

**COLUMBIANA COUNTY 911
EMERGENCY SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING**

May 6, 2021

1:00 – 2:00 P.M. (via ZOOM)

Those in attendance: Brian Rutledge, Tim Weigle, Dave Casto, Jeremiah Cole, Joe Cappuzello, Scott Mason, John Lane, Jt Panzot, Peggy Clark, Lily Nickel, Brett Todd, Jenn Swords, Roy Paparodis

Meeting opened by Chairman Commissioner Weigle

Followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes distributed from previous meeting with no additions or corrections

Motion to accept minutes by J Cole 2nd Mason- all in favor

Financials reviewed by Commissioner Weigle-

Motion to accept by J Cole 2nd by Scott Mason all in favor

Meeting turned over to 911 Coordinator Rutledge

ESINet will be meeting again next week on the 13th nothing new to report from them. The RFP for the State NG911 project as been awarded pending the funding is approved through legislature. Reminder that the plan is to leave the wireless fee at .25 however add that .25 to any device that can reach 911. Committee discussion took place as J Cappuzello questioned the amount received from the state over the last 7 years has not changed and wonders what the extra money goes towards.

911 Federal Grants- Text-2-911 is still not implemented, we received word on April 13th that Comtech believes that the boarder control function and location database equipment should be upgraded at the SOCC to work better with the texting. The current estimate is another 6 weeks from now. The second federal grant for the back up 911 PSAP at the EMA building has moved along well. The 911 pc's are installed and functioning and the admin lines have been established. The CAD pc's should be installed next week and Brian will be reaching out to the PSAP's for material such as phone numbers and contacts that a dispatcher would need if relocated to the EMA building.

Brian reported he is still receiving a list of positive COVID cases from the HD for CAD. It doesn't come as regularly as it has in the past but every couple weeks we get an update.

Brian discussed upcoming PSAP operations rule changes that are being prepared to go before JCARR. The only significant changes are that dispatchers will be required to do 8 hours of CE's as apposed to the current 2 hours. PSAP's must have plans in place for rerouting of calls and our system does that now and ring to answer times are adjusting from 90% in 10 seconds to 15 seconds.

The annual support and compliance report is going to be due to the State in July, Brian will be reaching out to all the PSAP chiefs to make sure all the information is accurate. WGAF report for wireless funds should be submitted next week and the FCC report on how PSAP's are funded, number of calls taken etc. was submitted on Tuesday of this week.

Commissioner Weigle brought up that a discussion was recently held at the request of Sheriff McLaughlin that he attended along with Brian, Peggy and several police chiefs. The invite was extended to discuss the idea of consolidating the five 911 PSAP's into one. Commissioner Weigle wanted the 911 Committee to be aware of this ongoing discussion and that they should all have input to it. There was extensive discussion among the members of the committee present and some of the questions and concerns are as follows:

- who would run? Thoughts of an independent group not a fire or law enforcement group
- how to pay for it?
- the job security of current dispatchers?
- location?

There are other county's that have done this before, so it is nothing new but there's still a lot of unanswered questions. It was decided that Commissioner Weigle, Peggy and Brian would start looking at the feasibility of this idea and report back to the committee. If needed an additional meeting would be held prior to the next 911 meeting in August.

Next meeting scheduled for August 5 at 1pm here at the EMA building.

Motion to adjourn Mason 2nd J Cole all in favor

If there's any additions or corrections please reach out to Brian