

**Antrim County 911 Board
Meeting Minutes
9/11/2018**

Present: Dan Bean, Leslie Meyers, Brenda Ricksgers, Mike Bertram, Bill Drollinger, Wendy Dawson, Pete Vandenberg

Absent: Lt. Harris, Burt Thompson

Others Present: Mike Gank, Chuck Shumaker, Ed Sayre, Dr. Smith, Laura Criddle, Judy Sayre, Ed Niepoth, Meagan Bean, Chris Thompson, Tim Hannert, Val Craft, Doug Middleton, Jason Torrey, Bud Johnson

Call to Order:

Chairman Bean called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Drollinger, supported by Dawson to approve the agenda with the change of moving Rescue paging/Med Control to the first item of business. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Meyers, supported by Drollinger to approve the minutes of the Regular July 2018 as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Financial Reports:

Gank presented Accounts 259, 261 and 262 for May and June. He noted that they are down an employee due to a resignation. Overtime should be okay until the end of the year. MCT's look like they will be under budget.

Motion by Meyers, supported by Vandenberg to approve the July and August 2018 financial reports as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Old Business to be discussed first:

- **Rescue Paging**

Dr. Smith and Laura Criddle introduced themselves from Med Control. Dr. Smith passed out handouts and stated that a Fire MFR agency shall be dispatched to all calls for service. It has been brought to his attention that our agencies want to only be paged when needed. If this is the case, that is fine but they shall be dispatched as Fire Agencies, not MFR's or above. They will then have to remove certain equipment from their trucks.

Drollinger spoke with the state and would prefer that they work toward a tiered response. Dr. Smith does not agree with Drollinger on what defines tiered response. Criddle added that they cannot write policy for one area and not all. They have researched tiered response and are not interested.

Dr. Smith stated that his rationale is that in our area, any call can change to something else and with our limited resources, hospitals and ER's the MFR's can become a valuable resource.

The Board discussed specific issues, i.e. transports, Meadowbrook runs, etc. Dr. Smith stated that the issue may be those agencies policies.

Vandenberg asked if the code provided by Dr. Smith speaks to 911 centers. The answer was no. Vandenberg was worried about confusion. He doesn't think that the issue is something that the 911 Board should be involved in. The issue is with the departments, not 911.

Sayre said that if paged, they respond.

Drollinger added that that is how they have operated for the past 25 years. Their argument is responding to doctors' offices and Meadowbrook as they are none transporting agencies. He stressed again the need for a tiered response similar to Genesee County. This is not only for economic reasons, but also to relieve burnout.

Dr. Smith again stated that the issue was with Meadowbrook and the Dr. Office policies.

Gank added that they have followed Pro QA since 2001.

Bertram asked if they decide to continue current policy (no call out for 90 days for priority 3 calls) how this will affect the fire departments.

Dr. Smith responded that he will not extend privileges to the Departments.

Discussion took place throughout the table and audience.

Sayre added that under the current orders his payroll will double.

New Business:

- **MPSCS Radios (Jason Torrey):** Gank explained that ACES has asked for mobile 800 radios for Fire Dept. trucks.

Jason Torrey (Grand Traverse County 911) updated the Board on their transition to 800. Most are very happy with the transition but there were some bugs as with any new equipment. GTC committed to replacing all radios, mobile and portable, on a one to one match. Cost was approximately 3.6 million. This included 6 consoles (7500's), 500 portables, 300 mobiles and 233 pagers. They used the 911 surcharge. They reviewed 4 types of radios and chose Motorola. He further explained that it appears another narrow banding is in the works that will reduce band width to 6 ¼ from 12 1/2 within the next 10 years. Gank added that the timeline could be accelerated or prolonged, but that it will happen. Maintenance costs were also discussed. They have a one year bumper to bumper warranty and years 2-5 require a box return for service. GTC controls the entire system and they are responsible for repair, maintenance and ownership.

They also have a backup cache. Gank asked if they required additional staff to run the program. Torrey stated that they modified a current employee to take on the responsibility. He also added that local government is moving toward the 800 system. While they did have issues with “bunks” in the beginning due to the addition of more users, but the state has added additional channels and this is no longer an issue.

- **2019 Meeting Dates:** Meeting dates for 2019 are as follows:
Jan 9, 2019
March 6, 2019
May 8, 2019
July 10, 2019
September 4, 2019
November 6, 2019

Old Business:

- **PFN:** Install is scheduled for the last week in October. The recitals for NG911 and call handling have been addressed. Bean hopes that the resolution will be addressed by the County Board of Commissioners will be approved at their next meeting.
Motion by Drollinger, supported by Bertram to recommend that the County Board of Commissioners move forward with the resolution for PFN/NG911. Motion carried unanimously.
Gank added that the bids for furniture came in over budget and they are back taking bids. This needs to take place prior to the NG911 install.
- **MCT Project:** Sherriff Department is complete. Working on agreement for fire, ems and police depts.
- **McKinney Tower Update:** Working on RFP as costs have exceeded purchase policy. Drollinger offered to help as he wants this project completed before winter.

Communications: The report was provided in the meeting packet. Gank also explained Elmira/Warner has requested 800 paging. This can be done with used equipment from Roscommon. What we need is an antennae, cabling, coax which allows a radio to talk to the console.

Motion by Drollinger, supported by Dawson to authorize \$4614.70 for 2 consulates for paging from the 911 maintenance fund for 800 paging. Motion carried unanimously.

Operations Update: Drollinger asked if we have gotten an update from Risk Management or the Attorney on the Rescue Paging issue. Bean stated that we had not yet heard anything. Sayre stated that Mancelona had just received their license renewal. It was mentioned that Dr. Smith can revoke a license at any time. Bertram added that pg 47 of the code provided by Dr. Smith encourages Med Control and 911 to work together.

Motion by Drollinger, supported by Bertram to extend the moratorium for an additional 90 days to allow the Board to receive a determination on what the formal action from Med Control will be.

There was much discussion on the motion. Gank added that there is no agreement with 911 and the CVT's about how 911 and CVT's cooperate. This agreement is identified in the 911 plan but it cannot be found. Meyers stated that while she understands the frustrations of the fire departments with this issue, she will have to abstain as without opinion from Risk Management or the Attorney; she is uncomfortable defying Med Control as we do not know the ramifications.

Motion Carried with Meyers abstaining.

Gank asked for permission to contact a 911 attorney to discuss this issue. The Board was in agreement for him to gather information.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:50 pm.

Next meeting – November 7, 2018 at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie Meyers, 911 Secretary