

Antrim County 911 Board Minutes.

Date: September 9, 2020

Location: Antrim County Building 203 E. Cayuga St., 2nd Floor Room 211, Bellaire, Michigan 49615

Member Present: Sheriff, Dan Bean, Bill Drollinger, Brenda Ricksgers, Burt Thompson, Michael Bertram, Wendy Dawson (Conference Call), Pete VanDenBerg and MSP 1 Lt. Carl Rothenberger.

Public: Mike Gank, Mike Lee, South Torch Lake Fire, Ed Boettcher, Antrim County Commissioner, Lt. Mike Bush, Michigan State Police and Joe DePinto Township Ambulance Authority Paramedic

Absent: Leslie Meyers

Meeting was called to order at 1:09 PM by Chairman Bean.

Approval of Agenda as presented: Motion by Thompson, 2nd by Wendy Dawson, motion carried

Public Comment: Joe DePinto from TAA EMS introduced himself. Sheriff Bean also introduced Post Commander Lt. Carl Rothenberger and Lt. Mike Bush from the Gaylord Michigan State Post.

Approval of July 2020 Meeting Minutes: Motion by Michael Bertram, 2nd by Pete VanDenBerg, motion Carried.

Approval of Financial Report (August 2020): Mike Gank presented the financial report and noted NO CHANGES. Motion to accept Financial Report as presented by Bill Drollinger, 2nd by Pete VanDenBerg, motion Carried.

New Business: General Discussion on 2021 Meeting Dates, that we continue to meet every other month, Mike Gank will draft a meeting date schedule and present at the November 4th 2020 regular meeting.

Old Business: (NG9-1-1) Mike Gank informed the Board that AT&T is about to cut over very soon possibly next week.

Paging Update: Mike Genk reported that the Engineer Firm Televate is recommending to dismantle the VHF system by shutting down a tower at a time to test paging ability and switch to 800 paging. The 911 Board discussed the issue at length. Mike Gank also commented he was unsure of who would conduct the work and testing. Tele-Rad has not been as helpful lately on radio problems. Mike Gank was unsure of complete cost of dismantling the VHF system and projected an estimated cost of \$25,000.00 to \$40,000.00 and would get back with the Board on final cost. General Discussion from the Board concerning the need to upgrade the Dispatch Console for 800 Mhz. paging. The Dispatch Console is in the upcoming budget. Mike Gank also reported that there was no increase of fees this year on any of the state-owned towers sites.

Dual Band Voice Pager: The 911 Board discussed at length the need for Dual Band Pagers. This type of pager can receive both VHF & 800 Mhz. (They will not receive VHF & 800 simultaneously), by having this pager it will allow Public Safety Personal to monitor both frequencies when VHF is being dismantled and tested.

Motion to Purchase up to 225 Dual Band Pagers not to exceed \$180,000.00 By Burt Thompson 2nd Pete VanDenBerg. Motion Carried.

Mike Gank pointed out that Televate needs a scope of how the VHF tower & system will be tested.

MCT Update: Mike Gank reported that EMS units MCT are up and running. Mike Lee from South Torch Lake Fire said the AVL is not working to track the location of the Fire Unit. Mike Gank also reported that some Fire Dept. have request additional MCT and he is unsure cost to the department.

Communications: The new dispatcher hired dropped out and was not interested due to wages.

Operations Update: Mike Gank reported issues with the Fire & EMS frequency. Tele-Rad was contacted and later found the Elk Rapids tower site had a problem.

Mike Gank said Tele-Rad is very slow in service and suggested switching to Pro Comm Inc. out of Mt. Pleasant MI.

Meeting adjourned at 2:26 PM

Drollinger