

GENESEE COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS CONSORTIUM
General Membership Meeting
March 9, 2021
Genesee County 9-1-1
2:00 pm.

Meeting will ONLY available virtually via Conference Line

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MINUTES

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chairman Mark Emmendorfer at 2:04 pm.

2. ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

All participants were present via phone or online meeting portal.

Members Present: Jim Slezak, Davison Township; Karyn Miller, Flint Township; Fred Thorsby, Flushing Township; Mary Ann Price, Forest Township; Paul Fortino, Gaines Township; Dan Eashoo, Genesee Township; Scott Bennett, Grand Blanc Township; Mark Emmendorfer, Montrose Township; Keith Pyles, Richfield Township; Nancy Belill, Vienna Township; Andrea Schroeder, Davison City; Clyde Edwards, Flint City; Joseph Karlichek, Flushing City; Wendy Jean-Buhrer, Grand Blanc City; Ellen Glass, Linden City; Vicki Corlew, Mt. Morris City; Sam Stiff, Gaines Village; Meredith Davis, Genesee County

Members Absent: Brian Saad, Argentine Township; Shirley Kautman-Jones, Atlas Township; Thomas Spillane, Clayton Township; Vince Lorraine, Fenton Township; Jolena Sanders-Sims, Mt Morris Township; Tonya Ketzler, Mundy Township; Rachel Stanke, Thetford Township; Dennis O'Keefe, Burton City; Doug Vance, Clio City; Thomas Bigelow, Montrose City; Adam Zettel, Swartz Creek City; Sheri Wilkerson, Goodrich Village; John Ray, Otisville Village

Others Present: Ryan Volz, Ron Wiles, Kirk Wilkinson, Rick Freeman, Mayor Duane Haskins, Pam Hill, Ashley Frase, David Lossing, Beth Bowen, Dan Russel, Brian Lipe, Chad Young, Anthony Chubb, Spring Tremain, Tim Jones, Valerie Moore-recorder

3. AGENDA APPROVAL

**Chairman
Emmendorfer**

Action Taken: Motion by Bennett, support by Belill to approve the Agenda as presented.
All Ayes, Motion Passes

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Burton City Mayor Duane Haskins stated he would like to add comment to agenda item 7.C. Non-Participating RMS Charges. Haskins stated that while he understands

the desire to go to a platform that is county-wide, he disagrees with the fact that there will now be new charges for the agencies that choose to stay on the old system. Haskins stated, he feels the agencies should not be penalized by extra charges for keeping what they currently have. Haskins stated he would like the Board Members to consider his concerns during their discussion and decisions for RMS charges and deny the additional fee's that are posed to remain with the old system. Emmendorfer noted that this question along with any other will be addressed later in the meeting.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **December 8, 2020**

Action Taken: Motion by Eashoo, support by Bennett to approve General Membership minutes from December 8, 2020 as presented.

All Ayes, Motion Passes

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Advisory Board Report

Chief Volz

Chief Volz reported that all but one of the Radio License Agreements have been signed and returned to Deputy Director Jones. The only one outstanding is for Argentine Fire, and a copy of that Radio Agreement was just sent to the new Fire Chief to be signed and returned.

Volz stated both open positions on the Advisory Board have now been filled, Chief Burdette and Chief Lipe are the new members of the Advisory Board.

B. Operational Surcharge Ballot Item

Jones

Jones reported that the ballot proposal has been approved by the Genesee County Board of Commissioners and the Clerks office for the May 4, 2021 election.

Public Act 32 has not been presented for a renewal or amendment at this time by the State. We are working ahead of this in order to avoid losing our sole source of funding to maintain our 911 operations. We will need to have a decision on the vote submitted to the State by May 15, 2021 in order to be included in the notice to all service providers for the surcharge funding requirements to continue beyond December 2021.

