

LAKE CONSOLIDATED EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

(LAKECOMM)

RESOLUTION 2024-005

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION AND EXECUTION OF AN ENGAGEMENT LETTER FOR LEGAL SERVICES WITH THE LAW FIRM OF OTTOSEN, DINOLFO, HASENBALG, AND CASTALDO, LTD.

WHEREAS, Lake Consolidated Emergency Communications (LakeComm) is a unit of intergovernmental cooperation created under the authority of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, 5 ILCS 220/1 *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, LakeComm was formed by a consortium of public agencies (“LakeComm Member Agencies”) though an Intergovernmental Agreement (“Agreement”) to establish a consolidated public safety answering point (PSAP) and emergency dispatch agency for the purpose of providing all administrative and operational duties and services as generally accepted and necessary for the provision of emergency communications services; and

WHEREAS, LakeComm desires to retain a law firm comprised of attorneys licensed to practice law in the State of Illinois, to serve as the legal counsel for 9-1-1 Communication Center issues and other matters that may be assigned by LakeComm; and

WHEREAS, Article VI of the LakeComm Bylaws dated July 30, 2024 authorizes the LakeComm Executive Committee to, “Hire legal counsel or execute a contract for legal services that support LakeComm;” and

WHEREAS, since December of 2023, John H. Kelly of the Law Firm of Ottosen, Dinolfo, Hasenbalg, & Castaldo, Ltd. has been the principle attorney providing legal services to the PSAP Consolidation Committee (PCC); and

WHEREAS, based on Mr. Kelly’s professional expertise, background on the establishment of LakeComm, and existing relationship with LakeComm through the PCC, your LakeComm Transition Manager recommends LakeComm enter into an agreement with the Law Firm of Ottosen, Dinolfo, Hasenbalg, & Castaldo, Ltd. for legal services with John H. Kelly as the principal attorney.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE LAKECOMM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, AS FOLLOWS;

SECTION 1: The above recitals are full, true, and correct and are hereby referenced, incorporated, and made part of this Resolution as findings.

SECTION 2: The purpose of this Resolution is to approve an Engagement Letter for Legal Services naming John H. Kelly of the Law Firm of Ottosen, Dinolfo, Hasenbalg, & Castaldo, Ltd. as the principal attorney for LakeComm.

SECTION 3: The LakeComm Executive Committee hereby authorizes the adoption and execution of the Engagement Letter for Legal Services with the Law Firm of Ottosen, Dinolfo, Hasenbalg, & Castaldo, Ltd. with John H. Kelly named as the principal attorney for LakeComm, a copy of which is attached hereto and marked as Exhibit A.

SECTION 4: This Resolution and Exhibit A shall be in effect and in full force immediately upon passage by the LakeComm Executive Committee.

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ADOPTED at Lake County, Illinois, on _____, 2024.

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Bill Hogan (Fire Protection District)				
Greg Jackson (Municipal)				
Ed Lescher (Fire Chief)				
Billy McKinney (Vice Chair)				
Jason Seeley (Chief of Police)				
Patrice Sutton (Lake County)				
Kevin Timony (Chair)				

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LAKECOMM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ATTEST