

**MASON-OCEANA 911 BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
August 18, 2021**

**PRESENT:** Kim Cole via Telecom  
Jim Duram  
Brad Fritcher  
Dale Goodrich

Craig Hardy  
Jody Hartley  
Laude Hartrum  
Jim Herrema

Tim Kozal  
Craig Mast  
Jeff White  
Matt Murphy

**ABSENT:** None

**STAFF:** Ray Hasil  
Todd Myers  
Chris Ernst  
Connie Blaauw

**GUEST/CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:** Liz Reimink and Garry McKeen

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order by Chairman White at 10:03 a.m.

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

**Motion by Kozal and supported by Hartley to approve the agenda. Voice Vote. Motion Carried.**

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

July 2021 minutes were presented as part of the Board packet.

**Motion by Hartrum and supported by Duram to accept the July 21, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes. Voice Vote. Motion Carried.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Hartley presented the Treasurer's report for July of 2021.

Total Revenues – July 2021: \$101,612.86

Total Expenditures – July 2021: \$181,648.57

Fund Balance as of July 2021: \$1,350,878.48

**Motion by Mast and supported by Hartrum to accept the Treasurer's report, and approve the payment of claims for August 2021 in the amount of \$1,256.58. Voice Vote. Motion Carried.**

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

TAC Committee

Kozal reported that the TAC Committee met July 28<sup>th</sup>. The minutes of the meeting were included in the Board packet. Hasil stated at this time we are waiting to hear back from Motorola and Chrouch with results of their site range and cost study.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Personnel

- Full-time telecommunicator Tracey Lhamon resigned abruptly and part-time telecommunicator Patrick Soper filled the vacancy. The resignation leaves us in the position of being terribly low on part-time staff and we are struggling to attract new employees. We have identified a couple PSAPs that switched away from the use of supplemental part-time staffing in favor of only full-time staffing.
- Telecommunicator trainee Jazmin Goerbig is near the end of her Step 3 and will enter her final phase soon.

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### Collaboration Projects

- Life EMS Conferencing Trial Run- we need to re-schedule a communications committee meeting.
- Mid Mitt Meeting- 7 of the 8 counties that make up the Mid Mitt consortium met yesterday for a much-needed face-to-face meeting to discuss necessary upgrades and also long-term planning. The consortium is eyeing 2024 to either replace or refresh the existing Viper E911 solution.
- New groups using Active911- (Chris Ernst)

### Radio Communications Updates

- Motorola and Chrouch- we were recently assigned a new Motorola account executive. Senior Account Manager Lindsay Schleicher is our new rep and we look forward to working with her on projects like lakeshore coverage and encryption.
- Lake Co 800 MHz- Mason-Oceana was asked to attend a meeting with Lake Co stakeholders regarding a full transition to the MPSCS. We met with their county administrator and other public safety agency heads on July 27 to discuss considerations and answer questions.
- Newaygo Co fire departments will transition to 800 MHz paging in October.

### Other Updates

- The storms on August 10-11 caused a Merit internet outage that took down 911's main internet connection. Systems affected included non-emergency phone lines, in-car computers and Active911. We are procuring a new AT&T FirstNet modem that will allow us to have an alternate internet connection that is ready for outages, as well as usable in the field for incidents and events that have data coverage issues.
- UPS replacement- the new UPS has been ordered and we are working with the vendor and C&I Electric on how to best install the new unit.
- 911 Local Telephone Surcharge Sunset- (no update) the Michigan Communication Director's Association (MCDA) continues to work with lobbyists and legislators regarding the sunset of the surcharge this December. Sponsors are identified and the push for approval will ramp up in September.
- Chart of Accounts- (Connie Blaauw)
- FCC 911 Fee Diversion Legislation- (no update) the FCC adopted several Michigan comments like including "other emergency communications services" within the scope of 911 fees that are reasonably ancillary. So far, the newest draft is including key wording that will allow states with well established guidelines (like Michigan) for how monies collected in the name of 911 services are actually spent on 911 services.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### Uniform Chart of Accounts

Blaauw gave a report of current status, BS&A our software provider plans to have us go live in early September. There will be manual conversion of General Ledger Account numbers within the Payroll Program.

#### Board Chair Replacement

With Lt. White retiring this month a new Chair is needed. Hartrum nominated Mast, stating we have not had a Oceana County represent the 911 Board as Chairman in several years. Mast accepted the nomination. After a discussion a motion was heard.

**Motion by Hartrum and supported by Kozal to appoint Mast as the new Chairman of the Mason-Oceana 911 Board. Voice Vote. Motion Carried.**

A brief break was called for, to allow the new Chairman to consider the new Committee replacements, due to the shift with White's retirement. Following the break, Mast reported that Goodrich has accepted the Chair

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position of the Communications Committee. Forner will be the current replacement on the Communications Committee until the new MSP Lt. is named. Finance will have Hartley as the new Chair position, with Hardy added to the Committee. TAC Committee will have Forner added. Hasil will send out an updated list of the different Committee members.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:45am.

NEXT SCHEDULED meeting will be September 15, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Mason-Oceana 911 Conference room, located at 9160 N. Oceana Drive, Pentwater.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Blaauw, Secretary