



# HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

### Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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1. The sponsoring representative's first name:  
Jason
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:  
Woolford
3. The cosponsoring representatives' names. All cosponsors must be listed. If none, please type 'n/a.' A signed letter from the sponsor approving the co-sponsorship and a signed letter from the member wishing to co-sponsor are required. Attach letters at question #9 below.  
n/a
4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
Livingston County
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
300 South Highlander Way Howell, MI 48843
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:  
300 South Highlander Way Howell, MI 48843
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:  
Jason Woolford 50th House District
8. Purpose of the legislatively directed spending item. Please include how it provides a public benefit and why it is an appropriate use of taxpayer funding. Please also demonstrate that the item does not violate Article IV, S 30 of the Michigan Constitution.  
Installation of a new video wall for the Livingston County 911 Central Dispatch
9. Attach documents here if needed:  
Attachments added to the end of this file.
10. The amount of state funding requested for the legislatively directed spending item.  
299000

11. Has the legislatively directed spending item previously received any of the following types of funding? Check all that apply.

["None"]

12. Please select one of the following groups that describes the entity requesting the legislatively directed spending item:

Local unit government

13. For a non-profit organization, has the organization been operating within Michigan for the preceding 36 months?

Not applicable

14. For a non-profit organization, has the entity had a physical office within Michigan for the preceding 12 months?

Not applicable

15. For a non-profit organization, does the organization have a board of directors?

Not applicable

16. For a non-profit organization, list all the active members on the organization's board of directors and any other officers. If this question is not applicable, please type 'n/a.'

n/a

17. "I certify that neither the sponsoring representative nor the sponsoring representative's staff or immediate family has a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in the legislatively directed spending item."

Yes, this is correct

18. Anticipated start and end dates for the legislatively directed spending item:

Start date would begin upon notice to Livingston County that the appropriation has been granted

19. "I hereby certify that all information provided in this request is true and accurate."

Yes



## Putnam Township Fire Department

3250 West M-36  
Pinckney, MI 48169  
734-878-6788  
Curt Ruf, Fire Chief

April 9, 2025

To Whom it May Concern,

Putnam Township Fire Department is in support of a video wall for the Livingston County 911 Central Dispatch (LCCD).

LCCD is a critical component in getting proper information to departments like mine, and the video wall will enhance the ability of LCCD to provide that information and resources to all responders and enable them to better serve and protect the community.

Sincerely,

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Curt Ruf, Fire Chief  
Putnam Township Fire Department



## **GREEN OAK CHARTER TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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*Kevin Gentry, Fire Chief*

April 9, 2025

*Re: Livingston County Central Dispatch Video Wall Request*

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of the Livingston County Central Dispatch request to obtain a video display wall. As a Fire Department with six miles of the US 23 freeway in our jurisdiction, our Department sees a definite need for this request.

Currently Michigan Department of Transportation cameras cover the majority of the freeway passing through our jurisdiction, including every interchange. There is, however, a disconnect between the real time data obtained by MDOT and the information our Central Dispatch receives when a crash occurs. Because our Central Dispatch lacks the requested video wall interface, it is difficult for dispatches to, in real time, visualize and determine the location of a crash. This presents a problem when, as is often the case, there are many different callers reporting a crash on the freeway, often with varying degrees of accuracy in their own and the crash's location. As a result, responding fire, police and EMS units are often given inaccurate or incomplete information regarding the location of an incident based on what various callers are reporting. A video wall that allows the dispatcher to cross-reference a report of a crash with live video of the actual location of the crash would alleviate at least some of the difficulties arising in this sort of situation and thus I am writing in support of this project.

Should you have any questions or require any further information, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Kevin Gentry, Fire Chief  
Green Oak Charter Township Fire Department



# Howell Area Fire Department

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Representative Woolford, et. Al.