Emmendorfer stated that he spoke with representative Dave Martin, and he is preparing to present a bill that would eliminate the sunset date on surcharge funding. This would not be beneficial to us at this time, however in the future it may be helpful for renewals when not faced with deadlines and sunset dates.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Genesee Health System – Ballot Item

Lossing & Russell

Dan Russell, CEO of Genesee Health System presented on the program and the millage proposal that has been approved by Genesee County Board of Commissioners for the May ballot, and what the program entails for Genesee County.

The presentation was provided to all members for review following the meeting and the information is also available on their website genhs.org.

B. Financial Audit FY 2020

Hill & Frase

Pam Hill and Ashley Frase with Plante Moran presented a brief summary of the FY2020 Financial Audit to the Board. Complete Audit reports were provided electronically as well as in print form to all General Members for their review. Pam Hill noted that the improvement in reporting and procedures over the last couple years have greatly improved the audit process.

Action Taken: Motion by Miller, support by Belill to accept the Financial Audit as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

- Slezak Aye
- Miller Aye
- Thorsby Aye
- Price Aye
- Fortino Aye
- Eashoo Aye
- Bennett Aye
- Emmendorfer Aye
- Pyles Aye
- Belill Aye
- Schroeder Aye
- Karlichek Aye
- Jean-Buhrer Aye
- Glass Aye
- Corlew Aye
- Stiff Aye
- Davis Aye

All Ayes, Motion Passes

C. Non-Participating RMS Charges

**Chairman
Emmendorfer**

Emmendorfer stated, we need to have a new CAD system for 911. Extensive research has been done on CAD systems by Tremaine, based on her experience with other 911 centers and systems that are used. Reviewing what is offered, Tyler offers an excellent product for CAD as well as an RMS system that the agencies could use under one system. The cost for Tyler RMS will be based on the size of the department. The current scenario is that Scott Shook is being requested to service the MDC’s and extra programs for the agencies that may be specific to their RMS system and not just the CAD. The proposed annual \$240/per MDC charge that would be charged to the agencies for continued service on their old RMS systems and the fact that 911 Act does not allow the expenses (i.e. salary to Shook) to be used for maintenance of RMS systems that are not an approved 911 expenditure. The 911 Consortium cannot allow Shook to continue to service the MDC’s when it is specifically for something outside of the allowable expenses. Emmendorfer stated the change to Tyler will not happen tomorrow, there is plenty of time to join and plan accordingly with your budgets over the next couple years to make it possible.

If Departments have any inkling of joining, you should sign up now, you can always back out later if you need to, and there are no penalties or fees charged by doing so. If you opt out now, and decide to join back in later, you will end up paying thousands more to join Tyler on your own once we're outside this window.

Tremaine referenced the allowable/disallowable usage of 911 Funding sheet for the Members. As a point of clarification, the services being requested by IT in the future to support any non-911 approved programs will need to be covered by the agencies, so as to avoid violation of the 911 Surcharge Allowances. The rate of \$240 per MDC, per year is calculated based on Shook's wages, and an average of time that may be required to support an agencies MDC's each year.

1. MDC Resolution

Emmendorfer noted that back in September of 2019, there was a motion to approve a split of cost at 60/40 for the replacement cost of the MDC's. After the discussion of this \$240 per MDC/annually being charged to some of the agencies, Emmendorfer, Jones, Tremaine and Attorney Chubb were all in agreement to come back to the Board and request they reconsider the motion of the 60/40 split. Under that motion 40% of the MDC cost would be paid by the agencies, would the Board consider agreeing to pay 100 percent of the cost for MDC purchases to help offset the \$240 per MDC/annually that will be required. The amounts may not be exact however it would help offset the cost, and the MDC's are an allowable expense for the Consortium and 911 funding.

Action Taken: Motion by Bennett, support by Slezak, to reverse the decision regarding the MDC purchase at a split of 60/40 and agree to pay 100% of the MDC purchase.

