

CEDAR COUNTY E-911 SERVICE BOARD

April 12, 2012 MINUTES

APPROVED _____

Chair Bell called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. at the Law Enforcement Center.

Those present were E-911 Board members and/or appointees and alternates to include Board of Supervisors: Jon Bell; Bennett: Orville Randolph & Mark Anderson; Clarence: absent; Durant: Shawn Jepson; Lowden: absent; Mechanicsville: Boyd Stine; Sheriff Warren Wethington; Stanwood: Mike Dauber; Tipton: absent; West Branch: absent; West Liberty: absent; Atalissa: Gene Hammons; New Liberty: absent; Oxford Junction: absent; and Wilton: absent. Others in attendance were: Tim Malott, Director and Sue Hall, Press.

Moved by Randolph seconded by Jepson to approve the meeting agenda with the addition of approval of the February 16, 2012 budget public hearing minutes.

Ayes: All

Moved by Dauber seconded by Jepson to approve the minutes of January 12 and February 16, 2012.

Ayes: All

Revenues and expenditures were reviewed.

Moved by Stine seconded by Randolph to approve the revenues and expenditures, as presented.

Ayes: All

Old business was discussed.

Director Malott reported Phase I of the Firefighters' Grant is finished, which is the interoperable communications system narrow banding for Fire, EMS and 911 (\$331,425). The RFP for Phase II of the grant (\$353,290) is almost finished. Malott is waiting for environmental impact information. He reviewed the timetable for conversion of the equipment. August 15th is he projected date for completion for narrow band in Dispatch. Law Enforcement conversion will start on May 15th.

Malott received the draft back from the County Attorney's Office of The Uniform Rural Address and Road Naming System ordinance. A few changes were recommended by the Assistant County Attorney. Where there are two or more residences, they would have to put in a private lane. A resident will be given one year to post their sign. Residents would have to pay \$50 for their 911 sign. The developer of a subdivision would be responsible for putting up all signs. The Board reviewed the draft. Discussion was held. Action on forwarding this ordinance to the Board of Supervisors for adoption was tabled until the next meeting, so that members of this Board would have an opportunity to further review the draft ordinance. The Director will forward a copy of the draft to all members.

The conversion of the phone system from 7 digits to 10 digits is on hold. Malott is looking into options. The Cedar County Enhanced 9-1-1 Service Plan needs to be updated.

New business was discussed.

Director Malott would like to set up a committee to review vendor proposals for a new ten-digit phone system and to make a recommendation. Authorization is needed to spend up to \$130,000 for the system. Our current system can't follow all of the phone numbers and can't do next generation. The current system could be reprogrammed, but it wouldn't go to next generation. It was agreed Tim Malott, Sheriff Wethington and Brenda Johnson, Communications Supervisor would review the proposals.

Moved by Randolph seconded by Stine to authorize up to \$130,000 to be spent for a new ten-digit phone system.

Ayes: All

Director Malott has received an extension until May 31st for the renewal of the 911 program system.

The Director reported we will be paying Century Link \$193/month for two T1 lines from Davenport that have been coming into the facility.

Director Malott is working with the National Emergency Number Association to stop the State Senate from dissolving the State 911 Council. He reported two Senators wanted to dissolve the Council and put their responsibilities under an Interoperable Council. Because wireless is under a State umbrella, a State 911 Council was formed. It is not under their scope to say what radio system is to be used. The 800 radios do not work in some areas. A goal for someone is to mandate going to 800 radios. Cedar County would have to put up towers which would be very expensive. Reference was made to a \$33 Million price tag for the state. Malott felt they want revenue to keep them alive. We may have to look at a gateway later to communicate in a disaster. The NENA group talked to Mr. Hancock asking him to back off of this and he did.

Malott favors moving the wireless surcharge from 65 cents/month to \$1. He has been asked to run for Second Vice President of the State NENA group, and he has agreed to do so. This would likely eventually result in Malott serving as President of that group. There were no objections expressed by the Board.

Three Dispatchers will be attending EMD training on May 21-23. The Dispatchers will be visiting and NWS Storm Ready County program. Everything would come in through email.

Communication was discussed. Mike Dauber requested that the Fire Departments be paged when ambulances are paged. Gene Hammons referenced the First Responders not

being dispatched when the West Liberty ambulance was called. Malott will discuss these matters with Brenda Johnson, Communications Supervisor.

Moved by Dauber seconded by Jepson to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m.