

Central Emergency Dispatch Policy Board

January 24, 2017 Minutes

Members present:

Russell Brummett Jim Davis
Craig Munroe Joe Qualters

Members not present:

Milan Pece

Attendees:

Jeff Schemmer, Central Dispatch
Mike Cornman, EFD
Eli Eccles, Central Dispatch
Michael Rouker, City Legal
Fire
Mike Diekhoff, BPD
Ed Terrell, VBFD
Shane Chapman, PCCFD
Mary Davis, public
Jeff Cockrill, Monroe County Legal
HT Reporter

Jason Moore, BFD
Kelly Mullis, IU Health EMS
Margie Rice, County Legal
David Calvin, Northern Monroe

Christina Combs, Central Dispatch
David Owens, PCCFD
Rick Dietz, City ITS
Christine Bartlett, Ferguson Law Office
Geoff McKim, County Council

Meeting called to order at 10:07 a.m., by Chairperson Joe Qualters.

AGENDA

- I. Approval of Minutes: Munroe abstained due to not being present at the last meeting. Davis made a motion. Brummett seconded it. Unanimously approved November 15, 2016 minutes.

- II. Personnel Update: Currently have 3 in training. Two other dispatchers have resigned since the November meeting. In the middle of a hiring process. The posting closed on January 13th. There were 25 applications. As of December 19, 2016 all County Dispatchers became City employees. It was a lateral transfer. As part of the transfer the County Commissioners extended the use of the County Health Clinic for 6-months to the former employees.

- III. Committee Reports: None - no active committees.

- IV. Statistics:
 - *November & December 2016:* See attached documents. Jeff is currently working on compiling the end-of-year stats and will have them available at the March meeting.

- V. Old Business:

- *Auto Toner & Status Buttons:* Recently received the scope of work. It is currently under review.
- *Pulse Point:* Rick Dietz, City ITS is currently looking at the infrastructure. More information and his recommendation will be available at the March meeting.

VI. New Business:

- *Interlocal Agreement:* Mike Rouker, City Legal. This is the 5th amendment to the Interlocal Agreement since 1998. It has a one-year term. During the year, the Interlocal can be evaluated and have changes made, if necessary. One of the amendments to the Interlocal is due to the passage of the Local Income Tax (“LIT”) in early 2016. The LIT fund includes funding to Dispatch.

Another change to the Interlocal is staffing. The Interlocal now states that all Dispatch personnel are employees of the City. Other changes were made to eliminate unnecessary background info, clarify language and to refine the make-up role of the Policy Board.

The Mayor and County Commissioners agreed to the one year term of the Interlocal only for 2017.

- *2017 Budget:* The budget is for \$2,007,688.15. The balance in the Statewide 911 Fund as of December 31, 2016 was \$1,072,708.51.

City Fire Chief Jason Moore spoke about a program called Locution that he wants for the fire department. The program costs \$475,000 and would benefit dispatch, too. Johnson County has the system and has seen a decrease in response time. It would eliminate the need for Auto Toner. He suggested visiting Johnson County to see how the system works.

The problem with Spillman is that the alert tones are waking the firefighters up. They hear the tones for all of the fire departments. While Auto Toner will fix that problem, Chief Moore says that there are other benefits to the Locution system. Locutin will take the guess work away from dispatch as to which truck to dispatch.

The cost of Auto Toner is \$63,290 with an annual maintenance cost of \$7,200.

The \$475,000 was initially in the fire departments budget, but was removed and added to the dispatch budget. Qualters asked why that was. Chief Moore stated that it was because the system has to do with dispatch.

Margie Rice with County Legal suggested approving the budget without the \$475,000. The County Commissioners have already approved the purchase of Auto Toner from Spillman. If needed the \$475,000 can be approved later.

Davis would like to see the proposed system in action before making a decision.

Qualters does not agree that the money should come out of the dispatch budget. The system is largely beneficial to the fire departments, based on that the fire department should be responsible for the cost. He suggests approving the budget without the \$475,000. Further education is needed.

Margie stated the entire budget could be tabled until the March meeting. County Council still has not approved the budget on their end and will be discussing it at tonight's meeting.

The motion for approval of the budget was withdrawn. Brummett made a motion to table the approval of the budget until the March meeting. Munroe seconded it. Unanimously approved.

- *Motorola Maintenance Agreement:* It's a 10 year agreement that is billed annually. The invoice has to be signed off on yearly, per Motorola. Once the Board approves the service agreement it goes to the County for approval. Brummett made a motion to approve the agreement for 2017. Davis seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

VII. Police/Sheriff/Fire/EMS: None

VIII. Public Comment: Shane Chapman, PCCFD is familiar with Johnson County and the Locution system. He suggests finding a way to get everyone on the same radio system first. Lawrence County put in a system for under \$300, 000. Shane has used a Lawrence County radio in downtown Bloomington to communicate with others in Lawrence County, with no issues.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 21, 2017, at 10:54 a.m. in the Training Room at B.P.D.

Meeting adjourned at 10:54 am.