Roll Call Vote:

Slezak	Aye
Miller	Nay
Thorsby	Aye
Price	Aye
Fortino	Aye
Eashoo	Aye
Bennett	Aye
Emmendorfer	Aye
Pyles	Aye
Belill	Aye
Schroeder	Aye
Karlichek	Aye
Jean-Buhrer	Aye
Glass	Aye
Corlew	Aye
Stiff	Aye
Davis	Aye

16 Ayes, 1 Nay, Motion Passes

Mayor Haskins asked to clarify the purchase of the Tyler program, the fact they are looking at about \$12,000 for their contract with Tyler and is that overall purchase an allowable purchase if it includes the RMS system.

Tremaine clarified, the purchase being made by 911 is for the CAD system and the City of Flint has agreed to allow the Consortium members to join and share their Tyler RMS License in order to allow the rest of the agencies access. The annual cost of the RMS system maintenance is what agencies will be paying to Tyler and will be based on officer counts and will not be paid for with 911 funding.

Tremaine stated the application costs for Brazos and Socrata will go up or down slightly based on how many agencies join, these two are cloud based and the set cost will be shared among the agencies.

Mayor Haskins stated he will plan to schedule a meeting with Emmendorfer, Tremaine and Jones to discuss this topic further and help answer any additional questions he may have.

Fortino inquired on the deadline to opt in for the Tyler project. Tremaine stated that the goal is to have everyone state their interest and sign during the first quarter if possible. Intent is to have contracts finalized and pushed out to agencies for approvals before reporting back to the Board.

Attorney Chubb summarized for everyone's understanding of the RMS and the fee schedule presented. This pricing is a result of negotiations between Tyler and 911, on behalf of the municipalities. The negotiations were to include the addition of the RMS maintenance for the agencies at a discounted rate on an annual basis, combined in the contract strictly as pass-through payment to Tyler. The exact cost is calculated by Tyler based on how many agencies will be joining, and will be paid 100% by the agencies, to the penny of what is invoiced through 911. There is no portion of the RMS payments that 911 is collecting that will not be paid directly to Tyler for the RMS services provided to the agencies.

Emmendorfer inquired if Attorney Chubb will verify that each individual contract will be signed by the proper authority on the contracts that are turned in. Anthony Chubb confirmed that he would verify the signatures and ensure all individuals have the appropriate administrative authority to sign for the municipality.

D. 911 Fee Diversion

Jones

Jones reported that the FCC is currently looking at restructuring the 911 surcharge expense guidelines and is making changes to the allowable /disallowable expenses. The FCC is trying to set Federal guidelines for 911 expenses in a blanket form for all 50 States. Currently most states have their own 911 structure for allowable /disallowable purchases, the State of Michigan has a very good structure in place for this.

We have a small window of time to submit comments to the FCC regarding this, however we would need to submit comments before March 22, 2021 to ensure it is included during their decision making. The attorney that the State has assigned for representation is charging \$500 for each submission of comments or letters.

Emmendorfer noted that it may be better to reach out directly to our State Representatives and have discussions directly with Kildee, Peters and Stabenow.

Bennett stated that he will be in an MTA meeting and Congressman Kildee's office noted that Stabenow would be participating in the meeting this week. Emmendorfer asked Bennett if he could take our concerns and mention our position during that meeting with Stabenow to help make our voice heard on this. Bennett stated he will work on setting up communication with Kildee's office and working to get a few others on a meeting to discuss our concerns.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Director's Annual Report

Tremaine

Nothing additional to add.

9. ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney Chubb

Chubb stated as an FYI, the ability for electronic open meetings for any purpose will expire on March 29, 2021. As of a few days ago, Senator Schmidt recently introduced Senate Bill 207, and if approved, will extend the date to the end of June 2021 allowing us to continue holding electronic meetings to the extent everyone would want.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned by Chairman Emmendorfer at 3:25 p.m.

Action Taken: Motion by Slezak, support by Belill to adjourn the meeting.

All Ayes, Motion Passes.

**Next Meeting:
General Membership Board Meeting
June 8, 2021 @ 2:00 pm**