

CITY OF PORTAGE DES SIOUX

RESOLUTION NO. 072009

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ST. CHARLES COUNTY COUNCIL, RELATING TO THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION MANDATE FOR EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS

WHEREAS, January 1, 2013 is the Federal Communications Commission deadline for operators of emergency radio communications systems including St. Charles County to be changed to a narrow-band system; and

WHEREAS, without a major investment in such changes, the existing radio system for fire and ambulance and a large part of police services in St. Charles County will not be usable on January 1, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the City of Portage des Sioux supports the St. Charles County Government in order to comply with this FCC mandate, a temporary return to the previous level of the capital improvement tax is needed in order to provide for the safety and welfare of all residents of St. Charles County, which is the supreme duty of government, and

WHEREAS, the August 4, 2009 Election will include a ballot proposal to reinstate the 1/4 cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax to go into effect January 1, 2011, a tax which was previously 1/4 cent until January 1, 2007 when it was lowered to 1/5 cent; and

WHEREAS, the reinstatement of the 1/4 cent would be in effect until December 31, 2025, then the County would re-allocate twelve million dollars from existing funds toward the expected thirty-six million emergency radio communications system, saving taxpayers seven million in interest costs.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF PORTAGE DES SIOUX, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City of Portage des Sioux supports the St. Charles County Council to act to ensure emergency services continue to have the means and equipment needed to protect and preserve the safety of our citizens and to ensure that the citizens of the County are educated about the need to upgrade the emergency services radio system for fire, ambulance and much of law enforcement in St. Charles County.

SECTION 2. The City Clerk is hereby directed to send a copy of this resolution to the St. Charles County Council.

Read and adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2009.

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Mark D. Warner, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Suzie A. Cissell, City Clerk