

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: STORY COUNTY 911 SERVICE BOARD REPRESENTATION

BACKGROUND:

The Story County 911 Service Board (Board) supports 911 emergency communications services in Ames and throughout Story County. The Board receives, administers, and disperses the 911 surcharge that is levied on all wireline and wireless phones. The Board provides support to Ames by subsidizing a variety of emergency response costs including telephone trunk lines, radio tower fees, and the purchase of emergency communications equipment in the Communications Center.

The City has two voting members on the Board representing: 1) the City as a whole, and 2) the Chief of Police (as the director of the communications center). Each voting member has a designated alternate. The current members are:

For the City of Ames:

- Member – Tom Hackett, Fire Department Deputy Chief
- Alternate – Doug Allen, Fire Department Deputy Chief

For the Chief of Police:

- Member – Charles Cychosz, Chief of Police
- Alternate – Doug Houghton, Police Department Support Services Manager

Doug Houghton retired from the City effective April 3, 2020. The Chief of Police recommends the appointment of Commander Geoff Huff as the new alternate. Commander Huff's appointment would be effective upon approval of the City Council.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the appointment of Geoff Huff as the Chief of Police alternate to the Story County 911 Service Board.
2. Do not approve the appointment and direct staff to recommend other appointees.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Story County 911 Service Board continues to provide professional and financial resources to the City to support emergency response activities. It is important to maintain representation on this Board.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the appointment of Geoff Huff as the Chief of Police alternate to the Story County 911 Service Board.