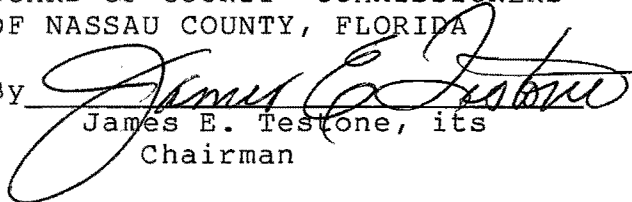
3. The Board pledges to support all other governmental agencies, in their efforts to initiate recurring funding statewide for the "911" system.

4. The Board request the support of the state legislators in its efforts to initiate recurring funding statewide for the "911" system.


PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21st. day of October, 1986

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

By


James E. Testone, its
Chairman


SEAL
ATTEST:


Clerk

A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Emergency Telephone Act of 1974; amending s. 165.171 (13), F.S.; providing for a county "911" fee for recurring charges for operation and maintenance of "911" service systems; establishing a system of disbursement for the funds collected; providing for a separate account for the deposit of funds; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (13) of section 365.171, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

365.171 Emergency telephone number "911."--

(13) "911" FEE.--

(a) Following approval by referendum as set forth in paragraph (b), or following approval by a majority vote of its Board of County Commissioners, any county incurring nonrecurring charges for the initial provision or subsequent addition of "911" service or equipment, or both service and equipment, may obtain payment for said service and equipment, and for recurring charges for the operation and maintenance of such equipment by imposing a fee to be paid by the local exchange subscribers within its boundaries served by the "911" service. The manner of imposing and collecting said payment shall be as follows:

1. At the request of the county subscribing to "911" service, the telephone company shall spread the payment of the nonrecurring charges for the "911" service and equipment over a period not to exceed 18 months and shall spread the payment of the recurring charges for operation and maintenance of equipment over such period as the "911" service is in operation. Pursuant thereto, the telephone company shall, insofar as is practicable, bill said nonrecurring and recurring charges pro rata to the local exchange subscribers served by the "911" service, on an individual exchange line basis, at a rate not to exceed 50 cents per month per line (up to a maximum of 25 exchange lines).

2. Fees collected by the telephone company pursuant to Section (13) (a) (1) shall be returned to the county, less the cost of administration pursuant to Section (13) (c) for the service, operation, and maintenance of a "911" system.

3. Any county that currently has an operational "911" system and counties which are actively pursuing the implementation of a "911" system, shall establish a separate audit account specifically for the deposit of funds and/or fees related to the "911" system.

4. The telephone company shall have no obligation to take any legal action to enforce collection of the "911" fee.

5. The county subscribing to "911" service shall remain ultimately responsible to the telephone company for all "911" service, and equipment, operation, and maintenance charges.

As used in this paragraph, "telephone company" means an exchange telephone service provider of a "911" service system to any county within its certified area.

(b) If a county elects to obtain approval of a "911" fee by referendum, it shall arrange to place a question on the ballot at the next regular or special election to be held within the county, substantially as follows:

....I am in favor of the "911" emergency telephone system fee.

....I am against the "911" emergency telephone system fee.

If a majority of the electors voting on the question approve the fee, it may be imposed by the county.

(c) Any county imposing a "911" fee in accordance with the provisions of this subsection shall pay to the telephone company an administrative fee equal to 1 percent of the "911" fee collected by the telephone company.

Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 1987.



NASSAU COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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October 13, 1986

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Attached is a copy of a resolution supporting the local option fee to pay for the recurring charges for the 911 system. Also attached is a draft of legislation being offered to fund these charges by the state.

I would request that the Board adopt this resolution and forward it to your legislative delegation and others who might be interested.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Sincerely,

Terry P. Griffin
Director

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