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Date: August 19, 2026

To: Board of Commissioners

Re: Reimbursement of Reasonable Election Costs

Commissioners,

Following the successful renewal of the 911 operating surcharge in May, I am requesting approval to reimburse the local municipalities for their reasonable election-related expenses, as the 911 surcharge was the only measure on the May ballot.

The implementation of early voting has increased the workload and associated costs for local clerks. Alpena County Central Dispatch appreciates their assistance in securing renewal of the operating surcharge and respectfully requests authorization to reimburse their reasonable expenses, consistent with the reimbursement provided by my predecessor for the prior surcharge renewal in 2021. The 2026 reimbursement requests total \$48,953.98.

Additionally, I have worked with the State 911 Office to develop a plan to avoid May surcharge elections in the future. Even if a state primary is held in May and other measures are on the ballot, we have a process in place to place the surcharge renewal on the November ballot. This will create a more efficient renewal cycle and eliminate the time constraints associated with the May election and State reporting deadline.

Thank you for your consideration,

Kim Elkie
Director

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