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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Today, the County Commissioners were notified by Paul Singleton, Executive Director of the Emergency Communications Center that an employee has tested positive for COVID-19. Because of the potential exposure to employees on all three shifts, Director Singleton has contacted all employees to be tested as soon as possible. The Commissioners have contacted the Mayor and County Sheriff about this matter and all are working together on this situation.

As part of its COVID-19 emergency plan, the County Commissioners have been in contact with the County Health Department and Administrator Jamie Bane about a set of specific guidelines being put forth manage these extenuating circumstances, while still protecting the community. Employees have been contacted about testing options, locations and have been instructed if an employee has any symptoms or is not feeling well to stay home and not come in to work. The Emergency Communications Center will also work with the State Health Department on contact tracing for all employees. Director Singleton will continue to monitor the results of the testing with the employees, Commissioners and local Health Department.

As part of its COVID-19 emergency plan, the County has contacted surrounding agencies that operate the same type of system as Delaware County for assistance, as needed. The Commissioners have also contacted their 911 Consultant, Barry Ritter, former head of the State 911 Agency to work on state resources to assist Delaware County. Director Paul Singleton has been in contact with the City Police and Fire Chiefs to inform them of the situation and will continue to work with them if there is a change of dispatching requirements or a temporary change over to another agency, if required. All agencies and departments are working together during this time to make sure that the high level of emergency communications are maintained and that public safety is continued. There will be no reduction or diminution of the level of service during this time.

The County Commissioners are hoping that all of employees and their families of the 911 center that are affected by this virus will have a quick and full recovery from their illness.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT COMMISSIONER
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