

Delaware County 911 Board Minutes

April 7, 2015

Delaware County Commissioner's Meeting Room

In attendance: Patrick Brandt, Tom Homan, Capt. Scott Vance, Chief Mike Schuiling, Stephanie Burns, County Administrator Tim Hansley, Asst. Chief Joe Pichert, Chief Gary Honeycutt, Commissioner Gary Merrell, Chief Bruce Pijanowski, Chief Jeff Wilson, Sheila Perin, Teri Morgan, and Sheriff Russ Martin.

1. Pledge of Allegiance – meeting called to order at 1:00 pm by Chief Pijanowski.
2. Public Comment – no public comment.
3. Asst. Chief Pichert made a motion to approve the 911 Board meeting minutes from February 3, 2015; Mr. Homan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. Discussion held regarding the open meeting rules. It was decided at the February 25 Admin. meeting, that Trustee Miley will remain as secretary but Ms. Perin will take the actual minutes. Chief Honeycutt made a motion to adopt the proposed rules for notification to public and news media as proposed by Aric Hostettler. Asst. Chief Pichert seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Brandt reported in the Director's report that 911 employee David Potts resigned his full time position as a 911 telecommunicator and has accepted a job with BST&G. There are currently four openings in 911. Interviews were held last week and this week. Mr. Brandt plans to fill at least three positions. The Technology group attended a demo on APCO software at Alerts in Hilliard. MARCS switched over to 800 system. He also reported that a modification was made to the 911 logo in preparation for the upcoming levy. Also reported that a certified letter was sent to an alarm company who repetitively calls the administration line reporting alarms. He is currently waiting on a response from them and if he does not receive one – it will be turned over to the Prosecutor's office to handle.

Mr. Brandt also reported that a 911 employee served an 80-hour suspension for disciplinary reasons. Also reported that Rob Jackson is the new 911 coordinator for the state.

Committee reports:

Technical committee: Meeting was held in the EOC on April 1 and the APCO software was discussed. Discussion included switching from ProQA to the new APCO software. The quote for the ProQA software is \$47,000 to get everything up and running and the annual maintenance cost is \$21,000. The APCO software

is \$59,000 but the annual maintenance is \$6,000. The difference is the APCO cards can be changed as long as the medical director signs off on them. Another benefit of APCO is that in-house trainers can be utilized. Chief Honeycutt questioned whether Mr. Brandt had any issues with different medical directors. Mr. Brandt explained that everything would go through Dr. Arnold. Dr. Arnold signs off on the entire card system. Mr. Homan made a motion to accept the use of the APCO software. Chief Honeycutt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Brandt reported on the texting 911 upgrade system. He is waiting on the RFP from Franklin County.

While at Alert's on March 20th they showed the group a demo on the intergration of alarm companies reporting directly into CAD. This will elevate the need for phone calls between the 911 Center and the alarm company. Currently Vector Security is the only one utilizing this technology.

Captain Vance spoke about utilizing electronic tickets with Alerts. More information to come.

Honeycutt made a motion to add Chief Jeff Wilson to the standards and protocol committee. Sheriff Russ Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Homan reported that over the past few months the Administration committee has met several times to discuss the upcoming levy. They have met with the County Auditor and his staff to discuss the financial needs of the 911 operation and were presented with estimates of the current revenues and the projected shortfall. As a result of that discussion a vote was made to recommend the renewal of .45 mills plus an additional .28 mills which would eliminate the subsidy that is currently being provided by the county commissioners (\$700,000 annually). The committee would like to recommend this to the full board and present it to the commissioners in June. The costs to the homeowners would be \$23/year. The subsidy came about out of necessity due to the levy failure. The commissioners basically plugged the gap.

Mr. Homan asked if the ballot language for the levy would be in a one or two question format. Mr. Brandt clarified that it would be one question and that it would indicate the .28 increase.

Old Business

Sheriff Martin made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Administration committee to present to the Commissioners the .45 and .28 mills levy (total .73 mills) be placed on the ballot of the general election in November 2015. Chief Wilson seconded the motion. All votes: yes. No opposition. Motion carried.

Teri Morgan presented information about the specifics of informing the public about the levy.

County Administrator Tim Hansley explained why he felt the last levy failed. He felt there was too much confusion and hopefully the current campaign needs to explain the system more clearly i.e. radios system, etc. He feels it is beneficial that we are starting early. Mr. Homan suggested the Admin. committee meet soon to get the campaign started.

Mr. Brandt reported that National Telecommunicator's Week is on session for Monday, April 13.

No need for executive session.

Commissioner Merrell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Sheriff Russ Martin.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm.