

Menominee County 9-1-1 Governing Board

September 16th, 2014 Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm

Members Present: James Gardiner, Ken Marks, Mark Petersen, Brett Botbyl, Gerald Christiaens, Carl Johnson, Brian White, Dan Bartell MSP (for Greg Cunningham), Sharline Corrigan

Other Attendance: Deb Wormword, Rich Sexton-Emergency Planner

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes M Gerald Christiaens, Carl Johnson- 2nd

3. Approval of Agenda M Geral Christiaens. 2nd J

4. Public Comment

Rich Sexton introduced himself as the new Emergency Coordinator for Menominee County.

5. Business

A. Election of Officers

- a. Chairman: Mark Petersen, M Gerald Christiaens, 2nd Brett Botbyl, AIF
- b. Vice-Chair: Carl Johnson, Motion by Gerald Christiaens, Shar, 2nd, AIF.
- c. Secretary-Treasurer: Sharline Corrigan, Motioned by Gerald Christiaens, 2nd Mark Petersen AIF

B. CAD

- a. Switched over majority of 911 to PFN Fiber, Not UP Telephone & Telnet, nor a small portion of AT & T. Rest done Aug 20th.
- b. Iron County switched over this week.
- c. Negaunee will be next.
- d. UP Telephone company is putting in their sub-trunks and they project completion next week.
- e. Once complete any other dispatch center should be able to dispatch for us if necessary.

C. PFN Fiber

- a. Mevo Phone would be able to still receive 911 calls if other system goes down. There will be three phones at Dispatch Center and one at Sheriff's Dept.
- b. To be installed Oct 07th.
- c. Following up on ability to receive wireless texts. Since we're on a closed system vendors are checking into how this would work.

D. Wireless

- a. There are about 25 cell towers in Menominee County, now. There is a Verizon tower in Bark River now that is routing some of Hannahville's 911 calls to Delta County. Deb is working with Verizon to get this corrected.

E. Telecommunicator Vacancy

- a. For the last 1-1/2 yr. The County has a hiring freeze. She's trying to work with the Board to be able to replace that person.
- b. Deb has been working with Union to address some of the MERS issues.
- c. Plus she has going on FMLA till the end of Dec
- d. Suggestion to draft a letter to the Board of Commissioners to address proper staffing. It is general consensus that this is a matter of safety to the members of our community. There is a surcharge people are paying for this 911 System & we're not providing proper staffing or upgrades to our 911 equipment.
 - i. Motion by Brett Botbyl, 2nd by Carl Johnson to Draft as Resolution to fill our 911 Dispatch Centers Staffing to bring one of the part-time staff members to full-time status and one part-time. AIF.

F. Budget

- a. The Budget for 911 Dispatch has been changed again, due to an incorrect formula. Deb is expecting the information soon.
- b. She'll send a copy to each 911 Board Member when it arrives.

6. Correspondence - None

7. Other Matters – Jim Swanson has new antennae's installed at station. He says there should be no disruption in coverage. Expects to finish Thurs. Cedar River - Guide wires next. Then Bagley – will require a joint venture with Verizon.

-Suggestion by Carl to bring in a Rep from Verizon or SIPP lines to a future meeting then we can all bring in questions to better understand how the system works. Deb felt she could read thru the information and bring back what the members might be looking for.

-Other Board Members would like an outlook of what needs to be upgraded and what is it going to take to update the base systems. Basically, these members would like to see a five year plan.

8. Next Meeting Date

Tues. Dec 16, 2014, 6:30 pm

9. Public Comment – Ken wants to applaud volunteerism in our community. Once volunteers arrive you see a chaotic scene settle right down and each service gets right to task & works together. It would be really rough out there without our volunteers. We really need to be out there praising our volunteers whatever area they represent.

10. Adjournment – motioned by Carl Johnson, 2nd by Brian White, AIF.