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President Decker and commissioners,

Attached you will find a joint powers agreement related to dispatch services provided to Stark County by the Dickinson communications center. In the past, the county has shared a small percentage of the actual operating costs associated personnel required to operate the communications center; The county has also funded most of the equipment and hardware needs of the communications center through revenue derived from E9-11 tax base. The City of Dickinson has historically bore the majority of the costs associated with the personnel component of the communications center with Stark County's contribution of approximately 30-32% being unchanged for many years.

An actual formal agreement with Stark County related to dispatch services and operational costs has not been updated for nearly three decades. During that timeframe, Stark County entities utilizing dispatch services have nearly doubled. The county has further absorbed the Belfield and South Heart Police Departments who now contract with Stark County for law enforcement services. These two entities had separate informal dispatch service agreements and are now policed by additional Stark County Deputies. This additional staffing by Stark County combined with increased area population and activity levels correlates to a significant increase in dispatch related services provided.

In an effort to assure equity and establish clarity in dispatch services, Dickinson police administration worked closely with Stark County Emergency Management and a Stark County Commission representative to establish the attached joint power agreement. This agreement incrementally increases Stark County dispatch service costs (related to personnel) by 8% over a three-year period. It also establishes a Public Safety Advisory Committee meant to provide quality assurance and limited oversight counsel.

The joint powers agreement has been reviewed by the city attorney and city staff recommend approval.

Thank You!

Chief Joe Cianni