

**GENESEE COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS CONSORTIUM
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP**

March 10, 2015
Harris Auditorium
2:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Cole, Karen Miller, Mikki Hoffman,
Mark Emmendorfer, Larry Green, David
Guigear, Michael Hart, Dennis Heidenfeldt,
Jakki Sidge, Bryant Nolden, Tom Deasy,
Robert Pickell

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ted Henry

**CONSORTIUM MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

Chris Gerhinger, Karyn Miller, Paul Fortino,
Steve Fuhr, Joe Madore, Brad Barrett, Dennis
Okeefe, Jeff Lutze, Dayne Walling

**CONSORTIUM MEMBERS
ABSENT:**

Teresa Onika, Bonnie Mathis, Mary Ann
Price, Ryan Birchmeier, Eileen Kerr, Randy
Taylor, William Kovl, Paul Brake, Paul
Zelenak, Ray Foust, Adam Zettel, Donna
Archambault

ALSO PRESENT:

Lloyd Fayling, Dave Ackley, Scott Shook,
Mike Wright, Skip Davis, Tony Craig, John
Mullaly, Rick Freeman, George Sippert, Dave
Plumb, Rick Clolinger, Brian Fairchild, Dave
Stamm, Mike White, Damon Tobias, Max
Machuta, Mark Hoornstra, Scott Hillerman,
Kirk Wilkinson, Marvin Epperson, Mike
Becker, Terrance Green, Kevin Shanlian

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The 9-1-1 Central Communications General Membership was called to order by
Chairman Cole at 2:00 p.m. at the Harris Auditorium.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**MOTION: MADE BY MS. HOFFMAN, SUPPORTED BY MR. GREEN THAT
THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 9, 2014 GENERAL
MEMBERSHIP BOARD MEETING BE APPROVED.
ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

3. SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Chairman Cole presented Ms. Karyn Miller (Flint Township) with a plaque for her outstanding dedication and service to the Executive Board. She served in the position from 2011 - 2014.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

A. City of Flint

Mr. Lattie stated final negotiations are ongoing for the tower lease transfer as well as the Memorandum of Understanding which will be presented to the Executive Board at the July meeting if not sooner. Also discussed was a request by the City to extend the application submittal process from January 2015 until July 2015. This request was approved. At this time nine Flint City employees have applied with six being hired as of this date.

Center Expansion

Mr. Mike White (B.G. White Construction) who is the lead contractor for the project came before the board to give an overview and to answer any questions. Mr. White explained to the board the bidding process that was used during the project as well as discussed how sub-contractors were contacted and selected. (sub-contractor list was provided). Also discussed was the contract pricing as well as all change orders to date. It was requested that a detailed bid sheet be sent to all Consortium members related to the center expansion.

It was mentioned at today's meeting that the expansion alone was not voted on, however it was discussed and a vote was taken at the September 2014 General Membership meeting where the below motion was moved and supported. Mr. Fayling stated that, as all previous projects, this was his 'green light' to move forward with the construction expansion to allow the necessary space for Flint City dispatching to begin this June.

(Note the below motion was made at the September 2014 General Membership meeting)

MOTION: MADE BY MR. HEIDENFELDT, SUPPORTED BY MR. MADORE THAT THE CITY OF FLINT BE ACCEPTED FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE CONSORTIUM ON THE TERMS OUTLINED ON THE RECORD BY OUR COUNSEL, AND THAT THE DIRECTOR BE AUTHORIZED TO CARRY OUT AN ENLARGEMENT OF THE DISPATCH CENTER AND PERIPHERAL EQUIPMENT TO ACCOMMODATE THE ADDITION OF THE CITY OF FLINT PURSUANT TO THE REPORT GIVEN BY THE DIRECTOR.

It was mentioned that for future projects of this magnitude that perhaps it should be brought before the board for final approval even though as stated above Mr. Fayling felt approval had been given with the above motion.

1. Purchasing Policy / 9-1-1 Agreement (By-Laws)

Ms. Karyn Miller (Flint Township) has requested that the current purchasing policy being used by the Consortium be updated as well as updating the existing 9-1-1 Agreement.

**MOTION: MADE BY MS. MILLER, SUPPORTED BY MR. GEHRINGER TO UPDATE THE CURRENT PURCHASING POLICY AS WELL AS UPDATE THE EXISTING 9-1-1 AGREEMENT (BY-LAWS). ALSO TO HAVE THESE UPDATED AND PRESENTED AT THE JUNE 2015 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING.
ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

Mr. Lattie reminded the board that any changes to the 9-1-1 Agreement would have to be approved by the General Membership board.

2. Opens Meeting Act

It was discussed whether or not the Opens Meeting Act was violated at the December 2014 General Membership meeting where each township, city and village caucused for election to the Executive Board. Corporation Counsel gave an opinion on the issue and Mr. Lattie has been asked to look into this action as well.

