



MEETING MINUTES for

Kalamazoo County Consolidated Dispatch Authority TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE August 5, 2020 – Regular Meeting

ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee was called to order by Chief Bryan Ergang electronically via telephonic/video conference in accordance with Michigan’s Executive Order 2020-154 due to COVID-19 at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 5, 2020.

ITEM 2 – MODERATOR MEETING STATEMENT

ITEM 3 - ROLL CALL

Members Present: Bryan Ergang (KTPD), Angel Ouwinga (MSP), Jeff Christensen (KCSO), Carol Dedow (WMUPD), Chip Everett (KCFCA), Chris Franks (KDPS), Nick Arnold (PDPS) (arrived at 10:30)

Others Present: Steve Stryd, Ryan McGregor, Bill Irwin, Jeff Troyer, Marty Ftacek, Jon Moored, Chris McComb

ITEM 4 – APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A. July 1, 2020 – Regular Meeting

“Motion by Ms. Dedow, second by Ms. Ouwinga to approve the July 1, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes as presented.”

On a voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

ITEM 5 - CITIZEN’S TIME

There was none.

ITEM 6 – FOR CONSIDERATION

A. Administrative Monthly Report

Mr. Troyer stated the report was included in the packet.

B. Old Business

There was none.

C. New Business

1. Kalamazoo County HCS On-Call COVID-19 Name(s) Queries

Mr. Troyer stated that the email chain between himself and HCS in reference to COVID name queries was included in the packet. When law enforcement arrests a person, dispatch is being asked to call Community Health to confirm claims of COVID. Addresses are sent to dispatch but there are no names associated. Health and Community Services does not feel that letting law enforcement know a name has tested positive is useful and everyone should be treated as positive.

Mr. Ergang stated that we operate under the assumption that everyone is positive. We are looking for confirmation because of false claims. Confirming claims gives administration an awareness that we need to ramp up employee checks if they have been exposed.

Mr. Christensen stated there is a procedure for confirming cases by name of arrestees at the jail.

Mr. Ergang stated he believed continuing this has value. He stated they would be willing to look at the process to see if there is something that works better for them, perhaps a 24-hour turn around.

Mr. Troyer stated he is open to a modified process and will relay the consensus of TAC to Health and Community Services.

2. MSPSCS Radio Communications Expansion Project

- a. KDPS Station 6 (Site 5106) Tower Site Radio Testing
- b. Motorola Proposal

Mr. Troyer stated there was a summary included in the packet of the tower site radio testing that was conducted on Site 5106. He stated the testing was successful even without site 5106 online.

Mr. Ftacek stated they did a few different tests. He was surprised at how underutilized the tower is. The Ravine and Lakewood towers got a lot more use. He stated he was pleased with the results.

Mr. Franks stated that he believed the testing went better than anticipated.

Mr. Stryd stated that overall, they consistently connected to other towers; not 5106.

Mr. Ftacek stated there was concern with getting into buildings downtown and they found Lamont Street is actually providing most of the coverage downtown and the coverage is decent.

Mr. Troyer stated that WMU was the most affected by site 5106 being turned off but there are anomalies to the information.

He inquired if everyone was comfortable with KCCDA moving the tower at Station 6 to a new site.

Mr. Ergang stated that since KDPS Chief Thomas was not here to discuss he believed they needed a Chiefs' discussion.

Mr. Troyer stated included in the packet was a formal proposal from Motorola. The proposal is to convert the MPSCS system to simulcast and install four new tower sites. It involves moving equipment from 5106 to a new location in WMU's BTR Park #2, at the corner of Drake and Parkview next to the Consumers Energy electrical hub. It also includes erecting new towers in Portage along 131 at the old rest area, another tower next to the Augusta water tower and a fourth site not yet confirmed in Oshtemo Township. The proposal came in at \$8.475 million; exactly where we anticipated it would be.

The pricing provided is reduced significantly by a Q3 incentive and is only valid until September 18, 2020. The proposal was sent out so everyone could read through it and send questions with the goal to have questions back to Motorola by the end of the day Thursday. The Finance Committee will need to review the proposal, but they will need a recommendation from TAC. The regular meeting for the Finance Committee is scheduled for August 25. Troyer advised he is willing to meet with any chiefs that want to discuss the testing.

If we are going to meet the timelines, a special TAC meeting will be scheduled in or around two weeks from now for the proposal to be considered. If approved and recommended for funding, the proposal would then go to finance on August 25th. If the Finance Committee passes it, it would be up for consideration sat the Board on September 10th.

Bill Irwin of Motorola stated a large discount was offered to benefit both parties and get the project done in the third quarter.

D. Other Items

1. Member Comments

There was none.

2. Next Meeting

The next Technical Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 2, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in the Chief Switalski Meeting Room.

3. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:14 a.m.