

MEETING MINUTES 4-21-09

- Members Present: Ken Tsuchiyama - City of Battle Creek
Brent Williams - City of Marshall
Allen L. Byam - Calhoun County Sheriff
Mike Herman - City of Albion
Jeffrey Albaugh- Calhoun County Townships Association
- Member Excused: Mike Rae - Calhoun County Board of Commissioners, Eric Wimbley - Michigan State Police, Chris Simmons – City of Battle Creek, Frank Peterson - AMSA
- Also Present: John Bawol – Success Communications, Mark Burke - MFFAA, Brad Wilcox – Calhoun County, Bob Kiessling – City of Marshall, Kelli Sproule – Calhoun County, Richard Lindsey – Calhoun County, Jill Fish – City of Battle Creek, Dave Stamler – Michigan State Police, Larry Houseman

The Meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Allen Byam at 3:10 p.m., in the Law Library of the Marshall County Building.

I. Consent Items

Motion by Mr. Williams, supported by Mr. Tsuchiyama that the Minutes of the April 7, 2009 Meeting be approved. Also that Members Mike Rae, Eric Wimbley, Chris Simmons and Frank Peterson be excused. On a voice vote – motion carried.

II. Addition to Agenda

Motion by Mr. Herman, supported by Mr. Williams to add the 9-1-1 Surcharge collection documents that are to be submitted to the State 9-1-1 Committee to the agenda for approval. On a voice vote – motion carried.

III. Technical Committee Update

The Design Committee will meet on Wednesday to approve the proposed arrangement. The drawings will then go to the Technical Committee. There is a meeting scheduled on Friday to go over the drawings.

There will be 9 positions, including supervisors with and administrative office on the main floor and two offices, a conference room and the equipment room on the second floor. All will be full dispatch, no call takers.

IV. Success Communications Update

John Bawol of Success Communications gave the Board an update on the Motorola contracts, reviewing equipment provided by Motorola and what can be purchased from other vendors. He requested that the County Corporation Counsel direct Motorola to use other vendors than Watson. The cost savings could be considerable if multiple vendors are used. It should be noted that by letting Motorola use Watson, there is probably less of a chance that the start up deadline won't be met. Right now the construction plan is 6 weeks behind.

John also stated that there needs to be a commitment to staffing levels. There needs to be a deadline for current staff to commit to coming to the new dispatch center so there will be no question about staffing level needs.

V. **Discussion Items**

Calhoun County Labor Counsel Dave Fernstrom has offered to do labor negotiating at the same rate as the county is charged. He has met with Brad and looked at the contracts. Jill Fish has asked to meet with him prior to bargaining to discuss staffing levels and other issues.

Motion by Mr. Tsuchiyama, supported by Mr. Williams to authorize Brad Wilcox and Richard Lindsey to talk to Dave Fernstrom to negotiate terms of providing labor counsel services by piggybacking a contract on the existing county contract. On a voice vote - motion carried.

Move Mr. Herman, supported by Mr. Albaugh to have legal counsel look at the Fire Grant to see if it makes sense to buy furniture as Motorola has suggested, through one vendor, or to ask Motorola to purchase furniture elsewhere. On a voice vote – motion carried.

The Consolidated Dispatch Authority Board is asking Richard Lindsey, Calhoun County Corporation Counsel, provide legal services for them also. The Calhoun County finance department is working on an hourly rate.

Move Mr. Tsuchiyama, supported by Mr. Williams to approve the 9-1-1 surcharge letter to be given to the Board of Commissioners to approve before sending to the State 9-1-1 Committee. On a voice vote – motion carried.

The next meeting of the Consolidated Dispatch Authority Board is scheduled for Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. in the Law Library Conference Room. Member Williams stated he will be unable to attend the meeting on the 28th. Kelly and John from Success Communications will also be unable to attend.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20.