

**Antrim County 911 Board
Meeting Minutes
1/9/2019**

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

Absent: Sheriff Bean, Lt. Harris

Others Present: Mike Gank, Corey Lecureux

Call to Order:

Vice Chairman Drollinger called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Thompson, supported by Dawson to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Meyers, supported by Dawson to approve the minutes of the Regular November 2018 meeting as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Financial Reports:

Gank presented Accounts 259, 261 and 262 for Sept and October. He noted that training funds are spent, overtime is about \$10,000 dollars over (but wages are down) and that due to the surcharge changes, an additional \$60,000 in revenues was received.

Motion by Meyers, supported by Vandenberg to approve the November and December Financials for all three accounts as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously.

New Business:

- **Policy update for 2019** – It was mutually decided that the subcommittee would address each policy and make recommendation back to the board. A standing date of the 1st Wednesday of the opposite months of the 911 Board Meeting would be the Subcommittee meeting.

Old Business:

- **PFN/Viper/Furniture Update**
As the server crashed and failed about 4 weeks ago, this project is not yet complete. If all goes as now planed, the project will begin January 22. They will be able to complete 4 connections per week and there are 16 total. When complete, furniture can happen.
- **MCT Update**
There are two fire agencies that have verbally agreed to the terms but have yet to sign the master document. The two left are Banks Township and Elmira/Warner. The MCT Police/EMS project just missed being complete in 2018. 911 will be requesting the carryover of funds at the first Board of Commissioners meeting in February.
- **Adam West Update**

The RFP is in the Administration Office for the next steps.

- **Rescue Paging Update**

911 created a policy that meets the needs and requests of Mancelona and Bellaire Fire. The policy was discussed.

Motion by Vandenberg, supported by Bertram to adopt the policy presented with the addition of the Section II adding the wording “unless exempted by Section III.” Motion carried unanimously.

- **MPSCS Update:** Discussion of four plans ranging from full MPSCS to fixing VHF. Discussion centered on the increasing costs to maintain VHF in simulcast form. The 9-1-1 board felt it was too early to make any decision on purchasing equipment. All equipment purchase to be held until the requested pager test be done before any serious proposal be made. Vandenberg requested a fifth plan be added to the choices, which would be dismantling the simulcast into multi tower paging.

Bertram left the meeting at 2:00 PM

Communications and Operations:

Report included in the packet. 911 outage on November 5. Viper should correct these issues. There have also been some CAD issues and are working with the vendor to correct them.

The Department is down two employees with one in training.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:20 pm

Next meeting – March 6, 2019 at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie Meyers, 911 Secretary

Mancelona Fire District

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10/25/2018
Northwest Regional Medical Authority
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Attn: Dr Robert L Smith, MD NWRMCA Medical Director

Dear Laura:

First and foremost we have responded to every dispatch call that we have been dispatched. We have been in compliance because we have responded to every call.

To rescind or suspend our license is inappropriate at this time.

We do not control the dispatch center.

If you would like to change the current practice, then we would assume that you should approach the 911 Board.

You have been aware of the proper process when you approached the Dispatch Director and asked them to dispatch us on all calls. The 911 board informed of this in July and currently is in process of reviewing this change in the protocol. As recognized you did approach the 911 Board and presented the statute as well as the Medical Control Authority Handbook. The 911 board received and determined that they needed more time to review this dramatic change in dispatch processes.

This change in protocol was also brought to the attention (by Darly Case former NWRMCA former administrator) to the 911 board three years past and the 911 Board chose not to act on this request. Perhaps there was no review as to the economic, health safety and welfare of the residents as stated in the statute, (333.20919 sec 5 by the medical control authority or department)

Furthermore we are not a dispatcher center, (911 center). We have no control or authority as to how and what the dispatch center chooses to dispatch.

Due to the fact that this notice was dated Sept 20th 2018 and not mailed until October 11 is the reason as to why we did not respond within 15 days as stated in the letter. It is difficult to respond to a letter that was mailed 3 weeks later.

In summary we respond to all DISPATCHED calls. At this time we feel this proposed suspension is inappropriate.

Sincerely

Ed Sayre Mancelona Fire District Chief

CC: Kathy Wahl Director, division of EMS & Trauma, Emily Bergquist MCA Coordinator, Al Pyton CEO Munson Medical Center, Dan Bean Antrim County E-911 Board Chairman Antrim County Sheriff.