

**RESOLUTION NO. R-071023-1**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT LAVACA, TEXAS, DECLARING THE CITY'S INTENT TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH CALHOUN COUNTY TO BECOME A PARTICIPANT IN THE CALHOUN COUNTY COMBINED DISPATCH CENTER (CCCDC).

WHEREAS, the City of Port Lavaca and Calhoun County have the power, authority and responsibility to provide emergency dispatch services within their respective boundaries and an emergency communication center is crucial to the efficient and necessary provision of public safety and emergency services to the community and to the police officers; and

WHEREAS, the sharing of resources and costs of public safety dispatching will improve capabilities in call taking, processing, dispatching, and the response of public safety services; and

WHEREAS, the consolidation of dispatching services will effectively promote mutual response and assistance between participating agencies, thus eliminating delays and miscommunication which can result in devastation, such as was seen in Uvalde, Texas on May 24, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Port Lavaca Police Department and the Port Lavaca Fire Department recognize that a consolidated dispatch center will provide a more comprehensive, capable, effective, and efficient emergency dispatching service, and therefor supports and recommends establishing a Combined Dispatch Center between the City of Port Lavaca and Calhoun County; and

WHEREAS, Calhoun County is using funds available through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to construct a facility for use as a Combined Dispatch Facility; and

WHEREAS, the City Council now finds that it is in the best interest of the citizens of Port Lavaca to establish a Combined Dispatch Center with Calhoun County for all City dispatch services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT LAVACA, TEXAS:

The City Council of the City of Port Lavaca, Texas hereby declares its intent to become a participant in the Calhoun County Dispatch Center, along with Calhoun County and other supporting entities, and to negotiate in good faith and enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Calhoun County for shared provisions of such services.

**PASSED AND APPROVED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.**

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Jack Whitlow, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Mandy Grant, City Secretary