STATE OF ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE

Lake County ETSB, Park City )
) Case No. 16-C-138
Application for 9-1-1 Consolidation )

RECOMMENDED DECISION

By Administrative Law Judge Daniel Faermark:

I. BACKGROUND

The Lake County Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB) will be adding Park City to its current ETSB. The Park City ETSB will be dissolved and its Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) will close. At this time, the Park City PSAP will remain open as an unmanned backup until North Chicago formally changes its backup from Park City to Waukegan.

Under 50 ILCS 15.4a(a)(2), in any county with a population of at least 250,000 that has more than one ETSB, Joint Emergency Telephone System Board (JETSB), or qualified governmental entity, any 9-1-1 Authority serving a population of less than 25,000 shall be consolidated such that no 9-1-1 Authority in the county serves a population of less than 25,000. In 2015, Park City served a population of approximately 7,392. As a result, Park City is required to consolidate.

On January 10, 2017, Department of Illinois State Police staff, Stacy Ross, filed a technical review of the Consolidation Plan, as required by 83 Ill.Admin.Code 1324.200(f)(1).

A hearing was held before a duly authorized Administrative Law Judge, Daniel Faermark, on February 17, 2017. Jeannine Thompson of the Lake County ETSB appeared on behalf of the applicant. Mr. John Hosteny, Legal Counsel for the Department of Illinois State Police (Department), appeared on behalf of the Department. Mr. Hosteny stated that no comments or request to speak had been received by the Department regarding the Consolidation Plan and that there were no requests to speak at the hearing. Mr. Hosteny indicated at the conclusion of the hearing that the Department recommends approval of the Consolidation Plan.
II. CONSOLIDATION PLAN

There were 18 answering positions prior to consolidation and there will be 14 after consolidation. Prior to consolidation, there were 40 full time and 2-part time dispatchers. After consolidation, there will be 37 full time and no part time dispatchers.

The Park City ETSB will be dissolved and total reserves of $23,021.16 will be transferred to the Lake County ETSB. There is no change in network costs at this time as the Park City PSAP will serve as an unmanned backup until North Chicago formally changes its backup from Park City to Waukegan. There are no changes to Lake County’s recurring and nonrecurring costs associated with this consolidation. There is no change in network costs at this time as the Park City PSAP will serve as an unmanned backup until North Chicago formally changes its backup from Park City to Waukegan.

An intergovernmental agreement between Lake County and Park City was included in the plan. Per an agreement between Park City and the Village of Fox Lake, all emergency and non-emergency dispatch will be provided by Fox Lake 911. This consolidation does not affect the current PSAP backup arrangement. The Lake County ETSB is in existence today and currently has call handling agreements in place for the participating and adjacent agencies involved in its 9-1-1 system including agencies in Park City. The system name will continue to be the Lake County ETSB upon consolidation with Park City.

Park City passed ordinance 2016-0-16 dissolving the Park City ETSB and passed ordinance 2016-0-17 approving the IGA between Park City and the County of Lake for enhanced 911 emergency telephone system service. Park City entered into an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the Village of Fox Lake for their communication center also known as Fox Comm to provide dispatch services as well as associated call handling agreements. Fox Comm provides dispatching services including emergency medical dispatch (EMD) for five police departments and three fire departments. Fox Comm utilizes STARCOM21, which is a radio system, for some of their agencies and the ETSB shared CAD system and shared microwave network infrastructure. The neighboring community houses CenCom 911 communication center which serves as Fox Comm's backup center. They utilize the same infrastructure.
IV. TECHNICAL REVIEW

The technical review performed by Stacy Ross concludes that the Lake County ETBS consolidation plan meets the requirements for a consolidation plan as prescribed by Section 1324.200(c) of Illinois Admin. Code Part 1324.200 – Consolidation of 9-1-1 Emergency Systems.

V. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDED DECISION

(1) Lake County has filed a 9-1-1 Consolidation Plan pursuant to 50 ILCS 750/15.4a of the Emergency Telephone System Act;

(2) the Lake County Consolidation Plan furthers the statutory goals of the Emergency Telephone System Act;

(3) the Lake County Consolidation Plan meets the requirements of 83 Ill. Adm. Code 1324.200(c); and

(4) the Lake County Consolidation Plan should be approved when the ordinance dissolving the Park City ETSB been executed and received

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED that the Lake County Consolidation Plan be approved.

This Recommended Decision of the Administrative Law Judge is issued this 6th day of March, 2017.

SIGNED Daniel Faermark
Administrative Law Judge