

**GENESEE COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS CONSORTIUM**  
**Executive Board Meeting Minutes**  
**April 10, 2018**  
**Genesee County 9-1-1**  
**2:00 p.m.**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chairperson Emmendorfer called the 911 Executive Board Meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Chris Gehringer, Karen Miller, Karyn Miller, Steve Fuhr, Mark Emmendorfer, Larry Green, Brad Barrett, Paul Zelenak, Jakki Sidge, Ellen Ellenburg, Kim Courts, Todd Mapes, Chris Swanson

**Others Present:** Chief Fairchild, Tim Jones, Lyndon Lattie, Spring Tremaine, Deanna Turner, Chief Wilkinson

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA, MINUTES & ACCOUNTS**

- April Agenda
- March 13, 2018 Executive Board Meeting Minutes
- Accounts - March (General Acct / Petty Cash)
- Treasurers Report - March

**Action Taken:** Motion by Swanson, supported by Miller, Flint Township, to approve the April agenda; March 13, 2018 Executive Board Meeting Minutes; Accounts - March (General Acct/Petty Cash) and Treasurers Report - March.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Gehringer     Aye  
Miller, Davison Aye  
Miller, Flint     Aye  
Fuhr             Aye  
Emmendorfer Aye  
Green            Aye  
Barrett          Aye  
Zelenak          Aye  
Sidge            Aye  
Ellenburg       Aye  
Courts           Aye  
Mapes            Aye  
Swanson         Aye

**MOTION CARRIED, ALL AYES**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

Ed Benning, General Manager and CEO of the MTA, said they have always been first responders and emergency responders. He said with the water emergency, they took buses into the community and spent months and years as a partner to help get people water and transported people providing filters or replacing water filters. He stated that \$100-250 per radio is an extreme hardship to their organization; they use 600 radios on a daily basis. Mr. Benning requested that the 911 Executive Board consider not increasing their rate.

Ms. Miller, Flint Township, asked when is the fiscal year for the MTA. Mr. Benning responded that their fiscal year is October 1-September 30 and they have not budgeted for this potential increase.

Mr. Green asked in reference to the growth of the organization how many numbers are they looking at in the next four years. Mr. Benning said 600-650 radios.

Ms. Miller, Davison Township, stated she sits on the MTA board and will give an opinion, but will abstain from a vote. She said they do have an agreement for radios that they will need to investigate.

Ms. Tremaine said for clarification, the MTA is going to stay with old radios and the costs are associated with the new radios. She said there are plenty of older radios and if they stay with the older radios that \$100 was a reasonable cost.

Mr. Jones said as a reminder, they are going to break down the entire radio system costs at the next budget meeting and bring numbers back to the board.

A discussion ensued.

Jeffrey Bauer, Disaster IT Manager for the Red Cross said the Red Cross owns four radios and never use them. He said the last time the radios were turned on was in 2016 during the Flint water crisis and they were used for 48 hours. He said the radios were required prior to the reorganization of the Red Cross. Mr. Bauer said in 2014, they no longer have chapters and are a national society now. He said they use the Michigan Public Safety Communications System and have no understanding of fees or who they are formally billed to.

Ms. Tremaine said the bill goes to the North Carolina headquarters and has not been paid.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Advisory Board Report**

Chief Fairchild said as a board, they voted to recommend to the 911 Executive Board that the mechanism for the pagers when out of range be turned on to whoever wishes

it be turned on. He said they wanted to leave it up to the fire chiefs if they wanted theirs turned on or not.

A discussion ensued.

**Action Taken:** Motion by Ellenburg, supported by Courts, to require all fire departments to have audible notifications turn back on the pagers.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Miller, Davison	Nay
Miller, Flint	Nay
Fuhr	Nay
Emmendorfer	Nay
Green	Nay
Barrett	Nay
Zelenak	Nay
Sidge	Nay
Ellenburg	Aye
Courts	Aye
Mapes	Nay
Swanson	Nay
Gehringer	Nay

**TWO AYES, ELEVEN NAYS, MOTION FAILED.**

Mr. Zelenak asked who wants the pagers on or off. Chief Wilkenson said they think at least 75% of the fire chiefs want the audible notification on.

Undersheriff Swanson asked what is the recommendation of the Fire Chiefs Association. Chief Wilkenson said they have not met to discuss the issue yet.

Mr. Zelenak said after the fire chiefs meet and take a vote and discuss, they can vote on this item at the next meeting.

**Action Taken:** Motion by Zelenak, supported by Miller, Flint, to make a decision at the next meeting after the Fire Chiefs Association meets and makes a decision.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Miller, Flint	Aye
Fuhr	Aye
Emmendorfer	Nay
Green	Nay
Barrett	Nay
Zelenak	Nay
Sidge	Nay
Ellenburg	Nay
Courts	Nay

Mapes           Nay  
Swanson       Nay  
Gehringer     Nay  
Miller, Davison Nay

**TWO AYES, ELEVEN NAYS, MOTION FAILED.**

Mr. Barrett said in the past they have listened to the Advisory Board.

