

**Antrim County 911 Board
Meeting Minutes
3/7/19**

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

Absent: Lt. Harris

Others Present: Mike Gank, Corey Lecureux, Dr. Smith – Med Control, Ed Sayre, Chuck Shumaker, Judy Sayre, Chad Woodbury, Dr. Fales, Megan Bean, Jessica Spindler

Call to Order:

Sheriff Bean called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Drollinger, supported by Bertram to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Public Comment:

- Ed Sayre asked if fire departments could be pinged latitude and longitude points for ATV and snowmobile incidents. Gank stated that he would work on a better way to provide location data.
- Chad Woodbury from Banks Township Fire paging and radio traffic has been of issue for their department. Sheriff Bean responded that we are aware of this and it will be discussed further in the agenda.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Bertram, supported by Dawson to approve the minutes of the Regular January 2019 meeting as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Financial Reports:

Gank presented Accounts 259, 261 and 262 for January and February. He noted that there is nothing out of the ordinary and that all line items are below or at budget.

Motion by Drollinger, supported by Meyers to approve the January and February Financials for all three accounts as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously.

New Business:

- **County Number Ordinance** – The subcommittee discussed the ordinance at their previous meeting and offered a recommendation for change to Section V: Regulation. Vacant parcels may be assigned a number based on a clearly defined access point from a County or Private Rd. Access points must be a driveway or parking area with signage posted as defined in Section C paragraph 2 for driveways.

Motion by Meyers, supported by Vandenberg to recommend approval of the proposed change to the County Board of Commissioners as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

- **Rescue Paging**

Dr. Smith reiterated his position from the fall. He brought Dr. Bill Fales, State EMS medical Director with him. Dr. Fales explained that some medical directors do allow for a tiered approach, but not all. In order for this to happen, the med control director would request approval from the state for such a decision. Dr. Smith expressed his dismay over the fact that Antrim did not participate in their Professional Peer Review Organization. Bertram explained that he had indeed participated twice but that the peers included in these discussion were above the level of MFR's and Fire Departments which is the point of this discussion. Discussion continued.

Motion by Vandenberg, supported by Bean that the discussions needed were not appropriate for the 911 Board agenda and that we move on.

Discussion:

Sayre stated that this is a Fire Department/Township Board/Med Control issue.

Dr.'s Smith and Fales agreed to meet with the appropriate parties after the conclusion of the 911 Meeting.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

- **PFN/Viper/Furniture Update**

New system is installed. It will take 4 -6 months for the final carrier conversion and for removal of all old equipment. Carpet and Furniture should be in place by late April.

- **MCT Update**

All Police and EMS equipment has been ordered. Fire Departments are still a work in progress – could be up to 2 more months to complete Fire.

- **Adam West Update**

The RFP is ready to go. Quotes will go to the County Board of Commissioners for final consideration.

- **MPSCS Update:**

75% of fund balance should go to radio communications.

3 options

1 – Stay as is

2 – Remove simulcast – which is better for Voice quality but pager trip coverage would suffer

3 – MPSCS communication and paging or mixture of VHF paging with 800 talking

Motion by Drollinger, supported by Meyers to begin the purchase process for 800 MHz radios for all fire and rescue trucks plus 8 EMS vehicles within Antrim County.

Vandenberg asked for further explanation of 2x radio channels

Pager discussion – not yet supported so there are issues.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Motion by Meyers, supported by Drollinger to address the Central Lake Village 800 service issues with repeaters at an approximate cost of \$45,000.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

The 911 Board asked that Gank provide the tech committee with more detail on pagers for their next meeting and that the tech committee bring back a formal recommendation at the next 911 Board Meeting.

Vandenberg asked if Gank needed assistance from an engineer. He stated that yes, but first he would need to pick a path which is now developing. Lecureux has begun discussions with engineers.

Spindler added that the costs for the repeaters are only placeholders. Costs could be higher or lower once the project begins.

Motion by Bertram to reimburse fire departments that purchase G5 pagers in the amount of \$150. Motion died for lack of second.

Communications and Operations:

2 in training. Having serious issues with the CAD vendor. The company sold again last fall. It is not supported as needed and there are 4 to 5 crashes per shift. They are working on resolving the issues. 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.

Lecureux expressed his thanks to the firefighters and road commission personnel for their tireless work on the Feb 24 storm.

Ricksgers asked if anyone had looked into using the blue silos for repeaters and/or towers?

Thompson also thanked everyone that worked hard during the recent storm.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:15 pm

Next meeting – May 8, 2019 at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie Meyers, 911 Secretary

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10/25/2018
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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.