

GENESEE COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS CONSORTIUM
Executive Board Meeting
November 10, 2020
Genesee County 9-1-1

2:00 pm

Location: Grand Blanc Twp Police Dept, 5405 Saginaw Rd, Flint, MI 48507

MINUTES

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chairman Emmendorfer at 2:00 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Members Present: Karyn Miller, Flint Township; Paul Fortino, Gaines Township; Scott Bennett, Grand Blanc Township; Mark Emmendorfer, Montrose Township; Vicki Fishell, Mt. Morris City; Sam Stiff, Gaines Village; Ellen Ellenburg, Genesee County; Kim Courts, Genesee County; Dave Stamm, GC Sheriff

Members Absent: Fred Thorsby, Flushing Township; Steve Fuhr, Genesee Township; Wendy Jean-Buhrer, Grand Blanc City; Yvonne Brantley, MSP

Others Present: Rebecca Dawson, Kerry Paulson, Ron Wiles, Ryan Volz, Mary Ann Price, Michael Phillips, Anthony Chubb, Spring Tremaine, Tim Jones, Valerie Moore – recorder

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA, MINUTES & ACCOUNTS **Chairman
Emmendorfer**

- **Current Agenda – November 2020**
- **Executive Board Meeting Minutes – October 2020**
- **Accounts /Transaction List – October 2020**
- **Treasurers Report – October 2020**

Action Taken: Motion by Fishell, support by Bennett to approve current agenda, October 13, 2020 meeting minutes, October accounts and Treasurers report as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Miller	Aye
Fortino	Aye
Bennett	Aye
Emmendorfer	Aye
Fishell	Aye
Stiff	Aye
Courts	Aye
Ellenburg	Aye
Stamm	Aye

All Ayes, Motion Passes

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

None

6. RECOGNITION

• Supervisor of the Year – Rebecca Dawson Tremaine

Jones recognized Supervisor Rebecca Dawson as Michigan APCO Supervisor of the Year recipient. Supervisor Dawson was nominated by Genesee County 911 and Michigan APCO members voted for her to be Awarded the 2020 Supervisor of the Year. Dawson has been with Genesee County 911 for nearly 24 years and has been a Supervisor for 18 years. Members relayed their Congratulations and appreciation to Supervisor Dawson for her excellent work at Genesee County 911.

• Executive Board Members

- **Kim Courts**
- **Steve Fuhr**

**Chairman
Emmendorfer**

Emmendorfer presented a plaque to Kim Courts as a thank you for her dedication, assistance and support to the citizens and public safety while serving on the Executive Board.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Advisory Board Report

Chief Volz

Chief Volz stated new Advisory Board members have been selected to fill the open positions. New members are Fire Chief Brian Flewelling from Davison-Richfield Fire Department and Chief Michael Odette from Mott Community College DPS. Chief Volz stated that they are working on updating the fire Dispatch Standard Policy-guidelines. They are working with 911 closely during the process to ensure they come up with common guidelines that everyone agrees with.

The Radio License Agreements are being finalized and will be sent out to the department head, Chiefs, City Manager or Supervisor to be signed and returned to Deputy Director Jones.

Director Tremaine offered the pricing sheet for the Tyler RMS system that was presented at the last meeting.

B. Operational Surcharge Committee

Jones

Jones requests that the Executive Board make a motion that will allow him and Attorney Chubb to move forward with drafting the proposal language, process and send to the County Commissioners to move forward on the May 2021 election surcharge increase.

Ellenburg asked if the language would indicate this as a renewal? Jones replied that since we do not know what the State will be doing prior to the sunset date, our proposal will be for the entire amount in order to maintain the current operational surcharge amount.

Attorney Chubb stated the timing is going to be very tight going forward. The language will be the same as what was used in 2017. Because this is a Surcharge and not a Mileage, it does not reflect whether it is a renewal or a new request. Attorney Chubb read the ballot language from 2017.

“Shall the County of Genesee, Michigan, be authorized to assess a charge on all landline, wireless, and voice over the internet protocol service users located within Genesee County of up to \$1.86 per month for a period allowed by statute to be distributed exclusively for funding of 9-1-1 emergency call answering and dispatch services within Genesee County including facilities, equipment, maintenance and operating costs?”

Courts asked to clarify that the dollar amount will remain the same as it is now at \$1.86 or will that be changing? Attorney Chubb replied, stating the amount being requested in the language will be “up to \$1.86”. To be clear, the proposal does not indicate the difference in the previous State standard amount, or the discretionary amounts collected. He stated that depending on what the State ends up doing prior to the December 2021 sunset date, the State may move forward and continue their Standard amount of .24 cents as well as a set discretionary amount. No matter what is done by State of Michigan, we will only be requesting to collect the surcharge amount of \$1.86 from the voters, which will ensure we maintain our operational funding.

Action Taken: Motion by Bennett, support by Fishell to authorize our Attorney and Jones to draft language for the proposal that can be brought back to the Board for review ahead of being sent to the County Board of Commissioners.

