

Intergovernmental Agreement
Between Scott County, Iowa, City of Davenport, City of Bettendorf,
Davenport Hospital Ambulance Corporation d/b/a MEDIC EMS
and the Emergency Management Agency
For the Scott Emergency Communication Center

The articles of agreement are made and entered into this 12th day of December, 2007, by and between Scott County, Iowa (hereinafter County), City of Davenport, Iowa (hereinafter Davenport), City of Bettendorf (hereinafter Bettendorf), Davenport Hospital Ambulance Corporation d/b/a MEDIC EMS (hereinafter MEDIC) and the Emergency Management Agency (hereinafter EMA) as indicated by the actions of their respective governing bodies.

WHEREAS, the parties believe the creation of a separate entity entitled the Scott Emergency Communications Center, hereinafter SECC, established for the purpose of providing public safety dispatch and communication services for all participating public safety answering points (PSAP) will improve services to the citizens of Scott County, Iowa;

WHEREAS, the parties believe SECC will reduce overall costs to the individual agencies by reducing management costs, reducing employment competition, providing more flexible and efficient use of staff, and provide for more efficient use of technology;

WHEREAS, the parties believe SECC will promote consistent standard operating procedures (SOP) and will maintain or improve efficiencies in response times;

WHEREAS, the parties believe costs can be reduced by the joint purchase of radios and equipment by SECC and achieve interoperability for the members and all public safety and local governments located in Scott County;

WHEREAS, the parties have the authority to enter into this agreement and provide for a funding source pursuant to Iowa Code Chapters 28E and 29C (2007) as amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements hereinafter set forth, the parties agree as follows:

1. Board of Directors: The governing board, hereinafter Board of Directors, of SECC shall be composed of the following representatives:
 - a. Chairperson, Scott County Board of Supervisors
 - b. Mayor, City of Davenport
 - c. Mayor, City of Bettendorf
 - d. A Mayor representing cities located in Scott County. This Mayor shall be chosen by the Chairperson of the Scott County Board of Supervisors by polling the Scott County Mayors (excluding Davenport and Bettendorf) to serve a four year term, after which time every four years a new poll will be done following the November municipal election to select which city's mayor will serve on the Board for a term beginning in the following January.
 - e. Chairperson of the MEDIC EMS Board
 - f. The Administrators of Scott County, City of Davenport, City of Bettendorf and MEDIC Executive Director shall serve as ex-officio non-voting members of the SECC Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors shall elect its officers from its voting membership, at the first regular meeting of the calendar year. The officers of the Board of Directors shall consist of a chairperson, vice-chairperson and secretary/treasurer. The term of office shall be one year. All members serve without compensation.

2. Powers and Duties: The general duties of the Board of Directors include the following:

- a. Any powers and authority granted to SECC by Iowa Code Chapter 28E;
- b. To appoint and supervise a SECC Director upon the vote of four members and to authorize the Director to employ such assistants and staff as may be necessary for the proper operation and management of the SECC. All employees shall be employees of SECC and not any party of this agreement. The County shall provide all administrative support functions required by the Director including human resources, legal, facility and support services, information technology, accounting and payroll;
- c. To review and approve such rules, regulations, policies and standard operating procedures (SOP) as established by the Director for the purposes of managing the SECC, except that if the Board does not adopt a specific policy the County's General Policies and Human Resources Manual shall apply.
- d. To act as oversight and hear any appeals of decisions made by the Director;
- e. To authorize the acquisition, holding, disposal of, and leasing such real and personal property it deems necessary to carry out the terms of this agreement. The location and design of any building should be suitable to serve all public safety answering points (PSAPs) and to house the necessary equipment and staff to provide the services as set forth in this agreement;
- f. To enter into contracts or agreements on behalf of SECC;
- g. To approve an annual operating and capital budget by December 1st of each year for the fiscal year beginning the next July 1st
- h. To accept, receive and administer grants or other funds or gifts for purposes of carrying out the functions of this agreement; and to review and approve the expenditure of all funds budgeted;
- i. To approve and adopt bylaws for its operation and the operation of the Technical Advisory Committee not inconsistent with this agreement;

- j. To perform other duties as are relevant to the functions of this agreement.
3. Meetings: There shall be no less than four regular meetings per year and the Board of Directors shall meet at a time and place conducive to public meetings and comply with the state open meetings law. Special meetings may be called at other times. The chairperson may call special meetings as deemed necessary, and is obligated to do so upon the request of two or more members. A quorum of the Board of Directors shall be three voting members. A majority of the members present and voting shall be necessary for the passage of any action. The officers of the Board of Directors shall vote as members of the Board. Meetings shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order, Revised unless otherwise stated in the bylaws.
 4. Technical Advisory Committee: The Board of Directors shall create a Technical Advisory Committee to provide guidance and advice to the Board of Directors and SECC Director. The Technical Advisory Committee shall consist of the Davenport Police Chief, the Davenport Fire Chief, the Bettendorf Police Chief, the Bettendorf Fire Chief, the Scott County Sheriff, a MEDIC EMS representative, the Scott County EMS-Physicians Advisory Board Medical Director, an outlying police agency representative, a volunteer fire department representative, and a volunteer ambulance representative or their designees. The Technical Advisory Committee shall assist the SECC Director in developing the SOP. The SOP shall contain the standard operating procedures of the SECC and govern its conduct. If a conflict exists between the SOP and any federal, state or local law, bylaw or collective bargaining agreement the latter shall govern. The Technical Advisory Committee shall utilize the expertise of all the members' IT Directors, County GIS Coordinator, and Public Works/Secondary Roads Directors along with other community stakeholders in developing any SOP or purchases that affect their operations or in which they may provide professional guidance.

