



**MEETING MINUTES for**  
**Kalamazoo County Consolidated Dispatch Authority**  
**FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**February 25, 2020**

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**ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Finance Committee was called to order by Member Tracie Moored at 2:00 p.m. on February 25, 2019.

**ITEM 2 – ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Karianne Thomas, Jim Pearson (by phone), Tracy Moored, Stacy French, Bryan Ergang, Randy Thompson

Members Absent: Don Martin

Others Present: Mark Barnes, Jeff Troyer, Chris McComb

**ITEM 3 – APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

A. January 28, 2020

“Motion by Mr. French, second by Mr. Thompson to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2020 meeting of the Finance Committee.”

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

**ITEM 4 - CITIZENS TIME**

There was none.

**ITEM 5 – FOR CONSIDERATION**

A. OLD BUSINESS

1. Executive Director Long-Term Funding Recommendation
  - a. Technical Advisory Committee feedback

Mr. Troyer stated this Committee requested TAC to weigh in on the long-term funding recommendations.

Mr. Ergang stated TAC unanimously endorsed the recommendation of .7 mil. He stated this offers the best opportunity to improve service with a county wide communications system.

Mr. Troyer stated there was discussion to not restrict funds to MPSCS and will refer to improvements as county wide communication system, so it doesn't limit use.

Mr. French inquired when will we have a firm plan on how the funds will be used.

Mr. Ergang noted the TAC discussion kept coming back to having the MPSCS and Motorola involved, do more studies on coverage, how to best replace the Station 6 tower and is there a better place for that tower. The plan is to provide the best coverage and may include simulcast in the future.

Mr. Troyer noted that the cost of two new towers and simulcast alone is \$8 million so there are dollar figures associated to the initial plan. This recommendation will allow for \$750k to \$1 million to be set aside each year for ten years for the build out of the public safety communications system. We can look at the proposal to know what it will cost to do simulcast today, and each tower will be approximately \$2 million.

## B. NEW BUSINESS

### 1. 2019 Taxable Values +4% - millage rate analysis

Mr. Troyer explained when the initial funding recommendation was presented, he used pro-formas based on 2018 taxable values. The 2019 taxable values increased 4% county wide. When incorporated into the millage worksheet, there was a significant increase in revenue. Due to this increase, his recommendation would be to go to .65 mils, which is now projected to generate more money than the .7 mils at the 2018 taxable value. He stated the voter poll showed constituents felt good about how tax dollars are spent, but we should ask for what we need, not more and we can accomplish the build out of the system at .65 mils.

Mr. Pearson thanked Mr. Troyer for looking further into it and the revised recommendation.

Ms. Moored thanked Mr. Troyer for crunching numbers.

### 2. Recommendation to Board of Directors including Proposition Language

Mr. Troyer presented sample language from counties who have millages and the third draft version that he worked with Counsel to develop, noting they added the second paragraph and approved. He will discuss with Counsel to see how the required wording can be incorporated, perhaps using MCL code or incorporating into the first paragraph because the Committee was not comfortable with the language of the presented second paragraph.

Mr. Ergang requested the information stating that the recommendation was changed after discovery we would achieve the same funding at .65 mill as what was presented at .7 be presented to the TAC so they know their recommendation was not disregarded.

“Motion by Mr. Ergang, second by Ms. Thomas to bring the recommendation to present a request to the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners asking for a ten (10) year 911 millage proposition of .65 mills and the \$.42 phone surcharge on the ballot for the upcoming Primary Election on August 4, 2020. “

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

## C. OTHER ITEMS

### 1. Member Comments

There was none

### 2. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the KCCDA Finance Committee will be held Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. in the Chief Switalski Meeting Room at 7040 Stadium Drive, Kalamazoo, MI.

3. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:49 p.m.