As a fire department operating within Livingston County and under the county dispatching system, it is vital that our dispatch center remain current in technology that can best assist their abilities to support our community. With a county ems, eight fire departments and many numerous police agencies, 911 Central Dispatch is a non-stop hub of communication both coming in from emergent and non-emergent calls, as well as going out to the appropriate agencies. With the incorporation of a video wall to allow them to monitor local, regional and even national events, the benefits would be immeasurable. The impact would be great for all locally supported entities and even outside of the county to those that support Livingston agencies. I would like to thank you for your continued commitment to bettering your represented area and entrust you will continue your support with this project.

Regards,

*Ronald Hicks*

Chief Ronald Hicks  
Howell Area Fire Department



Michael J. Murphy  
Sheriff

Jason C. Pless  
Undersheriff

## LIVINGSTON COUNTY

# OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

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March 12, 2025

Livingston County Board of Commissioners,

Please allow this correspondence to serve as support for a video wall in the 911 dispatch center. As you are aware, 911 Central Dispatch is the only central emergency communications hub for this county. Essentially, they serve as the first point of contact for our response during emergencies and for the day-to-day non-emergency needs of the citizens.

Computers and monitors are everywhere throughout the room and every dispatcher is glued to their individual displays with a headset while juggling multiple emergency software platforms. While monitoring all the computers and entering data they are also simultaneously communicating, via radio, with all first responders in the field.

The addition of a video wall would create a central point of operation. The video wall would afford a dispatch team member the opportunity to arrange content being received and monitored from multiple software platforms into one comprehensive location, where it could be viewed by all staff members at the same time.

Having a wall of multiple video displays that can stream pertinent data and video information, relative to emergency response and situational awareness, into the dispatch center will allow that information to be shared in a timely fashion with all first responders working in the field.

This type of technology sharing just makes sense and having a video wall system in place to share information so our dispatch team can focus on providing pristine customer service to every 9-1-1 caller is the best option for all involved.

Emergency dispatch centers are high-stress environments, and I believe that anything that will streamline and orchestrate information, being received or broadcast by our center, is an operationally smart decision and the Sheriff's Office is in full support of the video wall project.

Sheriff Michael J. Murphy





# Green Oak Charter Township Police

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Chief Steven Kramer

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Deputy Chief Robert Bradford



**April 11, 2025**

## **Livingston County Board of Commissioners**

Dear Commissioners,

Please accept this letter of from the Green Oak Township Police Department for the proposed installation of a video wall in the 911 Central Dispatch Center.

Livingston County Central Dispatch serves as the county's sole emergency communications hub. Dispatchers are the first point of contact for citizens in crisis and are equally vital in handling non-emergency needs across our community. These dedicated professionals work in a high-stakes, high-stress environment, constantly navigating multiple software systems while maintaining real-time communication with first responders across the field.

Currently, each dispatcher manages a complex array of individual monitors, processing a high volume of dynamic information. A video wall would serve as a centralized visual platform, allowing dispatch staff to organize and display critical data from various software sources in one unified, visible location. This would improve overall situational awareness and ensure that all team members are aligned during emergency operations.

The ability to stream relevant data and video feeds directly into the dispatch center would allow for faster, more coordinated decision-making and enhance the ability to relay timely information to first responders. This level of operational efficiency can significantly impact public safety outcomes and the overall quality of emergency response.

Investing in this technology is not just a step forward in modernization—it's a strategic move to support the hardworking men and women who answer every 9-1-1 call with professionalism and urgency. We fully support the video wall initiative and believe it will be an invaluable asset to Livingston County's public safety infrastructure.

Thanks,

Chief Steven Kramer #501



# **HARTLAND DEERFIELD FIRE AUTHORITY**

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February 28, 2025

TO: Livingston County Board of Commissioners

RE: 911 Central Dispatch Video Wall

On behalf of the HDFA, and as President of the Livingston County Fire Chiefs Association, I am writing you in support of the video wall 911 Central Dispatch is requesting. It will be a direct benefit to the fire service. Their ability to monitor traffic flow and identify congestion points based on live data is a gamechanger for us all especially with the upcoming construction on I-96 at Grand River.

MDOT plans to begin construction in the Spring to rebuild the interchange into a diverging diamond interchange. As part of this project, three structures will be replaced along I-96: the Ore Creek culvert under I-96 and the two I-96 bridges over Grand River Avenue. The anticipated date of completion for this project is sometime in 2026-2027.

