# MASON-OCEANA 911 BOARD MEETING MINUTES February 21, 2024

**PRESENT:** Jim Coleman Jody Hartley Craig Mast

Brad Fritcher Jim Herrema Derrek Wilson Dale Goodrich Chris Jones Roy Strait

Craig Hardy Troy Maloney

**ABSENT**: Kim Cole and Laude Hartrum

**STAFF:** Ray Hasil

Todd Myers Chris Ernst Connie Blaauw

GUEST/CITIZENS: Garry McKeen, Dean Rosler and Dave VanSomeron

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**: Meeting called to order by Chairman Mast at 10:01 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Agenda was presented as part of the Board packet.

Motion by Herrema and supported by Maloney to approve the agenda as presented. Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

### MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

January 2024 minutes were presented as part of the Board packet.

Motion by Fritcher and supported by Jones to approve the January 2023 Board minutes. Voice Vote. Motion Carried

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Hartley presented the Treasurer's report for January 31, 2024.

Total Revenues – January 31, 2024: \$101,759.72 Total Expenditures – January 31, 2024: \$156,884.04 Fund Balance as of – January 31, 2024 \$1,690,176.75

Motion by Maloney and supported by Hardy to accept the Treasurer's report and approve the payment of claims for February 2024 in the amount of \$995.31. Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

#### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

Communications Committee met this morning at 9am. Communications recommended to the full Board that we move forward with an Intergov CAD with Lake County and sign a "System Access Agreement" with CentralSquare and Lake County that allows Lake County onto our data system (CAD). This will keep the process moving forward, no financial commitment is required with this document. Communications recommended that the full Board sign the agreement.

Smart911 is currently in the 2024 budget, Hasil asked if the Committee is in favor of continuing the service. It operates on citizens volunteering their information to be obtained by Smart911 and then is provide to 911 Centers when that citizen calls with an emergency. Unfortunately, a small number of citizens sign up. After a discussion it was decided to continue with the service for 2024 and re-address with next year's budget talk.

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911 and Public Safety Technologies Millage, Hasil went over a proposal as well as a hardware and software list, of what would be covered under the millage. The Communications Committee recommended the hardware and software list be moved on to the full Board.

CAD2CAD to connect Mason-Oceana 911's CAD to Life EMS CAD in Grand Rapids. There is a \$40,000. up front cost with \$15,000. annual fee. This was a part of the 2024 budget, Hasil, Myers and Ernst are sitting in a demo with CentralSquare tomorrow.

#### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

## Personnel

- A new part-time employee began training last week.
- New Supervisor Austin Revilla is working with local schools and West Shore Community College to coordinate and attend job fairs.

# Collaboration Projects

- Lake County CAD collaboration- Lake County was able to re-negotiate the savings lost from 2023 and have signed a contract with CentralSquare. Ray, Todd and Chris are satisfied with what this shared solution will entail and Ray is recommending we sign the shared systems agreement required by CentralSquare to put the collaboration in motion.
- **2024 Electric Forest Fest (EFF)-** other than 20,000-25,000 more tickets being sold this year and the event already sold out, no update.
- CentralSquare Unify (CAD2CAD)- 911 and Life EMS are attending a Unify demo tomorrow. Unify (also called CAD2CAD) would connect 911's CAD with Life Dispatch's CAD. The significance would be that Life EMS can start their responses 1-2 minutes sooner than what we experience today. The reason is that Life EMS does not require full completion of the EMD protocol to dispatch their ambulances because they respond regardless of a priority, whereas 911 must complete the EMD protocol to obtain a priority level to determine whether or not a fire department medical unit responds.

# Radio Communications Updates

- Limited Access Dune Community Coverage- no update.
- Radio Communications in Schools- 11 phones were provided to the Oceana Co SO SRO for testing wide area communications in the Shelby Public Schools buildings.
- Encryption on Law Enforcement Talkgroups- Mason Co SO has ordered their radios. OCSO, New Era and Rothbury PDs have not yet placed orders. Chris has made significant gains with programming, experimenting and testing the different encryption modes.

## Other Updates

- State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP)- no update.
- 911 & Public Safety Technologies Millage- an updated document that provides information on a possible 2024 ballot proposal was provided to the board today. The millage seeks to replace the existing \$2.09 Local 911 Surcharge and 0.14 millage with a new 1 mil proposal. The proposal outlines long-term funding for 911 via 0.65 of the 1 mil, and also funds expensive public safety technologies for all local and county public safety with the remaining 0.35 of the 1 mil. The measure will resolve a decades-old problem with local telephone surcharge funding for 911 while also providing much needed funding and consolidation of technologies that responders use, most of which 911 provides technical support.
- Facility upgrades
  - o Generator Replacement- no update.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

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#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

One employee request to release their full HSA funds for 2024. After a discussion a motion was heard.

Motion by Goodrich and supported by Hartley to release the full amount of 2024 HSA funds to the employee as requested. Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

Hasil presented additional information for a new 911 and Public Safety Technologies Millage, including a Hardware and Software list showing expected costs and lifespan of equipment. A lengthy discussion was held, Hasil will move forward with obtaining legal advice, firming up a talking point draft and housing tax values in both Counties.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:18 am.

NEXT SCHEDULED meeting will be March 20, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at the Mason-Oceana 911 Conference room, located at 9160 N. Oceana Drive, Pentwater.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Blaauw, Secretary

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