



**Chippewa County Central Dispatch**

**Board of Directors**

**Meeting Minutes**

October 28, 2025

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, Chippewa County - Sheriff Mike Bitnar, County Administrator - Kelly Church, Bay Mills Indian Community Police - Chief Ronald Carrick, Sault Ste Marie Police - Chief Wes Bierling and County Commissioner Jim Traynor.
- III. Introductions - Completed
- IV. Additions or deletions to the meeting agenda – None
- V. Approval of the agenda- Kelly Church 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 8-26-2025 - Ron Carrick made a motion to approve the minutes, it was supported by Mike Bitnar. 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 Mike Bitnar to approve the expenditures, and Dan Wilcox supported the motion. On a vote, the motion passed.
- VIII. Public Comment - None
- IX. 911
  - a) Bi Monthly Report and Call Volume Reporting
    - a. Discussed climbing numbers and an anticipation of a slight drop as we transition from summer to winter tourism. Discussed an increase in law response numbers over the last couple of months.
  - b) UP 911 Authority project for new CAD system
    - a. Expecting to make final decision on new CAD with in the next month. Building out will be long and extensive.
  - c) Operations Manager Report – Staffing.
    - a. Two new employees through CTO and fully staffed.
  - d) 800mhz Migration- paging- Kinross Is on board with paging. 800 radios were distributed to the following agencies: Sault St Mare Fire, Kinross, Bay Mills, Sugar Island, Dafter and Soo Township.

- e) Pager Project Update
  - a. Title III Funding has been passed by Senate and held up in House.
  - b. Still waiting on a private grant for additional radios.
  - c. TC Grant was denied
  - d. Half the County has 800 mhz page deployed. Still working on moving east across the county as funds allow.
- f) Mobile CAD Update
  - a. Building profiles for mobile CAD for Mackinac County and Sault City Agencies.
- g) Full Building UPS
  - a. Completed and now provides center with 3.5 hours of run time if ever needed. This upgrade puts us in much better place for winter storms, wind storms or Ice storms. IT department played a huge roll in this accomplishment.
- h) Union Negotiations
  - a. Notified the board that negotiations have started.
- i) Union Negotiations Pending.
  - a. Meetings have begun.
- j) Phone switch to PFN
  - a. Completed and large cost saving with the switch.
- k) Surcharge Increase
  - a. Fund balance is healthy. Will discuss raising again as we look at paying for new CAD over the next several years.
- l) Alert Tone Policy Implementation Date
  - a. Policy and Explained, Start date will be November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- m) 17LEIN Policy Implementation Date
  - a. Discussion about officer safety and radio traffic as it pertains to the hurdles that need to be crossed before we can have all traffic encrypted. Implementation will be November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
- n) Review 2026 Schedule
  - a. Ron Carrick made motion to approve, Mike Bitnar supported. Scheduled passed.
- o) Next Meeting December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 1600 Sault Ste Marie Police Department

#### X. Committee Member Comments

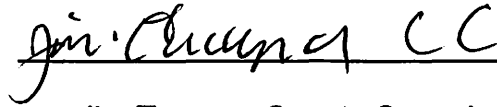
- a. Discussed Law Enforcement Staffing Shortages
- b. Discussed Scams involving Student Disciplines Calls
- c. W3W Signs and Cards requested – will order.

XI. Adjournment - Motion by Mike Bitnar to adjourn. Supported by Dan Wilcox Meeting adjourned at 1535.



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Greg Postma, Director  
Board Chair



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Jim Traynor, County Commissioner  
Vice Chair