There is much planning taking place in the fire service to prepare for this multi-year project, as access points to and from I-96 and parts of Grand River will be closed and/or heavily impacted. Of the eight (8) fire departments in the County, five (5) of them have highways/state roadways running through them which causes them to respond onto the highways that run through Livingston County.

Having this technology in 911 Central Dispatch would maximize the likelihood that fire will respond to accidents and other incidents in this area in real time effectively. Currently, the lack of any visuals from the 911 Center puts us at a disadvantage, as they receive so any calls on one incident that it is nearly impossible for them to provide us with accurate location information when it is most needed. However, with this technology 911 Central Dispatch can provide real-time information sharing between fire, police, EMS and Emergency Management, aiding in the coordination of emergency response efforts.

Thank you.

*Adam L. Carroll*

Adam Carroll, Fire Chief



David Feldpausch  
Director



Amy Chapman  
Deputy Director

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March 17, 2025

David Feldpausch  
Livingston County EMS Director  
1911 Tooley Rd  
Howell, MI 48855

Livingston County Board of Commissioners,

Please allow this correspondence to serve as support for a video wall in the 911 dispatch center. EMS relies on 911 Central Dispatch to receive emergency and non-emergency medical calls for service. They must prioritize those calls received and dispatch them to the closest EMS unit in a timely manner. The addition of a video wall will allow 911 Central Dispatch to increase their ability to serve EMS more efficiently and effectively.

EMS recently received Vision Tour funds to purchase a new EMS CAD which brings a number of technological advances to improve upon EMS' service delivery. Logis CAD will provide real-time data analysis, allowing dispatchers to make informed decisions about resource allocation and response strategies, all serving to reduce response times and improve patient outcomes.

Having a wall of multiple live video displays which includes EMS data, such as the ability to see in actual time where EMS resources are and what units are available in one central location for all dispatch staff to monitor, along with the ability to showcase traffic flow and identify congestion points in real-time patterns will save on response times for EMS.

Director Williams has indicated multiple simultaneous uses for a video wall in dispatch and while all of the uses are not geared towards EMS, there are enough benefits that I am in support of this project.

*Serving the Citizens of Livingston County*



March 17, 2025

Kecia S. Williams  
Livingston County Director of 911  
300 S Highlander Way  
Howell, MI 48843

Livingston County Board of Commissioners,

Please allow this correspondence to serve as support for a video wall in the 911 dispatch center. Emergency Management works just as closely with 911 Central Dispatch as it does with all the public safety entities in this county. 911 Central Dispatch serves as the initial point of contact for emergencies, while emergency management focuses on coordinating the overall response and recovery efforts from emergencies and disasters.

911 Central Dispatch provides critical information to emergency management regarding ongoing emergencies, which is essential for coordinating responses. Emergency Management uses the information obtained from 911 Central Dispatch to ensure necessary resources are deployed effectively and that communication channels are open during emergencies.

The technology this video wall brings will serve emergency management well, as it will allow 911 Central Dispatch the ability to send me live feed video of an emergency scene or disaster before I even arrive on location. Having a visual of an effected scene would allow me to start the process of alerting and notifying appropriate agencies to begin the coordination of recovery sooner. This will ensure a unified and efficient response in the recovery process of helping communities rebuild and restore essential services.

Director Williams brought the concept of a video wall to the attention of the Board in 2023 and has been working diligently to bring this idea to fruition. For the benefit of Emergency Management and all other public safety entities in the County, I sincerely hope the Board grants 911 Central Dispatch approval to move forward with this project.



## Livingston County Emergency Management

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**Emergency Management Coordinator: Therese Cremonte**

To Whom it May Concern,

April 4, 2025

Livingston County Emergency Management is in support of a video wall for Livingston County 911 Central Dispatch (LCCD.)

The video wall will enhance the ability of LCCD to provide information and resources to responders and enable them to better serve and protect the community.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Therese Cremonte".

Therese Cremonte P.E.M.  
Emergency Manager, Livingston County