



Calhoun County Consolidated Dispatch Center Authority Governing Board

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 26, 2009

Members Present: Mike Herman, City of Albion
Sherriff Al Byam, Calhoun County Sherriff
Frank Peterson, AMSA
Ken Tsuchiyama, City of Battle Creek
Brent Williams, City of Marshall
Eric Wimbley, Michigan State Police
Jeff Albaugh, Calhoun County Township Association
Mike Rae, Calhoun County Board of Commissioners

Members Excused: Chris Simmons, City of Battle Creek

Also Present: Jill Fish, City of Battle Creek
Kelli Sproule, Calhoun County
Richard Lindsey, CCCDA Counsel
Dave Fernstrum, CCCDA Labor Counsel
Kelly Rasmussen, Success Communications
John Bawol, Success Communications

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Peterson at 3:01 p.m., in the Law Library of the Marshall County Building.

I. Consent Items

Motioned by Mr. Roe, supported by Mr. Albaugh to approve the Consent Agenda, and excuse Mr. Simmons. All in favor.

II. Introduction of Labor Counsel

Dave Fernstrum was introduced to the Board. Mr. Fernstrum informed the board of the likely actions that would take place in terms of transferring employees from the individual employers to the CCCDA and general collective bargaining issues. Chairman Peterson said that CCCDA is committed to offering employment, without the diminishment of pay/benefits, to all existing employees of the three PSAPs. There is a likelihood that because of vacancies at the current PSAPs, we will need all of the existing employees that are willing to make to move to the CCCDA, plus some new hires, in order to meet our staffing needs, so we should not need to spend any time reviewing the CCCDA's obligations to transfer employment.

Motioned by Mr. Albaugh, supported by Mr. Rae, to have Mr. Fernstrum, the Managers of the three Cities, and Success Communications meet to discuss the process of transferring employment to the new entity. All in favor.

III. Technical Committee Update

Ms. Fish updated the Board on discussions the Technical Committee has had with a second equipment vendor; this individual also deals with Motorola. There is a possibility that, using 4.9 GHz Band, which is earmarked for public safety, we may be able to strengthen our connections to Battle Creek and the southern portions of the County, and save considerably on the capital and engineering expenses originally proposed by Gordon Web.

IV. Success Communications update

Ms. Rasmussen updated the Board on the Executive Director hiring process. The county HR Department collected resumes from nine applicants. The Hiring committee narrowed the pool to two finalists, and they are seeking authorization to conduct initial background check and schedule interviews with the full CCCDA Governing Board.

Motioned by Mr. Tsuchiyama, supported by Mr. Rae to authorize the Hiring Committee to schedule interviews for the June 23, 2009 regular meeting and conduct the necessary preliminary background checks on the two finalists. All in favor.

V. Additional Items

Chairman Peterson distributed a memorandum from Attorney Richard Lindsey regarding the 2005 fire grant. There was consensus that Mr. Williams will contact the Marshall City Manager regarding reassigning the agreement from the City of Marshall to the Dispatch Authority. Mr. Lindsey will coordinate the reassignment with the City's legal counsel.

The Meeting was adjourned at 3:50p, the next meeting will be June 2, 2009 at 3p.