



Tompkins County Legislature

Governor Daniel D. Tompkins Building
Ithaca, NY 14850

Meeting: 07/10/17 04:00 PM
Department: County Administration
Category: Public Safety
Functional Category:

SCHEDULED

RESOLUTION NO. *DOC ID: 7148*

1 **Authorizing an Appropriation of \$20,500 from the Contingent Fund to**
2 **Implement a Mass Notification System in Tompkins County**

3 WHEREAS, Tompkins County and local governments within it have occasional, but critical, needs to notify
4 the public about issues of timely importance, and

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6 WHEREAS, the County and other local governments within the County now lack a single means to efficiently
7 and accurately address those needs in a way that ensures all members of the public who need to be, or would like to be,
8 are informed of important governmental matters that may affect them, and

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10 WHEREAS, mass notification systems now exist that can provide immediate and consistent communication to
11 the general public for matters of general concern or interest, and to specific individuals who have asked to be notified
12 of specific matters or events, and

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14 WHEREAS, such mass-notification systems enable messages to be sent to the public via phone, text message,
15 email, fax, and social media, and

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17 WHEREAS, recognizing the benefit of such mass notification systems, Tompkins County has participated
18 with the City of Ithaca in evaluating four such systems and both parties have concluded that the Swift911 system, a
19 product of the SwiftReach Company of Mahwah, New Jersey, is the superior system, and

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21 WHEREAS, there are significant economic and operational benefits that result from Tompkins County
22 assuming responsibility for the acquisition and hosting of the system as a shared service, particularly the ability of a
23 countywide system to enable every municipal jurisdiction within the County to implement, without cost, its own
24 unique applications that are appropriate to the community, and

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26 WHEREAS, the Swift911 system will be managed by the Emergency Communications (911) Center within
27 County's Department of Emergency Response (DOER), and

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29 WHEREAS, there will be an annual licensing fee for the Swift911 system that will be borne by the County and
30 that should therefore be added to the DOER target budget, now therefore be it

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32 RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Public Safety and the Budget, Capital, and Personnel Committees,
33 That the County Administrator is authorized to negotiate and enter into a three-year contract with SwiftReach for the
34 Swift911 system,

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36 RESOLVED, further, That the target budget for the Department of Emergency Response shall be increased by
37 \$20,000 to allow the mass-notification system to be sustained in the future,

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39 RESOLVED, further, That the Director of Finance be and hereby is directed to make the following budget
40 appropriation:

41	FROM	A1990.54400	Contingent Fund	\$20,500
42	TO:	A3411.54425	Emergency Communications-Service Contracts	\$20,500

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44 **SEQR ACTION: TYPE II-20**