

Calhoun County Consolidated Dispatch Center Authority Governing Board

Meeting Minutes Tuesday, May 12, 2009

Members Present: Mike Herman, City of Albion

Sherriff Al Byam, Calhoun County Sherriff

Frank Peterson, AMSA

Ken Tsuchiyama, City of Battle Creek Brent Williams, City of Marshall Eric Wimbley, Michigan State Police

Members Excused: Chris Simmons, City of Battle Creek

Jeff Albaugh, Calhoun County Township Association Mike Rae, Calhoun County Board of Commissioners

Also Present: Eric Miller, City of Albion

Kelli Sproule, Calhoun County Richard Lindsey, CCCDA Counsel

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Peterson at 3:01 p.m., in the Law Library of the Marshall County Building.

I. Consent Items

Motion by Mr. Tsuchiyama, supported by Mr. Williams to approve the Consent Agenda, and excuse Mr. Simmons, Mr. Albaugh, and Mr. Rae. All in favor.

II. Technical Committee Update

Mr. Miller updated the Board on the status of the various sub-committees working within the Technical Committee. A number of local fire departments had representatives at the last meeting; they were looking to provide input into the consolidation process, and some wanted assistance with the procurement of pagers, MDTs, and related software; they are in need of a fiduciary to help apply for grant funds, as none of their municipalities are interested in acting in that capacity.

There may be a possibility to utilize newer technology to accomplish the connection to the Battle Creek Area from Marshall. A business that utilizes newer 4.9 GHz technology might be able to provide their product at a significant cost savings; the Technical Committee will meet with them later this week.

Mr. Wimbley asked about the desired operational rate. Mr. Miller said that 99.999% of transmissions are expected to make it through.

III. Additional Items

Frank will contact the Huron Potawatomi's Police Chief to discuss dispatch services.

Ms. Sproule informed the Board that the County was pursuing GIS Technology; this would be a great opportunity to collaborate on any GIS services.

Lt. Wimbley said that the Board should consider a contingency plan in the event no acceptable candidate emerges from the Executive Director hiring process.

The Meeting was adjourned at 3:20p, the next meeting will be May 26, 2009 at 3p.