

ORDINANCE NO. 2024- 06

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AMENDING
ORDINANCES 2007-09, 2007-09A AND 2011-10
(ALSO AMENDING CHAPTER 51.22 OF THE CASS COUNTY CODE)**

WHEREAS, the Cass County Board of Commissioners and the Mayor of Logansport have received a recommendation from the Committee to Review 911 operations in the City of Logansport and Cass County;

WHEREAS, the Committee has recommended that Cass County and the City of Logansport be served by a joint and cooperative 911 Dispatch Department;

WHEREAS, the Committee has recommended that 911 services be distinct and separate from the Sheriff and the City Police Department;

WHEREAS, the Committee has recommended that Logansport and Cass County enter into a joint contractual agreement for 911 services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDAINED, AS FOLLOWS:

The following Sections of Chapter 51.22 of the Cass County Code is amended to now read as follows:

Section 1: The Board of Commissioners creates a 911 Dispatch Governing Board composed of seven (7) voting members consisting of the following:

- A. Cass County Sheriff
- B. Logansport Chief of Police
- C. Director of Cass County Emergency Medical Services
- D. Member of the Cass County Council
- E. Mayor of Logansport
- F. Member of Board of Commissioners
- G. Director of Cass County Emergency Management Agency

Section 2: The Board of Commissioners hereby dissolves the 911 Dispatch Advisory Board.

Section 3: The Board of Commissioners has entered into an inter-local agreement with the City of Logansport/Board of Works to provide joint and cooperative 911 dispatch services.

Section 4: The 911 Dispatch Governing Board shall be responsible for the employment of an executive director and evaluation according to county policies, recommending an annual budget to the Cass County Council, including

establishing the salaries and fringe benefits for 911 employees, equipment purchases and the location of dispatch services. The duties of the executive director shall be established by the Governing Board and approved by the County Commissioners. The Governing Board shall meet at least six (6) times annually. The Governing Board and the executive director shall make reports to the County Commissioners as directed by the Commissioners.

Section 5: Funding for joint and combined 911 dispatch services shall be from the 911 fund of Cass County. In the event that certain expenses cannot be paid from the 911 fund by law or that the monthly surcharges do not totally support the operations of 911 dispatch services, the City of Logansport and Cass County shall share equally in the funding needs of 911 dispatch services.

Section 6. This Ordinance is hereby passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Cass County Commissioners of Cass County, Indiana, this 15th day of April, 2024.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF CASS COUNTY,
INDIANA THIS 15th day of April 2024.

CASS COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS:



Ruth Baker, President



Michael W. Stajduhar



Mike Deitrich

Attest:



Cheryl Mcorn, Auditor