

CENTRAL DISPATCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
February 26, 2024

Robert Savoie called the meeting of the Central Dispatch Board of Directors to order at 1500 hours on Monday, February 26, 2024 in the EOC room at Chippewa County Central Dispatch

The following board members were in attendance: Commissioner Robert Savoie, County Administrator Kelly Church, Sault Fire Chief Ed Miller, EMS rep Jim Miller, Sault Police Chief Wes Bierling, Fire rep Chief Dan Wilcox, CCSO Sheriff Michael Bitnar, CCSO Under Sheriff Larry Hough, BMPD Captain Ron Carrick, School Rep Tom McKee, MSP Lt. Rob Allen

Others present: Dispatch Operations Manager Sara Ostwald

Roll call noted

Introductions- None needed

Additions/ deletions to meeting agenda

Addition: none

Deletion:

Approval of the agenda

Approval of additions/agenda **MOVED** by Dan Wilcox and supported by Ed Miller to approve the meeting agenda for February 26, 2024. On a vote, the Motion carried.

Review and approve minutes from 12-20-2023

Approved of Minutes from 12/20/23 **MOVED** by Ron Carrick and supported by Tom McKee to approve the meeting minutes. On a vote, the **Motion carried**.

Review and approve expenditures and monthly revenue moved by Tom McKee and supported by Kelly Church

Public comment -No public comment

a) Bi- Monthly Report & Call Volume Reporting

- a. The new break down will be monthly instead of going in the middle of the month so reports can be done ahead of time for the meetings.
- b. Numbers are down right now due to the lack of snow and accidents/ complaints coming from the trails and snowmobile riders
- c. Chippewa County 2023 compared to 2022
 - i. Calls were very close in total numbers with fire being the only type of service call that was lower
- d. Mackinac County 2023 compared to 2022
 - i. All service types had an increase in calls for service other than first responders
- e. Luce County 2023 compared to 2022
 - i. Luce County is seeing less calls across all types of services other than towing

b) Admin phone Project

- a. Anthony has been a huge help in this project along with many others and has found a work around
- b. Project will be much more cost effective and require less labor

c) UP 911 Authority New CAD Project

- a. Bryce had a meeting last week with state reps and the request for appropriation is still moving forward to purchase the system and cover several years of maintenance
- b. We will be looking for letters of support moving forward in this project

d) ERPO- Extreme Risk Protection Orders

- a. We are going to treat them like they are a PPO
- b. Per Sheriff Bitnar CCSO, MSP and SSMPD have been meeting with judges to discuss how to move forward with these orders. For the time being there is still some confusion until someone in the state executes one of the orders for everyone to learn from

e) Operations manager Report

- a. Julie has moved over to Marquette
- b. Starting interviews next week to fill a full-time position

f) MEVO phones- Backup 911 center

- a. Looking to purchase a few phones during the time of the new CAD that we can take with us if we ever need to relocate
- b. These phones along with the new CAD having a mobile option would allow us to pick up and move to any off-site location and continue to run almost as normal.
- c. The phones would have limited function for dispatchers but would allow callers to call as normal and would transfer over ANI/ALI information like the phones in our center do
- d. Jim Miller talked about the capabilities of these phones and how helpful they would be for us to continue working as normal as possible in an off-site location

g) Wrecker Rotation

- a. MMRMA- they gave a very cookie cutter response and was not specific on what to do in regards to keeping or cancelling the rotation
- b. There was a recent incident where Anytime Towing took one of Superior's rotation vehicles but it has been addressed

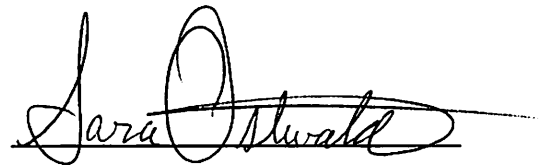
- h) MPSCS request move forward with the change in statewide frequencies**
 - a. Right now channels can be drug statewide and you can hear them anywhere**
 - b. Looking to cut p911, fe911, and LEIN to locate areas only**
 - i. All channels would work UP wide and down to the southern part of CCE**
 - ii. Still will have comm and transport channels statewide if needed**
 - iii. Still can use statewide 8 anywhere needed**
 - c. There hasn't been much pushback as of yet Director Postma will meet with each agency to discuss it further**
- i) County Board approvals –**
 - a. Title III**
 - i. We will touch on this in section N below**
 - b. Detour Lease**
 - i. Lease has been signed and renewed to LCC as of Friday 2-23-24**
 - c. Luce/ Chippewa Dispatch Service Contract**
 - i. The contract was approved and is in EM Dave Hopper's hands waiting for approval from their board. Director Postma doesn't see any issues and believes it will be signed and back in approximately 2 weeks**
- j) Ice Rescue- Policy change with Animals**
 - a. Need to make a proposal**
 - b. There was a recent call about a dog on the ice**
 - c. We need to decide if we want EMS, Fire, Law, and search and rescue on every call of anything on the ice**
 - d. Need to talk about where to make a cut off or what types of animals we are going to send everyone for**
 - e. Proposal from Jim Miller to use current ice rescue for humans and expand to animals. Dispatch all entities and let the responders make the decision. Want to move it to all types of animals to start with just to not limit the response**
 - f. After vote motion carried**
- k) Upcoming ICS- 300**
 - a. Training will be April 15-17 at Sault Ste Marie Police Department it will be put on by Mike Kasper**
 - b. It will be in MI train shortly there will be a notification when it is in there**
- l) EMD (Emergency Medical Dispatch Program)**
 - a. We presented the three programs to EMS captains last week for their input**
 - b. We will be presenting to MCA on April 1st in a special meeting**
- m) Sugar Island Tower Invoice Status**
 - a. MPSCS did agree to waive the \$13,000 + bill as they could not provide proof that we had ever paid it**
 - b. The current contract appears to say that they are responsible for the fees until 2025**
 - c. They advised they would work on a new contract for review**
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- n) 800 Mhz Migration Title III Project
 - a. We are looking to purchase talk groups for the 800 system for all fire departments in the county
 - i. Some have the talk group now but it needs to be activated
 - b. We also are looking to purchase 800 pagers for every department eventually over the next 3 years
 - i. This year we plan to start on the west side and move east.
 - ii. After buying the talk groups we should have enough money left to purchase about 130 pagers
 - iii. We are waiting on final numbers from a few departments still but hope to make it as far east as to cover SSMFD
 - c. There are some departments that are looking for funding to buy themselves additional pagers and we are looking to possibly add them to one large order to lower the overall cost for everyone
 - d. Looking for a motion to support bringing this recommendation to the finance board and full board for approval at the county level
 - e. Motion made by Larry Hough support by Jim Miller
- o) Next meeting is April 29th, 2024 at 1600 at Sault Ste Marie Police Department

Committee Member Comments- Ron Carrick mentioned with Bay Mills plates if officers need to see the EIV status they can first run the plate then copy the vin after running the vin the EIV status should appear unlike when you just run the plate

MOVED by Mike Bitnar and seconded by Wes Bierling to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 1534 hours, by Chairman Robert Savoie.

Board Chairman Robert Savoie



Operations Manager Sara Ostwald