



MONROE COUNTY CENTRAL DISPATCH

9-1-1 District Board

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Minutes of the July 25, 2023 Monroe County 9-1-1 District Board Regular Meeting

Chairman Sheriff Goodnough called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members: Vice-Chairman Director Tolstedt, Undersheriff Jeff Pauli (alternate), Commander Derek Lindsay (alternate), Township Supervisor Joanna Uhl, Township Supervisor Metz (alternate), **Chief Nick Lucas, Commander Scott Smiley, Chief Wendy Stevens (alternate), Dr. Kemple, Mr. Dale Williams, Prosecutor Jeffery Yorkey, Commissioner David Hoffman, Lt. Stephen Borello, Lt. Robert Bow (alternate), Lt. Randy Sehl, Chief Aimes (alternate), Chief Assistant Prosecutor Jahn Landis (alternate), Arthur Bronson (alternate)**

Absent/Excused: Representative Uhl, Commissioner David Hoffman

County Executive Staff: Michael Bosanac and Aundrea Armstrong

Citizens: Shane Anders, Chief Mark Cherney, John DeBarr

1. **Roll Call:** Quorum present.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Sheriff Goodnough.
3. **Approval of the Agenda:** Dr. Kemple made a motion to approve the agenda; Director Tolstedt supported. **Motion carried.**
4. **Approval of the May 23, 2023 regular meeting minutes:** Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the minutes; Lt. Sehl supported. **Motion carried.**
5. **Correspondence:**
 - a. Letter from former South Rockwood PD Chief Wright informing the 9-1-1 Board that Erie PD Chief Tim Aimes will be the Alternate 9-1-1 Board Member.
 - b. Letter from PFN regarding PFN's infrastructure upgrades.
 - c. Email from Monroe Township Fire Chief Mark Cherney requesting topic of future supplemental radio, pagers, and battery purchases be placed on the Agenda.

Motion to accept the correspondence and to place them on file made by Dr. Kemple; Director Tolstedt supported. **Motion carried.**
6. **Old Business:** None.
7. **New Business:**
 - a. **VHF System Use: Fire Sirens and School Industrial Monitors**



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Director Kuti explained that with the transition of fire pagers to the 800 system, the goal is to move all other resources off the VHF system. Director Kuti advised there are 4 fire departments still utilizing the VHF system for fire siren activations. Additionally, school industrial monitors continue to use the VHF system. Director Kuti requested an end date be provided to the fire departments to transition off the VHF system.

There was general discussion on the purpose, maintenance, and oversight and responsibility of the equipment and systems as well of the use of the systems for public notification as directed in Emergency Management's Emergency Response Plan. It was determined further discussions with Emergency Management were needed. There was discussion on alternative solutions. A recommendation was made by Mr. Bosanac to reach out to vendor Televate who assisted Central Dispatch during the pager project. Director Kuti will reach out to them in regards to the data gathered and assistance in the recommendation of alternative solutions.

Motion to authorize Director Kuti to engage in communication with EMD and come back with a plan made by Mr. Williams; supported by Lt. Sehl. **Motion carried.**

b. Future Fire Procurements for Supplemental Radio, Pager, and Battery Costs

Discussion in response to the correspondence received from Chief Cherney regarding future radio, pager, and battery replacement costs. Concerns were expressed by Chief Cherney regarding small department funding and clarification was provided on his understanding that the County was responsibility for replacement costs.

Mr. Bosanac explained that the (radio and pager) Subscriber Agreements provided for the transfer and ownership to the local units of government for maintenance, insurance, replacement and any other additional radios added on. He advised replacements occurred all at once rather than a phased in approach noting the County advanced this money to support agencies across the County.

Mr. Bosanac further explained Central Dispatch does not have an unlimited fund balance and has a responsibility to use 9-1-1 funds for paybacks to the County as well as the operation of the 9-1-1 center; including console and furniture replacements and technology to which the County is willing to advance funds.

Chief Lucas commented that the \$2.00 surcharge is not going to fund the future of 9-1-1 and mentioned the possibility of the County utilizing their purchasing power to help departments get government pricing. Mr. Bosanac advised they would help wherever they can.

Sheriff Goodnough reminded the Board there are Capital Improvements every year.

8. Director's Report:

Director Kuti sent her report through email to all members.

Motion to accept the Director's Report made by Chief Wright; supported by Mr. Williams. **Motion carried.**



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9. Citizen's Time: None.

10. Member's Time:

Dr. Kemple congratulated Paramedic Collins for receiving the Director's Award and stated they are still accepting submissions for the next Medical Director's Award.

Sheriff Goodnough stated they are running an Active Shooter scenario at Monroe High School on August 22nd. He will put that out to all the local police departments. Chief Cherney stated they have 12-14 cadets participating in the scenario.

Director Kuti introduced Michael Cochran as Central Dispatch's new Quality Improvement Coordinator. Mr. Cochran stated he is looking forward to working with the Board.

Adjournment: 9:47 a.m.

Next Meeting: September 26, 2023