Resolution # 02-2014

In Support of Senate Bill 566 – Statewide Emergency Telecommunications System

WHEREAS, Under current law, county 911 emergency telecommunications systems are funded as follows: counties may levy charges, the so-called county option landline fee (up to 40 cents); and the county levy (See: SS 256.35(3) & (3m), Wis. Stats.) and

WHEREAS, The current method of funding 911 emergency telecommunications services is no longer viable due to the decline of the number of landline phones and the concurrent increase in demand for 911 services; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 566 relates to state 911 telecommunications services, and addresses, among other things, funding issues. This bill does all of the following: a) eliminates the police and fire protection fee; b) requires statewide funding for a 911 emergency telecommunications system; c) requires the Public Service Commission (PSC) to contract for the establishment and maintenance of such a system and reimburse communications providers for related costs; d) allows the PSC to make grants to public safety answering points (PSAPS) for the improvement of 911 services; e) creates a 16 member state 911 council; and f) includes other provisions related to the foregoing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Town Board of the Town of Brussels does hereby express its support for Senate Bill 566.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED That a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Walker, Representative Garey Bies, and Senator Frank Lasee.

TOWN OF BRUSSELS:

Joe Wautier, Chairman

Mark Marchant, Supervisor No. 1

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Attest JoAnn Neinas, Clerk