3. Alternates

As stated in the 9-1-1 Agreement there are no alternates allowed to vote at the General Membership or the Executive Board meetings for the Michigan State Police or the County Commissioner should they be absent. It does state that if the Sheriff chooses to send an alternate, that alternate can vote but it needs to be in writing and sent to the Consortium attorney whom that individual will be. During the January 2015 Executive Board meeting a motion was made and moved to allow the Sheriff's alternate to vote (only at the January meeting) while the Consortium attorney waits to receive in writing who the Sheriff has assigned as his alternate.

(Note this motion was made at the January 2015 Executive Board meeting)

**MOTION: MADE BY MR. HEIDENFELDT, SUPPORTED BY MS. SIDGE TO ALLOW THE SHERIFF DESIGNEE VOTING RIGHTS AT TODAY'S MEETING.
ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

B. New MDC / Data Project

Mr. Machuta updated the board on the Flint Consolidation as well as the MDC Replacement Project.

MDC

Mr. Machuta and Mr. Emge (Blumerich) will be going to each department prior to installation to determine exactly what peripheral mounting equipment is needed in each vehicle.

During the October 28, 2014 Advisory Board Meeting a motion was made by Chief Brent Cole, supported by Chief Skip Dave to halt any additional MDC testing and move forward due to time delays and lack of benefit. Motion was carried.

1. Fire Station Computers Survey

A motion was made at the February 2015 Executive Board meeting to send a survey to all fire stations (before approving the purchase of computers) to determine the following:

- What is the brand name of your current computer?
- Do you currently provide the fire/police with new computers when an upgrade is required?
- What is your current operating system?
- Are you willing to provide an internet / WiFi connection?

a. Internet Cost

According to the Survey most fire stations already have or are willing to invest in internet. For those that do not a monthly cost would be incurred by the Consortium.

b. WiFi

Again according to the survey most fire stations already have or are willing to supply WiFi to their station. The cost to supply WiFi would initially be 150.00 to install.

**MOTION: MADE BY MR. HEIDENFELDT, SUPPORTED BY MS. SIDGE TO PURCHASE ONE COMPUTER FOR EACH FIRE STATION.
ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

**AMENDED MOTION: MADE BY MR. FUHR TO SUPPLY WIFI TO EACH FIRE STATION FOR THOSE STATIONS THAT DO NOT HAVE IT.
NO SUPPORT
MOTION FAILS**

A cost for the purchase of these fire station computers will be brought before the board for approval.

2. Grant Assistance

The City of Flint originally offered up 325,000 toward the Center expansion with funds that they had put aside for a new telephone system they now are not going to need. The City then contacted Mr. Fayling regarding a C-Gap grant they received when they purchased their new tower. Rather than getting the 325,000 we will be getting 368,000 towards the center expansion from that grant.

MOTION: MADE BY MR. HEIDENFELDT, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER NOLDEN TO ACCEPT THE 368,000 (GRANT) FROM FLINT CITY TOWARD THE CENTER EXPANSION RATHER THAN THE 325,000 ORIGINALLY OFFERED.

20 AYES

1 NAY

MOTION CARRIED.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

No New Business

6. OTHER BUSINESS:

A. Advisory Board Report / Microphone Fees

At the last Advisory Board meeting Chief Stamm requested that two issues be brought to the General Membership / Executive Board for discussion. The first issue is the microphone fee issue and how it will affect each department and what their responsibility will be once the credits are depleted. Mr. Ackley stated the state credits should run out sometime around April 2016 at which time we will be billed approximately 6,400 which will carry our credits through October 2016. He also stated at the same time we will be getting new credits for the City of Flint tower in the amount of 660,000 which should carry us through until 2018 therefore the 6,400 will not need to be paid.

Currently there are 1000 radios that have only been used 100 times to talk to receive. We are being charged 200.00 per radio for microphone fees which adds up to 200,000 for radios barely being used. We also have over 300 radios that have never been turned on in which microphone fees are being charged as well as maintenance fees. Mr. Ackley stated we could have gotten another 2 to 3 years worth of credits for these radios. Mr. Ackley along with a representative from the State will be working toward finding out which radios are not being used and possibly getting those turned off. He may also contact police and fire officials as well.

MOTION: MADE BY SHERIFF PICKELL, SUPPORTED BY MR. GUIGEAR TO BRING IN THE ADVISORY BOARD CHAIRMAN EACH MONTH TO MAKE THE ADVISORY BOARD REPORT. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION: MADE BY MS. MILLER, SUPPORTED BY MR. GUIGEAR TO HAVE THE ADVISORY BOARD PUT TOGETHER A FIVE YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR APPROVAL.
ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION: MADE BY MR. GUIGEAR, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER NOLDEN TO AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF 6,400.71 (should it be necessary) TO THE STATE OF MICHIGAN FOR MICROPHONE FEES WHICH MIGHT BE BILLED IN APRIL 2016.
ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

B. Radio Replacement

The second issue Chief Stamm wanted brought before the General Membership / Executive Board (for thought) was the life expectancy of the current Motorola radios? Mr. Ackley stated he was told 15 to 20 years. He also stated it is now necessary to find those radios that are not being used and bring them into the system.

Congratulations to Chief William Miller on his retirement.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 pm.

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