

**GENESEE COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS CONSORTIUM  
EXECUTIVE BOARD  
April 11, 2017**

Harris Auditorium  
2:00 p.m.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mark Emmendorfer, Chris Gehringer, Steve Fuhr, Jakki Sidge, Kim Courts, Tom Kish, Robert Pickell

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Karen Miller, Karyn Miller, Larry Green, Brad Barrett, Paul Zelnak, Drew Shapiro

**ALSO PRESENT:** Dave Ackley, Tim Jones, Scott Shook, Lyndon Lattie, Max Machuta, Ron Wiles, Brian Fairchild, George Sippert, Gary Stevens, Cathy Hickman, Robin Bush - Secretary

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The 9-1-1 Central Communications Executive Board was called to order by Chairman Emmendorfer at 2:00 p.m. at the Harris Auditorium.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION: MADE BY MR. GEHRINGER, SUPPORTED BY MR. FUHR THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 14, 2017 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING BE APPROVED.  
ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

**3. TREASURER'S REPORT:**

**MOTION: MADE BY MR. GEHRINGER, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER COURTS TO APPROVE THE 9-1-1 EXPENDITURE REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2017.  
ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

**4. PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

**MOTION: MADE BY MS. SIDGE, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER COURTS THAT THE PAYMENT OF BILLS (REPORT) FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2017 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$88,664.30 BE APPROVED.  
ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

**5. CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**

Ms. Cathy Hickman was presented with a framed certificate of appreciation for her 20 years of service as a 9-1-1 Dispatch Telecommunicator. She was recognized for her many years of service as well as the contributions she has made to the Center. Ms. Hickman retired as a full time dispatcher on March 24, 2017.

**6. OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. City of Flint Update**

Mr. Ackley stated that Mr. Steve Branch (Chief of Staff ) was appointed by Mayor Karen Weaver to represent the City of Flint on the General Membership Board.

**1. Laptop - Purchase Update**

Mr. Machuta reported that all of the external hardware came in but the wrong laptops were sent. The correct laptops should arrive within the next few weeks.

**B. U of M Backup Center**

Mr. Matchuta contacted Police Chief Hall for an update on the project. Chief Hall stated that renovations continue. He mentioned that a dedicated stairway was created from the police department to the dispatch center (for authorized personnel only). Mr. Machuta and Director Ackley will be making a visit to the backup center tomorrow to take a look at the progress. Mr. Machuta stated that hopefully next month the Building and Grounds Committee can plan a walk-through of the facility.

**C. New 800MHz Radios**

A request was submitted to all police and fire departments to inventory every mobile and portable, as well as the type, and to report that information back to Mr. Machuta. To date of the 64 departments only 12 have responded. Once the total count has been received the cost can be calculated. Mr. Machuta stated that after the May 2nd election we'll have a better idea of funding.

**Fire Ground Channels**

Mr. Machuta stated that the fire ground channels that were requested to be logged and recorded are being logged and recorded. Currently there are 26 channels "doing the job" for the entire Center. The expense of getting these recorders up and running was approximately 13,800.

**D. Advisory Board Report**

Chief Sippert reviewed the Advisory Board Minutes. He also stated that Chief Fairchild was appointed to the Bi-Laws Committee.

7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Fenton Administration Fees**

Attorney Lattie discussed his letter to Director Ackley concerning Director Ackley's question: Can the Consortium's Executive Board change the City of Fenton's distribution under the contract among the 30 units of government? Attorney Lattie answered No that the Executive Board cannot make that change but it can be done by a vote of the membership. The voting would be according to the schedule A on the percentage that each municipality uses. Attorney Lattie suggested an in-kind substitution might be a solution.

Attorney Lattie also discussed his letter to the membership board regarding why and how the 20% holdback from any PSAP that is not part of central dispatch was put into the contract. He also stated that the holdback provision was originally put in at the Board of Commissioners request since it was in their best interest to have everyone under central dispatch. The holdback was a penalty.

At the March 14, 2017 board meeting Director Ackley was instructed to examine what sort of in-kind solution might be available. Director Ackley reported that they were unable to come up with an in-kind solution.

Attorney Lattie continued to explain that the County Board controls 9-1-1 central dispatch. Further that the 911 Act was put in their hands allowing them to take whatever action is allowed under the Act and they've chosen to take the action to enter into a contract with 30 municipalities.

Attorney Lattie went on to explain that the Consortium in the beginning was a group of municipalities that wanted to support central dispatch which was operated by the state police. At that time the Board of Commissioners had a contract with the state. In 1996 the state indicated that they no longer wanted to operate central dispatch and that is when the 1997 amendment to the 1992 contract was negotiated. It is also when the Board of Commissioners through Ward Chapman indicated that they wanted certain provisions of the 1992 contract carried over into the 1997 contract. One of the provisions was the 80 / 20 split. Attorney Lattie stated again that the only way the contract can be changed is if it is amended by the membership board by a vote in which 75% of the use of central dispatch would have to pass. The City of Fenton would have to initiate the request for a vote.

Director Ackley and Deputy Director Jones met with the City of Fenton to discuss an in-kind solution. Director Ackley stated that the only in-kind solution they could come up with was to purchase their radios at a cost of approximately \$80,000 to \$90,000 which would be a one-time cost. Chairman Emmendorfer commented that there is a contract in place which addresses the 80 / 20 split and he does not feel that an in-kind solution is an option. However, the City of Fenton can take advantage of our mass purchase of radios. It was also mentioned that if the surcharge increase passes they will also benefit from it.

**8. OTHER BUSINESS:**

**A. Surcharge Increase Update**

There will be a 911 surcharge committee meeting at 4:00pm later today. Sign are going up in support of the increase all over the county. Currently there is \$850.00 in the committee account.

**B. Center Operations Report**

Director Ackley reported on the 7 new hires, our new training academy and their upcoming week long out of town basic 40 hour dispatch training. Call volume is expected to increase as the weather warms up.

**C. POLC Dispatch Negotiations**

All board members were sent a copy of the negotiated (approved by the union members) dispatcher union 2 year contract. This contract will run from September 30, 2016 through September 30, 2019. Attorney Lattie reviewed the contract with the board. The contract expired in September 2016 and a small signing bonus was negotiated to make up for the wage loss.

**MOTION: MADE BY MR. GEHRINGER, SUPPORTED BY SHERIFF PICKELL TO APPROVE THE TELECOMMUNICATOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT AS PRESENT.**

**Discussion:** Several members felt that they did not have ample time to review the agreement. Several members stated they never received the agreement. After some investigating Attorney Lattie discovered only 4 of the Executive Board members received the agreement.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

<b>Gehring</b>	<b>Nay</b>
<b>Fuhr</b>	<b>Nay</b>
<b>Emmendorfer</b>	<b>Nay</b>
<b>Sidge</b>	<b>Nay</b>
<b>Courts</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Kish</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Pickell</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**3 Ayes, 4 Nays Motion Not Carried**

**D. Budget / Audit Committee Report**

The budget / audit committee met on March 22nd. Chairman Emmendorfer reviewed the report with the board.

**E. Personnel / Professional Committee Report**

The personnel / professional contract committee met on March 15, 2017. He reviewed the report with the board. The next meeting will be May 10th.

9. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Attorney Lattie expressed his thanks to Chairman Young for his continued assistance in negotiating the Telecommunicator Agreement. He also thank Commissioner Courts for stepping in as his replacement.

10. **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 3:10p.m.

These minutes were prepared by Robin Bush , Secretary for Genesee County 9-1-1.