

RESOLUTION NO. 472

AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NYS DEPARTMENT OF STATE REGARDING A PUBLIC SERVICE ANSWERING POINTS (PSAP) CONSOLIDATION STUDY

Introduced: 12/8/08

By Public Safety Committee:

WHEREAS, The Albany County Executive and Sheriff have requested authorization to submit a grant application to the NYS Department of State to fund a feasibility study for the consolidation of 911 emergency public safety communications handled through Public Service Answering Points (PSAP) sponsored by eight municipalities throughout the County, and

WHEREAS, The Executive and the Sheriff indicated that consolidation of this service has been identified as a priority by the State Commission on Local Government Efficiency and Competitiveness and has the advantages of increasing operational effectiveness, minimizing response times and reducing costs by freeing dispatch officers for enforcement duties and in updating technology, and

WHEREAS, The two officials indicated that they have received letters of support for the consolidation study from seven local PSAP sponsors – the Towns of Bethlehem, Coeymans, Colonie and Guilderland, the Cities of Cohoes and Watervliet and the Village of Menands, which along with the Sheriff's Department would make up the eight study participants, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to submit a grant application to the NYS Department of State to fund a feasibility study for PSAP consolidation supported by the eight municipal sponsors, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said application as to form and content, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

Adopted by unanimous vote. 12/8/08