Feasibility Study Highlights

The City of Bellefontaine and Logan County requested a feasibility study in order to obtain data-driven analyses related to the potential benefits of a consolidated dispatching operation. Our report reviewed three areas where the City and County could potentially gain efficiency and/or cost-effectiveness.

FINANCIAL IMPACT



- **»** Combined annual savings based on retaining all current staff, in conjunction with the most probable facility locations, are estimated to range from approximately \$170,000 to \$244,000.
- >> The degree to which savings could be realized depends on the specific combination of personnel and capital resources that would ultimately be agreed upon by both parties.

STAFFING & WORKLOAD

- **>>** To cover the City and County's combined workload, a combined dispatch operation would require 13.0 FTEs.
- ➤ The combined operation could initially retain all current staff, totaling 15.0 FTEs, but gradually right-size down to 13.0 FTEs through retirement and attrition.

EQUIPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

- **>>** The City and County currently own duplicative equipment and technology assets, some of which would no longer be needed if the entities consolidate.
- **>>** By combining operations, the City could save \$11,570 annually on equipment and technology costs, and the County could save \$29,862.

& FACILITY NEEDS

>> Dispatch operations for the City are centrally located in City Hall, while the County's dispatch is housed at the Logan County Sheriff's Office, also located in Bellefontaine.



>> The current locations are too small to house a combined operation. Various options that could house a consolidated operation exist elsewhere within the City Hall building, the Logan County Sheriff's Office, and the former Armory building.