

Central Emergency Dispatch Policy Board

June 13, 2017 Minutes

Members present:

Russell Brummett Mike Cornman
Joe Qualters Jayme Washel

Attendees:

Jeff Schemmer, Central Dispatch Jason Moore, BFD
Mike Diekhoff, BPD Kevin Patton, EFD
Michael Rouker, City Legal Eli Eccles, Central Dispatch
Rita Barrow, Van Buren Township Shane Chapman, Perry Clear Creek FD
Allison Moore, Monroe County EMA Jeff Cockrill, Monroe County Legal
Michael Flory, Monroe County Legal Joel Bomgardner, NMFT
Cheryl Munson, Monroe County Commissioners

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m., by Chairperson Joe Qualters.

AGENDA

Chairperson Joe Qualters asked Michael Rouker to summarize the duties of the Board and the Interlocal Agreement.

Dispatch is created by an interlocal agreement with two primary funding sources. They are the 911 Fund; which has limited uses and the local income tax (LIT) fund. The LIT fund has two categories, the PSAP and public safety funds

The Central Emergency Dispatch Policy Board makes recommendations to both the City and County Council. The purpose of the meeting is to make a recommendation to those bodies that can actually appropriate the funds. Those bodies will meet and approve the final budget.

Mike Cornman asked when a new interlocal agreement will be made. Rouker said that talks are just now beginning about a new interlocal. Jeff Cockrill, Monroe County Legal, said that there will most likely be a new one, but he doesn't anticipate a lot of changes. Rouker agreed. The current interlocal is working fine.

I. 2018 Budget:

The biggest changes from the 2018 budget are:

1. Personnel – requested an additional six dispatchers. Funded by the LIT fund.
2. Pay incentive – offer an incentive to anyone willing to help out with training the new dispatchers. The positions would be appointed.
3. Dispatch computers – will cost about \$5,000 each, there are nine computers. Increased the E911 fund - capital outlay line from \$50,000 to \$95,000.
4. Public Safety LIT fund, capital outlays line increased to \$800,000. Trying to standardize dispatch. There are several fire departments that are

operating on different radio frequencies and radio platforms. Some fire departments have concerns over running two different radio platforms. The departments have to carry two radios to be able to talk to other fire departments.

Jeff is proposing a county wide communications plan. It would span over two years and cost about 1.3 million dollars. It would include dispatch purchasing MDT's for every township fire department in their front line vehicles and 800 MHz radios for them.

The MDT's will cost about \$800, 000 and would come out of the 2018 budget. The radios will also cost about \$800, 000 and would come out of the 2019 budget.

Dispatch would pay for the installation and hardware for both the MDT's and the radios. A third party vendor will be hired to help with the IT portion of it. Each township would also get one year of IT support, specific to the MDT and the software that dispatch has installed.

If there is any money left over from the MDT purchase, it will roll over into 2019 and will be used towards the purchase of the radios.

Each department will be responsible for their own cellular air cards.

Attached is a breakdown of each township and the number of frontline vehicles that they have. Each township provided Jeff with the number of frontline vehicles that they have.

The remainder of the budget is standard. No real change.

Mike Cornman asked how Jeff will pay for the communication plan. The funding is coming out of the LIT fund. The money expected to be received in 2017 is over 7 million dollars.

Mike Rouker emphasized that the Board makes recommendations to the City and County Councils. Either Council can come back and say that they don't like or approve the budget. If that were to happen the budget would be brought back in front of the board for approval.

Mike Cornman made a motion to approve the 2018 proposed budget. Russell Brummett seconded it. The Board unanimously approved.

II. Public Comment:

Fire Chief Jason Moore stated that he supports the 2018 budget, even though he understands that part of the funding is from the portion of the LIT fund that the fire department would have received. Overall standardizing dispatch and helping them as an essential point of contact helps everyone in the county.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 18, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the Training Room at B.P.D.

Meeting adjourned at 10:48 am.