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JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS

- WHEREAS, Virginia Code Section 15.2-1300 allows any two or more political subdivisions to enter into agreements with one another for joint action; and
- WHEREAS, Section 3.6 of the James City County Charter states that the Board of Supervisors is the policy determining body of the County and has the power to create, alter, or abolish County departments, bureaus, divisions, offices, or agencies; and
- WHEREAS, the County operates an Emergency Communications Center, a division of the Fire Department, to provide computer-aided dispatch services for Police, Fire, and Emergency Responders in the County; and
- WHEREAS, York County manages a Regional Emergency Communications Center providing computer-aided dispatch services for Police, Fire, and Emergency Responders in York County, the Cities of Williamsburg and Poquoson; and
- WHEREAS, County Administration has explored the possibility of merging the James City County Emergency Communication Center with the Regional Emergency Communications Center to provide computer-aided dispatch services more efficiently; and
- WHEREAS, the Board adopted a resolution on March 28, 2023, authorizing the County Administrator to negotiate an agreement with York County for consolidation of Emergency Communications.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, does hereby approve the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement to operate a regional emergency communications center and authorizes the County Administrator:
 - To execute an agreement or agreements, in accordance with Virginia Code Section 15.2-1300, by and between James City County and/or York County, the Cities of Williamsburg and Poquoson for the joint operation of a regional emergency communications center; and
 - 2. To take those steps necessary and appropriate to merge the County's Emergency Communications Center with the Regional Emergency Communications Center managed by York County; and
 - 3. Upon execution of the aforementioned agreement or agreements and upon merger of the County's Emergency Communications Center with the Regional Communications Center managed by York County, to convert the County's Emergency Communications Center into a backup Emergency Communications Center as needed for the Regional Emergency Communications Center.

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Michael J. Hippie Chairman, Board of Supervisors

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Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, this 25th day of April, 2023.

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