

DELAWARE COUNTY 911 BOARD
MINUTES
March 3, 2009
DELAWARE COUNTY EOC

In attendance at the meeting was: Tom Homan, Commissioner Tommy Thompson (for Commissioner O'Brien), Sheriff Davis, Chief Martin, Chief Vest, Chief Honeycutt, Chief McIntire, and Chief Donahue.

Absent: Steve Lutz, Chief Farmer and Bill Shively

Also in Attendance: Bill Swatsworth (Kimball Corporation) Patrick Brandt, Chief Morris and members of the press.

- I. Chairman Homan called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Homan stated that he has heard that Phil Panzeralla will be replacing Bill Shively as the Township representative.

- II. Reading and Approval of Minutes

- A. Motion to approve the minutes of February 17, 2009 as presented by Chief Honeycutt, seconded by Chief McIntire, and passed unanimously.

Chief Donahue asked to alter the Agenda to meet Patrick Brandt schedule to allow him to provide an update on the Shanahan Rd tower.

Shanahan Rd. Tower - Patrick advised that the Shanahan Rd tower was operational last Friday. Costs for the repairs appear to be approximately \$7,000. During the repairs, the company has identified 2 problems. First, 13 of the 26 microwaves dishes are out of specification by greater than 5 db. They are recommending that the dishes be realigned. With the realignment, they are also recommending that the mounts be replaced with a stronger mount. The budget contains \$11,000 in planned maintenance. Patrick is estimating the cost to possibly be an additional \$10,000,

Patrick advised the second problem is that the Shanahan tower is receiving RF interference. APCO has been notified. If the tower experiences high winds, the tower could be overpowered by the interference. Patrick stated that this year they were planning on bringing an 8th channel on line. It was budgeted for \$880,000 and the pricing is coming in at \$500,000. The additional costs for these maintenance issues could be covered due to the savings on the 8th channel.

US Marshal Service - Patrick also asked to discuss the request for the US Marshal Service to use the County 800 radio system. Patrick Brandt stated that he was contacted by the USMS to allow them access to the County radio system. Chief Martin stated that

the approval would need to come through the 911 Board. Patrick stated that he also has received a request by the ODNR Watercraft for usage. Chief Martin stated that the USMS would only use it on operations in Delaware County and if they needed to communicate with law enforcement in Delaware County. Patrick stated that the same request is with ODNR. Chief Martin stated that he has no problem with the access, but defers the decision to the 911 Board.

Chief Honeycutt asked if this was more to improve interoperability. Chief Martin confirmed this.

Chairman Homan stated that if approved, the request would then go to the County Administrator.

Motion by Chief Honeycutt and seconded by Chief Donahue to allow the US Marshal Service and the ODNR Watercraft access to the Delaware County 911 System for emergency communication and for interoperability purposes. Discussion followed.

Patrick stated it would then be up to the Delaware County agencies to determine what talk groups would be accessible.

Chief Vest stated that OSP has the same need and access for interoperability. If there is a problem with an agency, then you deal with the agency. He has not seen any problems.

Chief Donahue asked Patrick to confirm that the current capacity usage is small, and with the additional channel will only decrease the capacity usage. Patrick confirmed this.

Motion was read again and passed unanimously.

Patrick stated that nothing is currently occurring with the phone system upgrade.

Patrick provided information on the upcoming radio rebanding. Patrick stated that when the radio system gets rebanded, Motorola will be working on 2 channels at a time. This will takes two days to complete..

III. Committee Report

- A. Technical Committee – None
- B. Standards and Protocols – None
- C. Administrative –None

IV. New Business

- A. Mayday – Chief Honeycutt stated that when a FF Mayday is called, the dispatch channel gets tied up due to an additional alarm automatically being called. If the FF calling the Mayday should activate the radio emergency button, the radio is immediately redirected to the primary dispatch channel.

This could create communication problems. Chief Honeycutt asked if a modification could be made to the radio system.

Patrick stated that going to Tactical 1 would create problems as Central dispatch does not monitor the Tactical channels. Chief Honeycutt asked if the Rescue Channel could be used. Discussion followed and it will be referred back to the Delaware County Fire Chiefs Assn for a solution.

Chief Martin asked if this was unique to the fire service. Patrick confirmed that it was.

- B. Chairman Homan reported that the Court ruled last week in favor of the County Commissioners. Nothing has changed in the direction we are heading.

V. Unfinished Business

- A. Kimball Corporation – Bill Swatsworth stated that Kimball has finished Task 1, the assessment portion of the contract. A draft of the report has been forwarded to the Chairman. Once the review has been completed, the report will be bound and presented to the 911 Board. This is planned for the March 17 meeting.

Bill reported that Kimball is on hold awaiting further direction from the 911 Board. The recommendation has been presented. The next step is to advertise.

- B. Chairman Homan distributed the budget for 2009 with the updated expenses to date.
- C. Personnel - Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 121.22 (G) (4) personnel. Motion by Chief Honeycutt to move into Executive Session. Seconded by Chief McIntire. Motion Approved at 1:34 p.m..

Motion by Chief Martin, seconded by Sheriff Davis to come out of Executive Session at 2:07 p.m.. Motion approved.

VI. There being no further business before the Board, meeting was adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

VII. Next meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2009.