

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
OHIO COUNTY FISCAL COURT
ORDINANCE #2024-4**

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT FOR THE OHIO COUNTY DISPATCH CENTER-ENHANCED 911 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICE WITHIN OHIO COUNTY, KENTUCKY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FISCAL COURT OF THE COUNTY OF OHIO, COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY:

WHEREAS, in lieu and in substitution thereof, any past ordinances (see County Ordinances 92-3, 90-12-11 and 2012-20) relating to the structure and governing of the Ohio County 911 Dispatch Center are hereby repealed; and

WHEREAS, one of the past ordinances regarding Ohio County 911 Dispatch established a 911 Advisory Board and transferred all governing responsibility and authority to the Ohio County Sheriff; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Court and Sheriff wish for this type structure and relationship to continue at this time, however a clerical error in a prior ordinance needed correction; and

WHEREAS, all employees working as dispatchers for the Ohio County 911 Dispatch Center will continue to be employees of the Ohio County Sheriff for all administrative, operational, and financial purposes including budgetary appropriations by the fiscal court. The Ohio County Sheriff shall continue to have the authority to hire and discharge employees in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Ohio County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, the 911 Advisory Board shall continue to operate and function as an advisory board only to the sheriff on issues involving 911 emergency communications with Fire Services, Emergency Medical Services, Emergency Management Services, Law Enforcement Services and other related interests pertaining to emergency communications; and

WHEREAS, the 911 Advisory Board shall continue to consist of the following persons or their respective designees:

- a. Ohio County Sheriff
- b. Ohio County Judge-Executive
- c. Ohio County Magistrate
- d. Ohio County Attorney
- e. Chief of Police of Beaver Dam Police Department
- f. Chief of Police of Hartford Police Department
- g. Chief of Police of Centertown Police Department
- h. Representative Kentucky State Police
- i. Director of Ohio County Emergency Medical Services
- j. Director of Emergency Management Agency
- k. President of the Fire Fighters Association

WHEREAS, the 911 Advisory Board may meet at least quarterly, or when so directed by the Chairperson; and

WHEREAS, the 911 Advisory Board may communicate concerns and recommendations to the Sheriff to enhance operations and solve problems related to issues involving emergency communications; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio County 911 Board currently serves as an advisory council on matters of supervision and management; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio County 911 Board forwards recommendations of personnel actions including the hiring and termination of employees to the Ohio County Sheriff for consideration and action.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Fiscal Court of the County of Ohio, Commonwealth of Kentucky

1. Ordinance No. 2012-20, an ordinance providing for a governing board for the Ohio County Dispatch Center - Enhanced 911 Emergency Telephone Service within Ohio County, Kentucky, is hereby repealed along with any other ordinances which may be in conflict with this ordinance.

2. Where an advisory board for the Ohio County Dispatch Center - Enhanced 911 Emergency Telephone Service which shall be known as the "Ohio County Central Dispatch Center Board," hereafter referred to as "Board" may serve to assist the Ohio County Sheriff.

3. The Ohio County Dispatch Center - 911 Emergency Telephone Service Within Ohio County, Kentucky, shall be under the exclusive jurisdiction of the office of the Ohio County Sheriff, who shall have complete management and control responsibilities.

4. The Ohio County Sheriff is hereby authorized to adopt such rules and regulations as are consistent with this ordinance in order to facilitate the management and control of the 911 Emergency Telephone Service Within Ohio County.

5. This Order may be amended by future action of the Ohio County Fiscal Court pursuant to KRS 67.076.

This Ordinance shall be effective upon passage.

This Ordinance was adopted on 1st reading on _____, 2024.

This Ordinance was adopted on 2nd reading on _____, 2024.

APPROVED:

DAVID JOHNSTON
OHIO COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE

ATTEST:

HAVE SEEN:

MIRANDA FUNK, FISCAL COURT CLERK

ADAM WRIGHT, OHIO COUNTY SHERIFF