

Eaton County Central Dispatch

Fire/EMS Subcommittee Meeting

Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 7:23 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Tom Owen, OFD
Rodney VanDeCastele, GLFD
William Fabijancic, WTES
Phillip Miller, WTES
Francis D'Huyvetter, HTFD
Tim James, BTFD & SFD
Jason Freer, ERFD
Roger McNutt, ERFD
Mark Jordan, BFD
Tyger Fullerton, CFD
Jeff Wetzel, VFD
Brittney Gardner, VEMS
Greg Ginebaugh, DFD
Mike Roman, DFD

Michael Armitage, ECCD
Kelley Cunningham, ECCD

Call to Order and Roll Call – Chairman McNutt called the meeting to order at 1923 hours.

Introduction of New Members and Guests – None

Reading and Approval of Minutes of the November 2020 Meeting - Motion to approve the minutes was made by Phil Miller and seconded by Mike Roman. Motion carried.

Old Business

Report from Emergency Communications Subcommittee – No report was given.

Central Dispatch Operational Report (Michael)

- Dispatcher Elizabeth Howland was promoted to Supervisor.
- The trainees have completed their training.

- We have a new dispatcher that begins on 2/17/21. She comes to us with dispatching experience from Ingham County.
- We did have one employee test positive for COVID; however, it was not spread to others in the dispatch center.
- An additional console has been added in the supervisor's office. This additional console will help with social distancing and training.

Central Dispatch Project Updates (Michael)

CAD System – Michael is looking to replace the current CAD system. He is looking at the possibility of sharing CAD with adjoining counties for a CAD to CAD benefit, among other benefits.

It has been a year now since the implementation of the new radio system. There needs to be preventative maintenance on radios to upgrade firmware and tune them.

Our new radio system agreement includes full battery replacement in the third and seventh year. Michael is exploring the option of spreading that out instead of getting them all at once.

Michael began discussion on an upcoming FCC meeting where they will discuss 911 fee diversion and fines. Michael said he would ask the Board of Commissioners for permission to provide comments at this meeting.

Michael began discussion on the radio requests for the 2020/2021 fiscal budget year. He said it needs to be trimmed down and wondered if some purchases could be moved to the 2021/2022 budget. Francis felt that Hamlin Fire's requests could probably be pushed to the 21/22 budget. The equipment for Grand Ledge Fire's third ambulance could possibly be pushed to 21/22 as well. Mark Jordan suggested purchasing a cheaper radio for Bellevue Fire's needs but stated that his equipment needs to be purchased in this budget year.

Mike Roman began discussion on some radio issues going on right now with station alerting. There was discussion. Francis said if you experience radio problems to contact him or John Imeson as soon as possible so they could identify the problem. It could be a tower issue.

NEW BUSINESS

Elections – William Fabijancic made the motion to keep the officers the same and Gregg Ginebaugh seconded. Motion carried. For this committee, Roger McNutt is the Chairman, Phillip Miller is the Vice Chairman and William Fabijancic is the Secretary. Representatives to the Central Dispatch Subcommittee are Mike Roman, William

Fabijancic and Phillip Miller. Alternates are Rodney VanDeCastele, Roger McNutt and Tim James.

ROUND TABLE

BFD – Mark Jordan stated that his station will be manned 7am to 5pm weekly and more equipment will be added. Their call volume is up.

GLFD – Rodney reported that they have ordered a new rescue pumper engine and they expect it in August or September.

WFD – Phil said his department might have some radios to return to Michael due to people leaving. He will get with Michael tomorrow. He told about a recent cardiac arrest incident that had a good outcome thanks to dispatch and ECSD Deputy Schlossberg being nearby to assist.

Motion to adjourn was made at 1954 hrs. by Phil Miller and it was seconded. Motion carried.

The next meeting is Thursday, May 13, 2021 after the ECFCA meeting, which begins at 1900 hrs.