

RESOLUTION NO. #08-03

**RESOLUTION TO ENACT THE IDAHO ENHANCED EMERGENCY
COMMUNICATION GRANT FEE**

At a meeting of the Board of Caribou County Commissioners, State of Idaho, on the 23rd day of June 2008, the following Resolution was adopted, to-wit:

WHEREAS, the Legislature in 1988 enacted the Emergency Communications Act ("Act") as title 31, Chapter 48, of the Idaho Code; and

WHEREAS, the Act establishes a method for financing the initiation, maintenance, and enhancement of consolidated emergency communications systems which allows for 9-1-1- service within the several counties; and

WHEREAS, on May 26, 1992, at a general election the voters of Caribou County approved a telephone line user fee, also known as an emergency communications or 9-1-1 fee, of up to one dollar (\$1.00) per line per month to fund and finance the maintenance and operation of a 9-1-1 emergency communications system as provided in the Act; and

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2004, the Board of Caribou County Commissioners ("Board") in Resolution No. 2004-01 set the emergency communications fee to be assessed in Caribou County at one dollar (\$1.00) per line per month; and

WHEREAS, the current emergency communications fee collected by Idaho counties and 9-1-1 service areas for use in 9-1-1 centers do not adequately fund the needed improvements in centers and many centers in rural Idaho do not have Enhanced 9-1-1 service where the dispatchers can tell the number a caller is calling from and the locations of the caller; and

WHEREAS, Idaho counties recognize the importance of providing seamless Enhanced 9-1-1 service across Idaho and has determined a need to establish a statewide fund to assist consolidated emergency communications centers made the necessary upgrades to protect all citizens and visitors to Idaho; and

WHEREAS, THE Office of Performance Evaluations recommended increased funding for enhanced 9-1-1 service by the Idaho Legislature in its report to Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on March 20, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature in 2008 enacted amendments to the Emergency Communications Act and adopted Idaho Code section 31-4819 that creates the Enhanced Emergency Communications Grant Fee in an effort to fund the increasing costs of technology needed for the operation of a 9-1-1 system and to enhance public safety throughout the State of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, the Enhanced emergency Communications Grant Fee shall be in an amount of twenty-five cents (\$.25) per month per access or interconnected VoIP service line; and

WHEREAS, such fee shall be dedicated for and shall be authorized for disbursement as grants to eligible entities that are operating consolidated emergency communications systems for use to achieve the purposes of Idaho Code section 31-4819; and

WHEREAS, in order to be eligible for an award of moneys under this chapter a county or 911 service area must be the collecting emergency communications fee in accordance with Idaho code section 31-3804 in the full amount authorized and must also be collecting the enhanced emergency communications grant fee in the full amount authorized; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to the authority granted to this Board pursuant to Idaho Code section 31-4819, Board of Caribou County Commissioners hereby enact the Enhanced Emergency Communications Grant Fee in an amount of twenty-five cents (\$.25) per month per access or interconnected VoIP service line; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the emergency communications fee increase is effective as of July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2014, or in the event the Idaho Legislature extends the effectiveness date, until that date without further action by this Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Enhanced Emergency Communications Grant Fee shall be collected by all telecommunications providers as provided in and pursuant to Idaho Code section 31-4819; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that fee shall be remitted to the Idaho emergency communications fund provided in Idaho Code section 31-4819 on a quarterly basis by Caribou County for dedication for disbursement as grants to eligible entities that are

operating consolidated emergency communications systems pursuant to title 31, Chapter 48, Idaho Code.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of June, 2008.

Board of Caribou County Commissioners

By: *Doyce M. Rasmussen*
District 3, Chairman

By: *Earl Jonson*
District 2, Commissioner

By: *B. Douglas Hoggan*
District 1, Commissioners

ATTEST:

Veda Mascareñas
Caribou County Clerk