

DELAWARE COUNTY 911 BOARD  
MINUTES  
November 18, 2008  
DELAWARE COUNTY EOC

In attendance at the meeting was: Tom Homan, Steve Lutz, Glenn Evans, Sheriff Davis, Chief Martin, Chief Stewart (for Chief Honeycutt), Chief Morris (for Chief McIntire), Chief Donahue and Chief Farmer.

Absent: Chief Vest and Bill Shively

- I. Chairman Homan called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m with the Pledge of Allegiance.
  
- II. Reading and Approval of Minutes
  - A. Motion to approve the minutes of November 4, 2008 as corrected at the bottom of page 3 to read “Chief Vest stated that he has concerns as Capt Pijanowski reports **to** Chief Martin and ...” by Steve Lutz, seconded by Chief Martin, and passed unanimously.
  
- III. Committee Report
  - A. Technical Committee – Chief Donahue reported that the console purchases were approved by the County Commissioners and have been ordered.
  - B. Standards and Protocols – None
  - C. Administrative –None
  
- IV. Unfinished Business
  - A. Chairman Homan stated that he spoke with the County Attorney, Todd Hicks, who advised that the action concerning the Supervision of the 911 Center should remain status quo. He further stated that both the County and the Sheriff’s Attorney’s have had discussion concerning this.  
  
Chairman Homan stated that we still have two approaches to look at. The first is a contract with Kimball to manage the Center. The second is to have Kimball serve as a consultant, advising an Acting 911 Director, such as was discussed with Capt Pijanowski. A meeting has been arranged with Kimball for November 19 to discuss and meet their capabilities.  
  
Sheriff Davis asked if the meeting has been Public Noticed. Chief Donahue stated that this had been done through Jennifer Walriven.  
  
Several Board Members stated that they did not receive the memo with the resumes of the Kimball representatives sent out late last week.

Commissioner Evans stated that he has been a strong proponent of getting immediate direct supervision in the 911 Center. He sees the option of Capt Pijanowski as the Acting 911 Director utilizing Kimball as the best option.

Sheriff Davis stated that he likes the idea of bringing Kimball in to do it all. They would be an outsider who has no ties, and with the challenges the County faces, feels this is the best way.

Commissioner Evans stated that he sees that this would slow down getting the City consolidated. He has heard good things of Capt Pijanowski, and agrees with the objectivity of Kimball.

Chief Martin stated that Capt Pijanowski would provide everyday leadership for the 911 Center, working with the dispatchers, building bridges. The County has the technical experts that could assist. He welcomes Kimball's assistance with this concept as a resource.

Chairman Homan stated that day-to-day supervision is needed to provide stability.

Chief Morris stated that the issue with the direction for the County is a key issue. Chief Stewart stated that a job description needs to be provided.

Chairman Homan stated that the current job description would be used for the Acting 911 Director.

Chief Martin stated that we need to begin setting the table for the next 911 Director. He has concerns that the Consultant may be cost prohibited. He stated that he has a pretty large stake by giving his 911 Center up, but wants to ensure what is done is right.

Chairman Homan stated that the cost for Kimball is about \$5,000 a week to manage the 911 Center and would have between 24-32 hours per week.

Commissioner Evans stated that the 911 Center needs the operational aspect, and sees Capt Pijanowski filling that role, with Kimball serving as support, providing research, analysis and policy and procedures.

Chief Stewart stated that Kimball would provide an unbiased report back to the 911 Board and the County.

Chairman Homan stated that the use of Capt Pijanowski provides a bridge between the City and County, and secondly, is able to provide the leadership that is needed at the 911 Center.

Sheriff Davis stated that we are looking at about \$60,000 for Kimball to come in. He wants to get the job done, do what is right and do the peoples job.

Chief Martin stated that Capt Pijanowski cost would be a lot less than Kimball, and the combination with Kimball is still less.

Sheriff Davis asked why should we have someone come in who is not familiar with the personnel and the system of operation.

Chief Martin stated that Capt Pijanowski can handle the job.

Sheriff Davis stated that his personnel are familiar with the system and could serve as the Co-Managers with Kimball.

Chief Martin stated that he will take off the table Capt Pijanowski if we are not all agreeable.

Chairman Homan stated that we need to make sure we do not mix the issues up. We have had some good discussion about the 911 Director. The lawsuit between the Sheriff and the County, it is not advisable to have the Sheriff oversee. The desire is to have a countywide 911/Communication system.

Sheriff Davis stated that he is slow to make any decision until he has a proposal in writing.

Chairman Homan stated that maybe our best decision is to hire a consultant. He does not want to see a spilt board.

Commissioner Evans stated that he does not want to see the fire service gets short changed. They have a vested interest as everyone who sits here.

Sheriff Davis stated that he has a vested interest in fire. That the Fire Service concern is his concern. Maybe we should have dual leadership, get a Fire expert to assist in co-leadership.

Chief Farmer stated that he does not favor a leadership by committee, but co-leadership with Fire/Law is possible.

Sheriff Davis asked if Delaware PD could afford to let Capt Pijanowski go for that period of time.

Chief Farmer stated that there is a perception at the 911 Center is being taken over by the City.

Chief Martin stated that the perception would have validity if the City were taking it over. The City is not and actually turning it over to the County. Chief

Martin stated that he still believes regionalization is the best and he is being the good steward of the taxpayer's money.

Chief Donahue stated that we need to reflect back to what we were focusing on as a vision statement. He stated that we are trying to develop a 911 Center that focuses on public trust and confidence and prompt and reliable service. On Wednesday, the Delaware Fire Chiefs will be meeting to provide the representatives direction. He believes that it will be recommended that a neutral third party be recommended to oversee the Center.

Chairman Homan stated that we have to do something. Using Capt Pijanowski has merit. Kimball was retained approximately 6 years ago to deal with consolidation.

Commissioner Evans states that we all have to talk the same lingo and cannot get bogged down with the implementation.

Chief Stewart stated that hiring Kimball seems to be the best as it provides all of us with a neutral information and direction.

Chairman Homan stated that we have a meeting with Kimball on Wednesday, and we will leave it until then to make a decision.

Commissioner Evans stated that he will not be able to attend on Wednesday. Dave Cannon is also out, and he will see if Commissioner Ward can attend.

Chief Donahue will make contact with Patrick Brandt.

Sheriff Davis stated that he will have Capt Vance also present.

- B. Chairman Homan stated that he has spoken to Commissioner-Elect Thompson who is interested in meeting with the 911 Board in the future.
- C. Chief Martin stated that he has not called anyone concerning the issues. This is not a game of survivor. We all need to trust each other.

V. New Business

- A. None

VI. There being no further business before the Board, meeting was adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

VII. Next meeting

- A. Special Meeting is scheduled for November 19.
- B. Regular Meeting is scheduled for December 2.