

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

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

MINUTES

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Members Present: Jim Busch, Atlas Township; Thomas Spillane, Clayton Township; 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; Coetta Adams, Montrose Township; Tonya Ketzler, Mundy Township; Brian Arnes, Richfield Township; Sheryllynn Russo, Vienna Township; Greg Fenner, Burton City; Andrea Schroeder, Davison City; Joe Karlichek, Flushing City; Spencer Lewis, Mt. Morris City; John Ray, Otisville Village; Martin Cousineau, Genesee County

Members Absent: Brian Saad, Argentine Twp; Vince Lorraine, Fenton Township; Jolena Sanders-Sims, Mt Morris Township; Rachel Stanke, Thetford Township; Doug Vance, Clio City; Clyde Edwards, Flint City; Wendy Jean-Buhrer, Grand Blanc City; Ellen Glass, Linden City; Todd Pangle, Montrose City; Adam Zettel, Swartz Creek City; Connie Greene, Gaines Village; Sheri Wilkerson, Goodrich Village

Others Present: Alex Boros, Tony Craig, Ryan Volz, Kirk Wilkinson, Fahad Qureshi, Anthony Chubb, Tim Jones, Dave Plumb, Corissa Hull, Valerie Moore-recorder.

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

**Chairman
Thorsby**

Action Taken: Motion by Slezak, support by Karlichek 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 Ballot Request

Jones

Jones reported that following the last meeting, we met with the Board of Commissioner Government Operations Committee for further discussion of the surcharge request that they tabled during their last meeting. We did not have further guidance leaving that meeting and there was no decision made, we were not told if this would go back to the next Government Ops Committee meeting, but they only have two meetings left before the Clerks deadline. Present at the meeting was me, Deputy Director Dave Plumb, Attorney Anthony Chubb, Account Manager Valerie Moore, Chairman Fred Thorsby, Vice Chair Scott Bennett, and Burton City Councilman Greg Fenner.

Karlichek asked if Jones could explain what would happen if the surcharge request does not make it on the ballot or if it does not go through, what are the consequences.

Jones replied that the information he had sent to the Board members regarding the operational budget and cost to the municipalities, is strictly for base operations to keep 911 running. If we do not get our proposal on the ballot and our current rate is not renewed before 2025, our surcharge rate would roll back to the rate that was set by the State in 2008 which is \$1.24.

Discussion continued, members noting their own municipalities' costs increasing over the last several years, and the income that municipalities rely on is from multiple sources, which is not the same for 911 since their funding is only coming from one source.

Thorsby restated that the 911 surcharge is paid by each phone line and does not only hit the taxpayers by having it added to them as a millage.

Discussion continued regarding the additional benefit of the surcharge funding for all 31 Municipal Members of the Consortium is the funds that have been available for radios and computers in that otherwise would have been impossible or else very difficult for most of the Municipalities to take on based on tax increases required.

Thorsby stated the surcharge amount of \$3.00 was a well thought out and well deliberated plan that this entire Board and our CPA worked at, all of these Municipalities came together voted on and agreed to, so if we could request to go back to the Government Ops Board and ask to be we would appreciate that.

Jones stated that the \$3.00 cap of the surcharge amount in place until 2027, at that time the State may rewrite this cap, but that will be up to the legislatures.

Chubb confirmed with Ellenburg that she would request that we be included on the agenda for the next Government Ops Board meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Action Taken: Motion by Bennett, support by Karlichek to adjourn the meeting.
All Ayes, Motion Passes.

Meeting adjourned by Chairman Thorsby at 2:44 pm.

Next Meeting:

General Membership & Executive Board Meeting

June 11, 2024 @ 2:00 pm

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

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