5. Financial Matters:

- a. The SECC fiscal year shall be from July 1st to June 30th each year. The financial accounts shall be audited as required by state law.
- b. The Board of Directors shall transmit its budget to the EMA Board who without modification will include in its budget transmitted to County Board of Supervisors no later than December 1st, which shall include amounts sufficient to pay all principal and interest on Davenport's Bonds. The Board of Supervisors shall approve a countywide special levy pursuant to Iowa Code Section 331.424(1)(j) and Chapter 29C to fund said budget for the next fiscal year as part of its annual budget adoption.
- c. The City of Davenport will issue its General Obligation Bonds, in such amount and at such time as may be requested by the Board of Directors unless the sale of such bonds would cause Davenport to exceed its bonding capacity or otherwise interfere with its capital improvement program, in order to finance the acquisition of equipment and construction and furnishing of buildings to house SECC and EMA services and equipment including but not limited to public safety radios, vehicle communication devices, and the like as recommended in the 2007 radio study, provided that, before such Bonds are issued, the County Board of Supervisors has made provision for the levy of the special countywide property tax levy referred to in paragraph (b) above. It is the intent of this Agreement that the principal and interest on Davenport's Bonds will be paid solely and only from the special countywide tax levy. To the extent that, in any given year, there are not sufficient revenues from such levy to pay that year's principal of and interest on the Davenport's Bonds, the County Board of Supervisors will provide such amounts as necessary from other County resources.

- d. All personnel, equipment, maintenance and replacement of equipment provided, and operating costs of the SECC shall be budgeted and paid for through the countywide special levy or grants.
- e. Costs related to the construction and equipment of the backup center in the Scott County Courthouse shall be reimbursed to the City of Davenport over 10 years with no interest.
- f. The Board of Directors shall acquire such insurance as it deems appropriate in consideration of insurance market conditions and the SECC activities and potential liabilities.

6. Initial Implementation:

- a. The parties acknowledge that there are currently four public safety answering points (PSAP) in Scott County: Scott County, Davenport, Bettendorf, and MEDIC EMS.
- b. All parties to this agreement have indicated by their participation that they are a member of the SECC, thus not requiring a separate letter of intent.
- c. The members agree that the MEDIC EMS' PSAP (MED-COM) will co-locate at SECC and within thirty months following the opening of SECC the feasibility of full consolidation between MED-COM and SECC shall be mutually determined. Should there be full consolidation, transition of current MEDIC EMS employees will be guided by similar principles established in paragraph 6(d).
- d. All Communication Clerks employed by Davenport, Lead Communication/Computer Specialist and Communication/Computer Specialists employed by Bettendorf and all Public Safety Dispatch Supervisors, Lead Public Safety Dispatchers and Public Safety Dispatchers employed by Scott County will be offered employment at their current rate of pay with the SECC. Additionally their original employment dates with their prior employers and sick and vacation leave banks along with their current accrual rates shall be transferred to SECC. The employees will be provided with the SECC policies

affecting employment including seniority along with the notice given at least 30 days in advance that their employment with Davenport, Bettendorf or Scott County will cease on a specific date and they have 30 days to notify the SECC director of their intent to accept employment with SECC.

- e. All decisions by the SECC Board of Directors, Technical Advisory Committee, and SECC Director shall be guided by the 2006 Consolidation Study and 2007 Radio Study in the development of the new Scott Emergency Communication Center (SECC).

7. Duration and Termination:

- a. This agreement shall become effective upon ratification of all parties hereto.
- b. Any proposed amendments to this agreement shall be provided in writing and approved by resolution of the member's board or council prior to adoption by the Board of Directors. Any amendment must receive a majority vote of the entire Board to be adopted.
- c. This agreement shall remain effective until such time as all principal and interest on Davenport's bonds are repaid, at which time any party may withdraw from participation by giving 180 days notice that the party's governing body has passed a resolution indicating its intent to withdraw. The withdrawing party shall be deemed to have forfeited any rights to any share of the value of assets/property including any software licenses acquired by the SECC. Should all the parties mutually agree to terminate this agreement the property and assets shall become property of the County, after any and all claims against the SECC have been satisfied. The County shall be liable for any and all debts and liabilities, determined and undetermined, attributable to SECC not satisfied at the time of termination.
- d. If any provision of this agreement or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or application of this agreement which can be

given effect without invalid provisions or application and to this end the provisions of this agreement are declared to be severable.

- e. This agreement shall be controlled by and construed and interpreted under the laws of the state of Iowa.

SCOTT COUNTY, IOWA

CITY OF DAVENPORT, IOWA

By: _____

James V. Hancock, Chairperson

By: _____

Edwin G. Winborn, Mayor

Attest: _____

Karen Fitzsimmons, County Auditor

Attest: _____

Jackie E. Holecek, Deputy City Clerk

CITY OF BETTENDORF, IOWA

**DAVENPORT HOSPITAL
AMBULANCE CORPORATION
d/b/a MEDIC EMS**

By: _____

Michael J. Freemire, Mayor

By: _____

Jerry McCormick, Board President

Attest: _____

Decker P. Ploehn, City Clerk

Attest: _____

Susan Beswick, Board Secretary

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

By: _____

Gerry Voelliger, Chairperson

Attest: _____

Ross Bergen, EMA Coordinator