



## Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

### Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 3/3/2020

#### New Business

**Department:** Emergency Services  
Budget

**Presenter (s):** Brooke Hazlett, 911 Manager  
Jennifer Barnette, Budget

**Contact (s):** Taylor Jones, Emergency Services Director  
Jennifer Barnette, Budget

**Subject:** Secondary Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Addendum #3 to Intergovernmental Agreement between Buncombe County and the City of Asheville and Budget Amendment

**Brief Summary:** In 2003, Buncombe County entered into an intergovernmental agreement was signed to establish a Consolidated Public Safety Communications Center by 2006. Since the original agreement, two addendums have been approved: 1) 2006 – extend the timeline by one year and 2) 2009 – joint agreement which made the County responsible for the cost of purchasing and maintaining all equipment needed to receive and dispatch 911 calls with the exception of radios. The County and City 911 Communications Divisions are currently operated separated but co-located in the same building.

In 2016, The NC 911 Board made the County aware that for the purpose of receiving funding reimbursements its center was considered collocated and not consolidated. In 2019, the NC 911 Board put the County on official notice that allowable expenses could no longer be reported as one center and that any expenses incurred for the Asheville City Police Department to answer and dispatch 911 calls would not be reimbursed

(approximately \$178K). This final decision by the 911 Board was communicated on November 12, 2019.

As a result, and in adherence to the Intergovernmental Agreement, the non-reimbursable costs need to be covered by the County's General Fund. In order to be reimbursed for future allowable expenditures from the NC 911 Board, the City of Asheville 911 Communications would have to become a secondary PSAP which will be established through the approval of this board request.

**Recommended Motion & Requested Action:**

- 1) Approve Addendum #3 of the Intergovernmental Agreement that establishes the City of Asheville 911 Communications as a Secondary PSAP.
- 2) Approve Budget Amendment

**County Manager's comments and Recommendation:**

County Manager recommends as presented.