



NAPAVINE POLICE DEPARTMENT

June 7, 2023

To: Lewis County Board of Commissioners

Re: Support of 911 Sales and Use Tax Ballot Measure

Our agency utilizes the services provided by the Lewis County 911 Communications on a constant basis in order to maintain our services to our citizens. Our citizens also rely on them for those same purposes. As users of dispatch services, we expect the 911 center to provide high-quality dispatch services, using technologies that are current and supported. While the basic dispatch needs, such as computer aided dispatch, phone systems and dispatch radios, are currently maintained at minimal levels, the ability to fund replacement in the future is not attainable with the current funding means. The option to assess and implement new technologies that would aid the dispatchers and our field responders is extremely limited by the current funding path.

By supporting the implementation of this sales and use tax, our agency feels this would provide the dispatch center with independent funding and reduce reliance on user agencies while stabilizing funding for existing operations. It is our opinion, along with the City of Napavine Council and Mayor, this funding is necessary to allow for implementation of new technologies that would help 911 provide more efficient and faster responses to the public. We feel that it would ensure citizens of the City of Napavine and Lewis County receive the best and most timely 911 services possible.

Our agency asks that you, the Board of County Commissioners for Lewis County support presenting this option to the public.

Sincerely yours,

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