

**Lee County Board Of County Commissioners  
Agenda Item Summary**

**Blue Sheet No. 20051229**

**1. ACTION REQUESTED/PURPOSE:** Adopt the annual resolution approving collection of the E 9-1-1 User Fee for recurring operating costs of forty-four (.44) cents from the local exchange telephone subscribers for FY 05-06. Board approval is required on an annual basis by F.S. 365.171. The telephone company also requires advance notice of any changes in billing rates.

**2. WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES:** Allows the local exchange telephone companies to collect the user fee necessary for the recurring expenses of tariff rates, database and equipment maintenance needed to support the Lee County Enhanced Emergency Telephone Number network which provides for police, fire/rescue and emergency medical services response.

**3. MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval.

**4. Departmental Category:** 7

**C7A**

**5. Meeting Date:**

**09-20-2005**

**6. Agenda:**

- Consent
- Administrative
- Appeals
- Public
- Walk-On

**7. Requirement/Purpose: (specify)**

- Statute 365.171
- Ordinance
- Admin. Code
- Other

**8. Request Initiated:**

Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_  
 Department Independent  
 Division Public Safety  
 By: Matt Rechkemmer, 911  
 Program Manager

**9. Background:**

This will be the nineteenth (19<sup>th</sup>) consecutive year for the Board to adopt an annual resolution for the recurring Enhanced 9-1-1 User Fee.

A 1987 amendment of F.S. 365.171, Florida Emergency Telephone Act, allows the local option of imposing a fee for recurring expenses for the provision of "9-1-1" service and equipment to be paid by the local exchange subscribers on an individual exchange line basis, at a rate not to exceed fifty cents (.50) per month, per line, up to 25 lines per account. Such monthly amount will be adjusted annually to cover allowable expenses. This fee is collected by the telephone companies and forwarded to Lee County less a one percent collection fee.

The current fee for FY 04-05 is forty-four (.44) cents. There will not be an increase in the 9-1-1 User Fee. The requested fee for FY 05-06 is forty-four (.44) cents to cover equipment maintenance and operating costs. The projected collections from October 1, 2005 to September 30, 2006 of 351,000 billable telephone lines per month is expected to generate a total annual revenue of \$1,872,000 (approx.).

Attachment 1 – Resolution (2)

**10. Review for Scheduling:**

Department Director	Purchasing or Contracts	Human Resources	Other	County Attorney	Budget Services			County Manager/P.W. Director
					Analyst	Risk	Grants	Mgr.
<i>[Signature]</i>	N/A			<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>

**11. Commission Action:**

- Approved
- Deferred
- Denied
- Other

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WHEREAS, Lee County desires to maintain within its boundaries a "9-1-1" service, and  
WHEREAS, under the provisions of Section 365.171(13), Florida Statutes, a county may impose and collect a fee for recurring charges for the provision of "9-1-1" service and equipment, to be paid by the local exchange subscribers on an individual exchange line basis, at a rate not to exceed fifty cent (.50) per month per line.

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

1. The continuation of a "9-1-1" system in Lee County, Florida is declared to be a public purpose and for the benefit of the citizens of Lee County, as well as for visitors to the county.
2. There is hereby imposed a local option fee for recurring charges for the provision of "9-1-1" service and equipment. Such monthly amount, to be paid by local exchange subscribers, will be adjusted annually to cover allowable expenses. For the period of October 1, 2005 to September 30, 2006 the amount will be \$.44 per subscriber line per month.
3. Sprint Telephone Company of Florida, Inc. and all alternative licensed exchange carriers (hereinafter called the telephone companies), is hereby requested to collect said fee, as herein above set forth, from its subscribers in Lee County, Florida, the county paying to said telephone companies any administrative fee equal to one percent (1%) of the fees collected by the telephone companies. Said administrative fee shall be deducted first by the telephone companies from the fees collected and the remainder of said fees collected shall be remitted to Lee

County on a monthly basis. The telephone companies shall have no obligation to take legal action to enforce collection of said fee.

The forgoing resolution was adopted by the Lee County Board of County Commissioners upon a motion by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and, upon being put to a vote as follows:

John E. Albion \_\_\_\_\_  
Douglas St. Cerny \_\_\_\_\_  
Ray Judah \_\_\_\_\_  
Bob Janes \_\_\_\_\_  
Tammy Hall \_\_\_\_\_

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2005.

ATTEST:  
CHARLIE GREEN, CLERK

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Office of County