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Interagency Agreement Regarding Emergency Dispatching, Communications and Other Services

Whereas, the Ford County Sheriff's Office and Recipient(s) are empowered to provide emergency communications services to the citizens within their respective jurisdictions and may, therefore enter into an Interagency Agreement with one another and with other public agencies to perform such services; and,

Whereas, the Ford County Sheriff's Office has an emergency communications dispatch center and systems capable of providing emergency communications services to law enforcement agencies, fire departments, fire districts and emergency medical services providers within Ford County and beyond; and,

Whereas, the Ford County Sheriff's Office and the parties to this agreement believe emergency dispatch and communications services as well as other services would be best served by being managed through the Ford County Sheriff's Office and "Oversight Board"; and ,

Whereas, Paxton Police Department, Gibson City Police Department, Piper City Police Department, Ford County E911 Board, Gibson Area Hospital and Ambulance Services, Ford County Area Fire Departments, (herein called the "Oversight Board") desires to obtain emergency dispatch and emergency communications services from the Ford County Sheriff's Office Telecommunications Center; and,

Whereas, the parties hereto recognize that it is in the best interests of the citizens within their respective jurisdictions and in the furtherance of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens to have a unified emergency dispatch and communications system having the advantage of economies of scale; and,

Whereas, the governing body of each party has resolved, agreed, or ordained that this interagency agreement may be entered into;

Now, Therefore, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, it is hereby agreed as follows: