

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

Blue Sheet No. **20030817**

1. REQUESTED MOTION:

ACTION REQUESTED: 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 03-04.

WHY ACTION IS NECESSARY: 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.

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.

2. DEPARTMENTAL CATEGORY:
COMMISSION DISTRICT #:

C7D

3. MEETING DATE:

08-05-2003

4. AGENDA:

- CONSENT
- ADMINISTRATIVE
- APPEALS
- PUBLIC
- WALK ON
- TIME REQUIRED:

5. REQUIREMENT/PURPOSE:
(Specify)

- STATUTE 365.171
- ORDINANCE
- ADMIN. CODE
- OTHER

6. REQUESTOR OF INFORMATION:

- A. COMMISSIONER
- B. DEPARTMENT
- C. DIVISION Public Safety
- BY: John D. Wilson, Director

7. BACKGROUND: This will be the seventeenth (17th) year for the Board to adopt an annual resolution for the adjustment of the recurring E 9-1-1 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 company and forwarded to Lee County less a one percent collection fee.

The current fee for FY 02-03 is forty two (.42) cents. The requested fee for FY 03-04 is forty four (.44) cents to cover increases in maintenance and operating costs. Over the twelve month period, October 1, 2003 to September 30, 2004, we project collections on an average of 342,000 billable telephone lines per month and anticipate a total annual revenue of \$1,805,760.

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8. MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff is in support of the request.

9. RECOMMENDED APPROVAL:

A Department Director	B Purchasing or Contracts	C Human Resources	D Other	E County Attorney	F Budget Services			G County Manager
					OA	OM	Risk	GC
<i>[Signature]</i> 7/11/03	N/A			<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>[Signature]</i> 7/16/03	<i>[Signature]</i> 7/17/03	<i>[Signature]</i> 7/16/03	<i>[Signature]</i> 7/18/03
								<i>[Signature]</i> 7-22-03

10. COMMISSION ACTION:

- APPROVED
- DENIED
- DEFERRED
- OTHER

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COUNTY ADMIN *AM*
 7/18 9:30
COUNTY ADMIN
FORWARDED TO: *D*
 7/20 5:00

REC'D.
 BY CO. ATTY.
 7/17/03
 HIS PM
 CO. ATTY. 7/18/03
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 Budget

Resolution No _____

WHEREAS, Lee County desires to maintain within its boundaries a "911" 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 "911" 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 "911" 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 "911" 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, 2003 to September 30, 2004 the amount will be \$.44 per subscriber line per month.
3. Sprint Telephone Company of Florida, Inc. (hereinafter called the telephone company), 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 company any administrative fee equal to one percent (1%) of the fees collected by the telephone company. Said administrative fee shall be first deducted by the telephone company from the fees collected and the remainder of said fees

collected shall be remitted to Lee County on a monthly basis. The telephone company 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 _____
Andrew W. Coy _____

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2003.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By: _____

By:

Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By:

County Attorney's Office