



**Chippewa County Central Dispatch**

**Board of Directors**

**Meeting Minutes**

February 25, 2026

3:00 p.m.

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- I. Call meeting to order - Meeting called to order at 1601 by Board Chair Greg Postma
- II. Roll call – Present – Greg Postma - Director, Chief Ed Miller, Chief Dan Wilcox, County Administrator - Kelly Church, Sault Ste Marie Police - Chief Wes Bierling, County Commissioner Jim Traynor, Ops Manager – Sara Ostwald, Citizen Rep – Tom Mckee, Bay Mills Police – Chief Carrick, Dispatcher – Fred Kline. Pickford Fire – Jim Miller, MSP Lt, Allen
- III. Introductions - Completed
- IV. Additions or deletions to the meeting agenda – None
- V. Approval of the agenda- Jim Miller made a motion to approve the agenda, and Wes Bierling supported the motion. On a vote, the agenda was approved unanimously.
- VI. Review and approve minutes from 12-17-2025 – Kelly Church made a motion to approve the minutes, it was supported by Ed Miller. On a vote, the minutes were approved.
- VII. Review and approve expenditures and monthly revenue - Expenditure/Revenue was reviewed by Postma  
  
A motion was made by Tom McKee to approve the expenditures, and Dan Wilcox supported the motion. On a vote, the motion passed.
- VIII. Public Comment – None
- IX. New Business –
  - a) Elect Officers – Chair Person and Vice Chair
    - a. Board Chair Position – Ron Carrick nominated Greg Postma for Chair, and Rob Allen supported the nomination. No other nominations were put forward. On a vote Postma was voted board Chair unanimously.
    - b. Board Vice Chair Position – Dan Wilcox nominated Jim Traynor for vice chair and Tom Mckee Supported that nomination. No other nominations were made. On a vote, Traynor was voted in as vice-chair unanimously.

## X. 911

- a) Bi Monthly Report and Call Volume Reporting – Numbers were flat despite a harsh winter
- b) UP 911 Authority project for new CAD system – Notified that we signed with Tyler
- c) Operations Manager Report – Discussed Training and Staffing levels.
- d) Pager Project - Sugar Island Now has 800 pagers waiting for the OK to switch over. Region 8 has some money for pagers. Will be acquiring 12 with this.
- e) Pickford First Responders – Simultaneous Paging is going well after correction.
- f) EUPTA Pagers - EUPTA is purchasing 3 pagers for the Ferry Boats for EMS notifications.
- g) Closest Concept EMS – Still in talks
- h) Lift assist protocol #17 – Still in draft form
- i) Increase Surcharge from 2.25 to 2.75
  - a. Jim Miller made a motion to recommend increasing the surcharge from 2.25 to 2.75. Motion was supported by Dan Wilcox. Discussion regarding upcoming needs and fiscal responsibilities at the center. On a vote, the motion passed and Director Postma will draft a letter to the Board of Commissioners
- j) FIRE/EMS/LEO Dispatching roles and Canceling Responsibilities
- k) Much discussion regarding this topic resulting in an agreement to auto dispatch Fire and EMS along with Law to Rollover PDA.
- l) 90 Day retention for phone calls and radio traffic. - Members were advised of the new change.
- m) Next Meeting April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 1500, Sault Ste Marie Police Department

## XI. Committee Member Comments

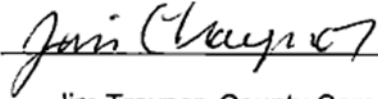
- a. Tom McKee – Inquired and discussed regarding Search and Rescue Capabilities.
- b. Ed Miller – Request to continue paging VHF for Sault City Fire Department and discussion regarding a save and uneventful I-500.

XII. Adjournment - Motion by Ed Miller to adjourn. Supported by Wes Bierling, Meeting adjourned at 1615.



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Greg Postma, Dispatch Director



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Jim Traynor, County Commissioner  
Vice Chair