**Action Taken:** Motion by Barrett, supported by Zelenak, to accept the recommendation made by the Advisory Board to allow chiefs to determine whether to implement the out of range notification of the pagers. Such notification will be for the entire department.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Fuhr            Aye  
Emmendorfer Aye  
Green          Aye  
Barrett        Aye  
Zelenak        Aye  
Sidge          Aye  
Ellenburg     Aye  
Courts         Aye  
Mapes          Aye  
Swanson        Aye  
Gehringer     Aye  
Miller, Davison Aye  
Miller, Flint   Aye

**ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

**B. 800 MHz Radios**

- **MTA and Red Cross Concerns**

**Action Taken:** Motion by Barrett, supported by Gehringer, to postpone the MTA radio concerns and move to the budget subcommittee.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Action Taken:** Motion by Barrett, supported by Courts, to remove the Red Cross backbone fees and forgive any unpaid bills.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Emmendorfer Aye  
Green        Aye  
Barrett      Aye  
Zelenak     Aye

Sidge	Aye
Ellenburg	Nay
Courts	Aye
Mapes	Aye
Swanson	Nay
Gehringer	Nay
Miller, Davison	Aye
Miller, Flint	Aye
Fuhr	Nay

**NINE AYES, FOUR NAYS, MOTION CARRIED.**

**Action Taken:** Motion by Barrett, supported by Miller, Flint, to have the form for the next board meeting.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**C. 800 MHz Paging**

- **"I am Responding"**

Ms. Tremaine said Scott from IT did get all of his piece done and the mutual aid piece is complete for any agency that wants it.

Mr. Emmendorfer asked who "pushes the button" for "I Am Responding." Ms. Tremaine said the company does.

Mr. Jones said the call takers entering the call, selects an item such as structure fire or rescue; "I Am Responding" looks at the script and grabs information before it ever hits the dispatchers desk. Mr. Jones said that it is not an alert system for telling someone there is a fire call. Its purpose is to see how much staff is available to come to the call and that is why departments are using it, to decide if departments need mutual aid. He said it was not designed to be an alert system.

**D. Invoices over \$5000**

Ms. Tremaine referred to the memo in the agenda packet.

**E. Extension of IT Hours**

Ms. Tremaine said that Scott stayed until 8:00 p.m. two days a week for the months of February and March and only received a total of two calls. They need him to hook up virtual servers during regular business hours and she would like to cease the late hours and have him work during the day. Ms. Tremaine said Joe works from 8-4 and Scott works 10-6.

**F. Smart 911 vs. Code Red**

**Tremaine**

Ms. Tremaine said the price for Smart 911 came down significantly.

**Action Taken:** Motion by Barrett, supported by Gehringer, to accept the director's recommendation to go with Smart 911 and Rave.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Green	Aye
Barrett	Aye
Zelenak	Aye
Sidge	Aye
Ellenburg	Aye
Courts	Aye
Mapes	Aye
Swanson	Aye
Gehringer	Aye
Miller, Davison	Aye
Miller, Flint	Aye
Fuhr	Aye
Emmendorfer	Aye

**ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**

**G. Future Laptop and Radio Purchase**

Ms. Tremaine said the budget subcommittee just met regarding this issue. Mr. Emmendorfer gave a summary. He said they need another month or so to put something together after they speak with Plante Moran and come back with a new five-year budget plan.

Undersheriff Swanson said he believes it is 911's responsibility to pay for the computers and radios to outfit new fleets because the millage should provide the budget for that. He added that their request is time sensitive because they approved positions and officers on duty.

Mr. Emmendorfer said they need to get an opinion from their attorney and bring back to the budget subcommittee.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Radio Training Classes**

Ms. Tremaine said there are new sheets with more up-to-date information regarding radio training classes. In addition to classes for people who have already had training there are classes for those who have never had the training.

**B. CAD Review Committee**

Ms. Tremaine said she needs names of folks by April 11 to sit on the CAD Review Committee.

**8. OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**9. DIRECTORS REPORT**

Ms. Tremaine said her director's report is self-explanatory.

**10. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None.

**11. ATTORNEY REPORT**

Attorney Lattie said he had nothing to add.

**12. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Paul Fortino asked how they would be affected by the Channel 28 tower being shut down. Mr. Jones said Atlas Township has a 20-year lease. Ms. Tremaine said it was the first she heard of it.

A representative from Mt. Morris Fire Department said they use "I Am Responding" as a secondary system if their pagers are out of range.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Emmendorfer adjourned the 911 Executive Board meeting at 3:32 p.m.