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Yadkin County

The Yadkin County Board of Commissioners voted during its regular meeting Monday, March 17, 2025, to move Communications (Public Safety Answering Point or PSAP) from the authority of the Sheriff's Office to under the Board of Commissioners through the County Manager's Office. It will be a stand-alone department and not under any other department. Communications in Yadkin County serves many different public safety agencies including the Yadkin County Rescue Squad, 10 volunteer fire departments, Emergency Services, the NC Forest Service, NC Wildlife, NC Highway Patrol as well as the Sheriff's Office and the 4 municipal police departments.

In North Carolina there are 125 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP), with 20 of them under a county Sheriff's Office. North Carolina General Statute 143B-1400 governs the Emergency Telephone Service. North Carolina counties are responsible for emergency communications and receive funding from the NC 911 Board. Yadkin County has received a grant to relocate Communications from its current location and has entered into an agreement with the NC 911 Board. The grant was written by the Communications Director and approved by the Board of Commissioners.

The Board also approved transferring all of the positions and current employees with the departmental move. It is the Board's hopes that all of the employees, including Director Dylan Zachary, will agree to become employees of the County. Dylan Zachary was unaware of the move and has been offered to continue in the position as Director.