

CEDAR COUNTY E-911 SERVICE BOARD

April 10, 2014 MINUTES

APPROVED _____

Orville Randolph called the meeting to order at 7:51 p.m. at the Law Enforcement Center.

Those present were EMA Commission members and/or appointees and alternates to include Board of Supervisors: Betty Ellerhoff; Bennett: Orville Randolph and Mike Anderson; Clarence: Randy Burken and Jeric Armstrong; Durant: Dawn Smith; Lowden: absent; Mechanicsville: Larry Butler; Sheriff Warren Wethington; Stanwood: Greg Wagner; Tipton: Leanne Zearley; and West Branch: Mark Worrell and Dave Hosier. Others in attendance were: Tim Malott, Director; Bev Penningroth, Clerk; and Sue Hall, Press.

Moved by Zearley seconded by Smith to approve the meeting agenda.

Ayes: All

Moved by Wagner seconded by Butler to approve the minutes of January 10, 2013.

Ayes: All

Revenues and expenditures were reviewed.

Moved by Ellerhoff seconded by Armstrong to approve the revenues and expenditures, as presented.

Ayes: All

Old business was discussed.

A Request for Proposal has been released for updating the Sheriff Department's radios to a P-25 Digital Voting system. They are due by April 18th. On April 15th there will be a meeting with the Police Chiefs. Addressing in the unincorporated Rochester area will begin soon. There will be a meeting in that area to discuss the addressing. Data collection for the annual P.S.A.P. expenditures is complete. The cost to run the P.S.A.P. is \$700,000. Annual requirements have been completed and Malott will request extra money for the back room. As a follow-up to the meeting at Durant concerning communications, Scott County has parts on order.

New business was discussed.

Discussion was held regarding surcharge surplus dollars. We can apply for dollars to be used inside the P.S.A.P. Malott would like to apply for dollars for the radios in the back room, and next year for Fire & E.M.S. for radio upgrades. The cost of a handheld radios from \$1,000 to \$1,800, and a radio for a vehicle can cost \$3,500. Dawn Smith noted Durant has to match with other counties due to their location. Malott felt they won't get away from analog completely. Mark Worrell felt a bigger antenna helped the City of West Branch. Malott said E.F. Johnson is the high-end. Narrow banding was mentioned and Malott noted simulcast is the next level, but he doesn't know where we'd get the money. Warren Wethington wondered why can't the City of Bennett go to the people that take care of their radios, to try to correct the communication issues. Orville

Randolph thinks it's a paging problem. Mike Anderson thinks the City of Bennett's radio communications have gotten worse, and he indicated the pager goes off and there is no message. He doesn't know how it can be said they don't know it is happening, when he is calling the Law Enforcement Center and telling them. Jeric Armstrong thinks there are "dead spots". Anderson noted he can hear on the radio and not the pager, or vice versa. Anderson felt they didn't have these problems before narrow banding. Worrell referenced geographic issues, and Armstrong mentioned weather issues. Wethington suggested meeting with Business Radio and Graybill to discuss the issues. Malott referenced new technology and buying new programming.

Director Malott suggested using email to replace FAX for reports to Fire Departments and Law Enforcement as of May 1, 2014. Warren Wethington left the meeting for an emergency. Malott said it costs \$3,50 per year for FAX only. Anderson is against this. Wagner felt new technology already doesn't work. Randolph felt this should be a policy from the Sheriff. Wagner felt discussion on this should be delayed. Burken asked how many calls Bennett has in a year. Anderson thought around 33. Wagner noted it is the Sheriff's budget and the Board of Supervisors approves that budget. Malott noted the State is looking at lowering the number of P.S.A.P.s. The Sheriff and Board of Supervisors have the final say regarding this matter. They need addresses and times of arrival of emergency vehicles. Randolph felt the paper copy is needed for a backup document. Malott noted a CAD system I used when calls are created. The matter was tabled.

There will be a meeting with all law enforcement on April 15th.

There is a new NET 911 program for a new program to put into the MSAG. Addresses are not showing up. He will go to the Postmaster General to get this straightened out (unlocked).

The GOE-Comm. Server is being updated to Windows 8.1. The five-year plan has not changed.

The NENA conference will be held on April 7th & 8th.

There were no 911 issues from the citizens. Mark Worrell asked if Ridge View Drive has been straightened out. Malott noted there is a monthly fee for every address out there, that is paid by the surcharge. Randolph indicated it would be nice to subsidize that with property tax. Malott felt a survey would clean up addresses that are not needed/required. Worrell suggested people need to be educated on the cost. Malott noted they operate within the revenue, and he looks for ways to cut costs. Greg Wagner recommended having meetings every other month. No decision was made with regarding to the frequency of meetings.

Moved by Smitn seconded by Wagner to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Ayes: All