

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

**Blue Sheet No. 20020746**

**1. REQUESTED MOTION:**

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Adopt the annual resolution approving collection of the E-911 recurring operating cost of 42 cents from the local exchange telephone subscribers for FY02-03.

**WHY ACTION IS NECESSARY:** Adopt the annual resolution approving collection of the E-911 recurring operating cost of 42 cents from the local exchange telephone subscribers for FY02-03.

**WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES:** Allows the telephone company to collect the user fee necessary for the recurring expenses of tariff rates, database, operator training, equipment and maintenance needed to support the Lee County enhanced emergency telephone number network which provides for police, fire/rescue and emergency medical service response.

**2. DEPARTMENTAL CATEGORY:**

COMMISSION DISTRICT #

*C7B*

**3. MEETING DATE:**

*07-09-2002*

**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 Wilson*  
John Wilson, Director

**7. BACKGROUND:**

This will be the sixteenth (16th) year for the Board to adopt an annual resolution for the adjustment of the recurring E-911 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 fiscal year 01-02 is .42 cents. The requested fee for fiscal year 02-03 will remain at .42 cents with no increase to the citizens. Over the twelve-month period, October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2003, we project collections on an average of 351,000 telephone lines per month and anticipate total collections of \$1,769,000.

Attachment 1 - Resolution

**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
<i>6-21-02 John Wilson</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A	<i>Andrea Baser</i>	OA <i>6/24/02</i>	OM <i>6/24/02</i>	Risk <i>6/24/02</i>	GC <i>6-24-02</i>	<i>6-25-02</i>

**10. COMMISSION ACTION:**

- APPROVED
- DENIED
- DEFERRED
- OTHER

Rec. by CoAtty  
Date: *6/24/02*  
Time: *4:00pm*  
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COUNTY ADMIN. *PM*  
*6/24/02*  
BY ADMIN. *JS*  
DATE: *6/25/02*

**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, 2002 to September 30, 2003 the amount will be \$.42 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2002.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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

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

Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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

County Attorney's Office