

**GENESEE COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS CONSORTIUM**  
**Special Meeting of the General Membership**  
**Genesee County 9-1-1**  
**February 13, 2024**  
**2:00 pm**

**Location: Charter Township of Mundy**  
**3478 Mundy Ave, Swartz Creek, MI 48473**

**MINTUES**

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**Meeting called to order by Chairman Fred Thorsby at 2:02 pm.**

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Thomas Spillane, Clayton Township; Jim Slezak, Davison Township; Vince Lorraine, Fenton Township; Karyn Miller, Flint Township; Fred Thorsby, Flushing Township; Mary Ann Price, Forest Township; Paul Fortino, Gaines Township; Scott Bennett, Grand Blanc Township; Coetta Adams, Montrose Township; Chad Young, Mundy Township; Brian Arnes, Richfield Township; Sherylynn Russo, Vienna Township; Greg Fenner, Burton City; Doug Vance, Clio City; Joe Karlichek, Flushing City; Wendy Jean-Buhrer, Grand Blanc City; Ellen Glass, Linden City; Todd Pangle, Montrose City; Connie Greene, Gaines Village; Brian Saad, Argentine Township-arrived after attendance roll call.

**Members Absent:** Shirley Kautman-Jones, Atlas Township; Dan Eashoo, Genesee Township; Jolena Sanders-Sims, Mt Morris Township; Rachel Stanke, Thetford Township; Andrea Schroeder, Davison City; Clyde Edwards, Flint City; Spencer Lewis, Mt. Morris City; Adam Zettel, Swartz Creek City; Sheri Wilkerson, Goodrich Village John Ray, Otisville Village; Michelle Davis, Genesee County

**Others Present:** Alex Boros, Tony Craig, Ryan Volz, Kirk Wilkinson, Jeff Duttlinger, Jim Busch, Anthony Chubb, Tim Jones, Dave Plumb, Corissa Hull, Valerie Moore-recorder.

**4. AGENDA APPROVAL**

**Chairman  
Thorsby**

**Action Taken:** Motion by Bennett, support by Miller to approve the Special Meeting agenda as presented.

**All Ayes, Motion Passed**

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

None

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. 911 Surcharge Increase**

**Jones**

Jones briefly reviewed the 911 surcharge rate increase request that was approved at the December meeting, that rate was \$2.79 per device. Jones stated, since the December meeting, we have had some additional meetings with the Gazall Architects on building plans, along with further review of the 5- and 10-year budget projection by Shawna Farrell and we feel that the proposed \$2.79 will not meet the needs of our Center operations. We met with the Budget Committee yesterday to review the details of the 10-year projection, and it is our new recommendation that we take the surcharge to the maximum amount of \$3.00 per device.

Jones explained that by going up to the \$3.00 rate, the increase will allow us to take care of our normal operating expenses, meet the 10-year commitment for the new 911 center plans, as well as putting aside around \$262,000 each year specifically for future technology needs, resulting in approximately 2.5 million by the end of year 10.

Shawna Farrell explained that several scenarios were reviewed with various surcharge rates between \$2.79 and \$2.97 taking into considering inflationary costs from ongoing required maintenance and standard operational expenses, as well as salary and insurance increases over 5 to 10 years. The difference in a few cents, (from \$2.97 to \$3.00) over time allows for the Center to commit the additional amount to technology funds with the purpose of helping fund future technology purchases for the local agencies. She noted over this 10-year period, even with the debt payments we have a projection of a fund balance of around 10.8 million at year 10, which would be adequate to pay off the remainder of the loan at that time. This assumption is based off factors that could change at the time the loan is started since we are using current loan information and only an estimated interest rate.

Discussion continued among members.

**Action Taken:** Motion by Slezak, support by Bennett to raise the surcharge to \$3.00 for the period of 10 years, 2025 – 2034 inclusive.

Discussion continued, with noted concerns of the new Center building plans, as well as surcharge revenue changes that may occur over the next 10 years.

Chubb noted that the loan payment of \$1.4 million each year, is not a significant portion of the overall budget as proposed. This would indicate the surcharge increase is still necessary for the Centers normal operations, excluding the new building plans.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Spillane	Aye
Slezak	Aye
Lorraine	Aye
Miller	No
Thorsby	Aye
Price	Aye
Fortino	Aye
Bennett	Aye

Adams	Aye
Young	Aye
Arnes	Aye
Russo	Aye
Fenner	Aye
Vance	Aye
Karlichek	Aye
Jean-Buhrer	Aye
Glass	Aye
Pangle	Aye
Green	No

**17 Ayes, 2 No's, Motion Passed**

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

**Action Taken:** Motion by Slezak, support by Bennett to adjourn meeting.

**All Ayes, Motion Passed**

Meeting adjourned by Chairman Fred Thorsby at 2:49 pm

**Next Meeting:**

**General Membership & Executive Board Meeting**

**March 12, 2024 @ 2:00 pm**

**Location: Charter Township of Mundy, 3478 Mundy Ave, Swartz Creek, MI 48473**