Roll Call Vote:

Miller	Aye
Fortino	Aye
Bennett	Aye
Emmendorfer	Aye
Fishell	Aye
Stiff	Aye
Courts	Aye
Ellenburg	Aye
Stamm	Aye

All Ayes, Motion Passes

Emmendorfer asked if the amount if we anticipate is the same, or if we feel we need to increase five or ten cents more, considering the length of time covered by this surcharge, will that be addressed as well. Jones stated that the Operations Surcharge Committee (Budget Committee) will be meeting to review the necessary funding and determine if an increase will be needed moving forward.

C. CARES Grants - Hazard Pay & Payroll

Tremaine

Tremaine provided a response to questions brought up during the last meeting. Year-end Treasures report was presented and is showing the additional income from the CARES ACT Grants, but the 2020 Budget was not changed to reflect that since it occurred right at the close of the Fiscal year September 30, 2020. The bottom line is the FY ended well within the approved 2020 budget and these variances will be reflected appropriately in the Audit of FY2020.

D. Consumers Energy – Tower Usage

Tremaine

Tremaine reported that following a conference call with Consumers Energy they indicated they were very interested in joining and paying the \$105 per radio. Consumers did a rough count of radios in use in Genesee County, they have around 230 and these are mostly mobile radios in their trucks, not portables. Tremaine sent a copy of the Contract of Participation, they stated it will be sent to the appropriate level for review and the final decision. Tremaine asked if they could discuss providing energy services at the Tower sites in place of paying the radio fees, their response was, that is not an option for them since the MPSC determines rates.

Chubb suggested the Board authorize Consumers Energy the use of the Towers, as well as authorizing the Director to sign on behalf of the Commission pending their approval of the contract.

Action Taken: Motion by Miller, support by Bennett to proceed with the contract with Consumers Energy.

Roll Call Vote:

Miller	Aye
Fortino	Aye
Bennett	Aye
Emmendorfer	Aye
Fishell	Aye
Stiff	Aye
Courts	Aye
Ellenburg	Aye
Stamm	Aye

All Ayes, Motion Passes

E. Executive Board Nominations

**Chairman
Emmendorfer**

Emmendorfer mentioned that at this time we still need one additional Township member to be nominated for the position on the Executive Board. The goal is to have a complete list of nominations so depending on any new changes for in person meetings, everyone will be prepared with the information ahead of time.

We will send out communication to the new elected members and will plan to have a full nomination list prior to the December meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Invoice Approvals (2)

Tremaine

Tremaine presented 2 new invoices, the first one is for RAVE, in the amount of \$12,500. Previously this cost had been picked up by the State of Michigan for around 5 years, the State has just ended their funding and it is now solely on us to pick up the cost. The cost is based on the number of call-taker positions.

Second invoice is for US Signal, it will be paid monthly, the annual amount comes to \$21,181 which is included the 2021 Budget. This is for an offsite storage solution which was discussed with the Budget committee and approved at that time as well.

Action Taken: Motion by Bennett, support by Fortino to approve payment of the invoices as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Miller	Aye
Fortino	Aye
Bennett	Aye
Emmendorfer	Aye
Fishell	Aye
Stiff	Aye
Courts	Aye
Ellenburg	Aye
Stamm	Aye

All Ayes, Motion Passes

B. Tyler Contract

Tremaine

Tremaine stated that she and Attorney Chubb have been reviewing the contract that was just received from Tyler Technologies.

Tremaine asked that if anyone has any questions or comments relating to the contract, feel free to reach out to Attorney Chubb or herself and they can address those questions.

Stamm asked if the Jail Module had been discussed, considered or included for pricing options. Tremaine stated the Jail module has not been part of her review or discussions since that is not something that 911 needs or can be purchased with 911 funds.

Discussion continued regarding a few key features of this new inter-connected system, among all agencies.

Tremaine stated the plan is to purchase a site license, which will allow for multiple users. There will be a site license for mobiles and CAD which give the most flexibility for agencies joining.

Request was made to have Tremaine relay back to Tyler, that Stamm would like to receive Genesee County group pricing considered when quoting the Jail module to the Genesee County Sheriff Office.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

A. EEOC Complaint Settled

Tremaine

Tremaine reported that notice was received, and the Bush matter is now entirely closed.

B. Arbitration Hearing 19-112, November 12, 2020

Attorney Chubb

Chubb provided a quick update on the upcoming Arbitration Hearing that is relating to the 2-year wage rate. At this time, the hearing may need to be rescheduled due to Covid related issues. Attorney Chubb will be meeting with Tremaine prior to November 12 to review information again prior to the hearing.

10. DIRECTORS REPORT

Tremaine

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

12. ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney Chubb

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

14. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned by Chairman Emmendorfer at 3:06 p.m.

**Next Meeting:
Executive Board Meeting
December 8, 2020 @ 2:30 pm**