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To: Government Oversight Committee

From: Jennifer Acton

Re: Sixty-Five Cent E911 Wireless Surcharge First Calendar Quarter Report (January through March 2006)

The Legislative Services Agency has received the 1st calendar quarter report from the office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division as required in Section 34A.7A(3)(b), Code of Iowa.

The Division received $3.2 million in revenue from the $0.65 E911 wireless surcharge. This is a decrease of $111,000 compared to the previous quarter. Chapter 34A.7A, Code of Iowa, specifies the priority order in which the collected surcharge funds are to be expended. The Fund earned $7,500 in interest. The total expended this quarter was $3.2 million. Listed below, by priority order, are the amounts expended:

• $50,000 per quarter for administration which includes 2.5 FTE positions, an annual audit, and program operating costs. Intent language in HF 811 (FY 2006 Justice System Appropriations Act) specifies that up to $200,000 of the wireless surcharge money may be used for these expenses each fiscal year.

• $548,000 for wireless service provider cost recovery. This is a decrease of $88,000 compared to the previous quarter. The $548,000 is the actual amount billed and the remaining $118,000 of the required 21.0% of the revenue generated is included in the carryover balance. This money is allocated to the wireless carriers to recover costs associated with providing wireless E911 Phase 1 (tower address, call back number) service.

• $255,000 for wire-line transport costs for local carriers. This is an increase of $3,800 compared to the previous quarter. This amount is a reimbursement to telephone companies for their actual costs of transporting the wireless E911 call from the selective router to the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP).

• $1.2 million for automated location information costs for local carriers. This is an increase of $12,000 compared to the previous quarter. This amount is a reimbursement to companies that provide Automatic Location Information (ALI) database services and selective routing.

• $761,000 for the Public Safety Answering Points System (PSAPS). There are currently 124 PSAPS which provide
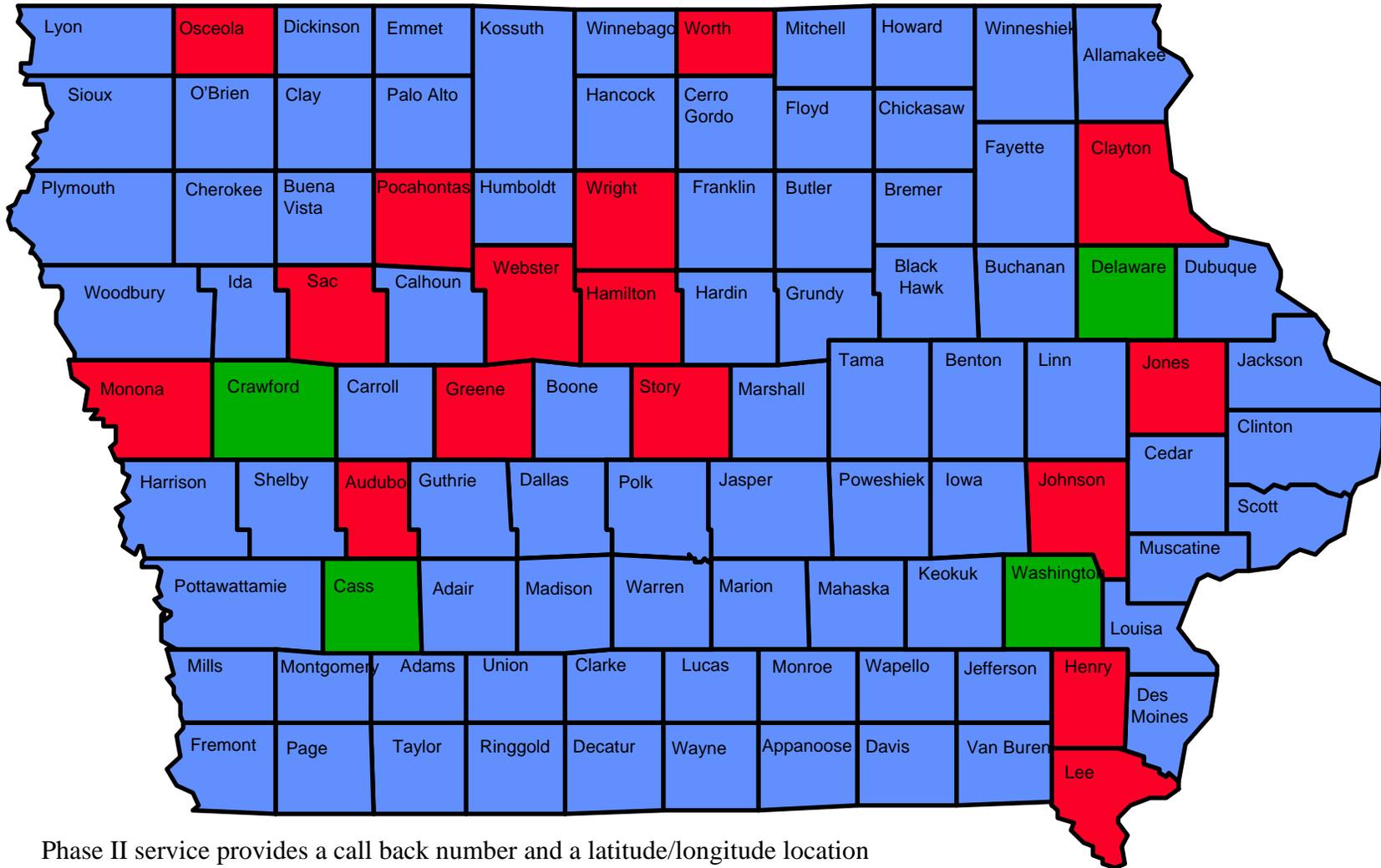
55,996 square miles of coverage. This past quarter, the PSAPS received 100,433 wireless calls. The amount the PSAPS receive is 24.0% of the surcharge generated and are distributed to the PSAPS based on the following formula: 65.0% of the total based on the square mileage of the local 911 service area and 35.0% of the total based on the volume of the wireless E911 calls that the PSAPS receive.

- $434,000 carryover for future Phase 2 network and PSAP upgrades and improvements. The total carryover funds available is $1.4 million of which, $400,000 is obligated for Phase 2 expenditures to complete the Phase 2 upgrade by July 1, 2006. The remaining carryover balance is $1.0 million, which the Division is proposing to use to expand the E911 network to a digital, IP-based technology environment.

Pursuant to SF 2298 (FY 2005 Omnibus Appropriations Act), the Oversight Committee is required to review the priority order of the distribution of funds every two years. The next review is July 2006.

Wireless E911 Phase II Deployments

- ■ Phase 2 Service Deployed – 80 Counties – 92 PSAPs
- ■ Mapping Being Deployed – 15 Counties – 26 PSAPs
- ■ Phase 2 Request Issued – 4 Counties – 6 PSAPs

Phase II service provides a call back number and a latitude/longitude location of a caller making a 911 call from a wireless (cellular,PCS) phone.

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