

TAC Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2022
Purdy Building Committee Room

Committee Members Present: Jon Ramirez, Phil Petzold, Nick Sakon, Brian Newcomb, and Steve Anderson

Guest: n/a

Called to Order: Meeting called to order by Chief Brian Newcomb at 1510 hrs.

Minutes: Motion by Petzold, supported by Sakon to approve the minutes from April 13, 2022.
Motion Carried

Old Business:

→ Century Link:

- ◆ Ending the relationship with CenturyLink and going to TelNet like the rest of the county.
- ◆ By switching providers, it will save approximately \$600.00 a month / \$7,200.00 a year
- ◆ Since Jon has taken the Director's position, he has been able to save roughly \$1000.00 a month by eliminating unused phone lines coming into dispatch.

→ Generator

- ◆ On September 11, 2022 for an unknown reason the Caro area lost power.
- ◆ During the power outage, the backup generator failed to start
- ◆ Center relied on the UPS battery backup for approximately 25 minutes before the generator could be started manually by maintenance staff.
- ◆ UPS was down to 18% or roughly 5 minutes of power when generator went on line
- ◆ Generator exercises for 30 minutes every Monday, has done so with no issues since this event.
- ◆ Mike Miller contacted Ken Martin, he will be wiring up a connection for the portable 275 Kw generator. Cost is \$1,000.00 but Building & Grounds will cover the cost.
- ◆ Portable generator has been moved to dispatch until the new generator can be installed.

→ ProQA-EMD

- ◆ Jon advised that he was hesitant on purchasing the software.
- ◆ The interface with Central Square for ProQA is approximately \$15,000.00

- ◆ If we switch to CLEMIS, there would be no cost to interface since that program is already being utilized. CLEMIS cost is \$16,000 for the entire dispatch software piece.

Additional discussion about Central Square and the move to CLEMIS:

- ◆ County attorney believes that we have enough to legally get out of contract with the problems we have been suffering.
- ◆ Fear is the cost of legal fees and court battle might cost more than just keeping the program for the remainder of the contract.

→ New Monitors

- ◆ Working on building a new array in front of the dispatchers. New stations include six, 32" curved monitors at each of the four stations.
- ◆ IT and Maintenance have been working on the project and have 2 of the stations completed.
- ◆ All four stations will be able to work the same once radios are installed.

→ Radios

- ◆ August 26th the BOC approved spending General Fund Appropriation (AKA - ARPA Funding) money to fund the consoles on the floor and the back up radios in the back.
- ◆ New radios will have the ability to do encryption, only thing needed would be adding the encryption software.

→ Central Square

- ◆ Authority board voted Tuesday (September 20, 2022) to back and financially support the switch to CLEMIS.

New Business:

→ Tower Lighting

- ◆ BOC also approved to fund the tower lighting project with a General Fund Appropriation (AKA - ARPA Funding)
- ◆ Project will also include remote monitoring for the FAA
- ◆ Company will be at dispatch on September 22, 2022 to install the LED lighting

→ Resignation / Open Position

- ◆ Stacy Gilbert resigned with her last day being 10/6/22
- ◆ Leave with three open spots
- ◆ One of the open positions has been filled with Raquel Fuller who will start on Monday, September 26th.
- ◆ Stacy McCallum will be hired pending completion of her background investigation

- ◆ Bree Waterson will be hired, pending background investigation, on October 7, 2022

→ System Optimization

- ◆ Jon and Steve met with Grey Page from the MPSCS on August 18th.
- ◆ State would like to optimize the radio system, essentially giving Tuscola County the ability to talk or use the county channels in Tuscola and surrounding counties only. This would apply to everyone on the MPSCS system.
- ◆ Additional details can be found in the links:
 - [MPSCS Optimization Explanation](#)
 - [Tuscola Talk Group Optimization](#)
 - [MPSCS tower sites for Tuscola County](#)

→ Technology Conference

- ◆ Jon and Tim Green from IT attended a Technology Conference in Muskegon recently
 - Regional dispatch is something that will be coming in the future
 - Video to 911 thru Rapid SOS is an emerging technology
 - Dispatcher will be able to control what is actually viewed (blurred out)
 - Will be able to give X,Y & Z coordinate to distach via the cell phone
 - Believes this will be in place in the first part of the year
 - ADT
 - Text info to central dispatch instead of their dispatch calling our dispatch
 - We are the first county in Michigan to have this capability
 - Lenawee County is the first in the state to have the ability to use video
 - Started with five PSAPs in the state and are now up to 15
 - Tracking Apps for small children and elderly residents
 - Jon learned of an app called pink lotus tech that uses wearable technology to provide GPS tracking for small children or those suffering from altimzers.
 - Cost is approximately \$60.00 a year for the service.
 - <https://pinklotustech.com/>

Discussion: General discussion about technology and the future of dispatch including funding and use of surcharge money.

Next Meeting: December 14, 2022

Adjournment: By common consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 1620 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Steven Anderson