

TUSCOLA COUNTY CENTRAL DISPATCH

911 AUTHORITY BOARD

NOVEMBER 12, 2025

The meeting of the Tuscola County Central Dispatch 911 Authority Board was called to order by Chairperson Cory Skinner at 9:02a.m. November 12, 2025 in the Board of Commissioners room of the H. H. Purdy Building at 125 W. Lincoln St., Caro, MI 48723.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cory Skinner	Fire Chiefs	Eean Lee	Tuscola County Information Services
Matt Foley	EMS	Jon Ramirez	Tuscola County Central Dispatch Director
Ryan Robinson	Tuscola County Sheriff	Matthew Koch	Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
Steve Anderson	Tuscola County Emergency Services Director		
Carrie Tabar	Tuscola County Central Dispatch Deputy Director		

MEMBERS ABSENT: Brian McComb and Ben Guile

INTRODUCTIONS: Kelsey Dale Tuscola County Health Dept. Emergency Coordinator.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes from September 9, 2025 meeting reviewed by members present. Motion by Eean Lee seconded by Matthew Koch to approve minutes as written, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Dispatcher Compensation: Jon Ramirez advised TCBC approved \$2.00 per hour pay increase for dispatchers until December 31, 2025. Appears to have had good effect.
- B. Prepared AI call handling solution: Jon Ramirez discussed Prepared has been bought out by Axon. The software would run about \$10,000.00. Indiana and Illinois have been using Prepared's software. Jon advised due to the changes they will be watching for now.
- C. MMR Blood Protocol: Jon Ramirez advised MMR Supervisors have not used any blood in Tuscola County as of yet. Steve Anderson advised that MMR Supervisors in Saginaw County have used blood 7 times.
- D. Lapeer County EMS refusal to service Tuscola County: Jon Ramirez advised Lapeer County EMS will not go into Tuscola or Sanilac County for calls. They will intercept at the county line. Aspire is looking into the possibility of stationing a unit in the southeastern part of the county.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Dispatch Staffing Issues: Jon Ramirez advised there were 2 dispatchers in training. They did terminate the employment of one of the trainees due to ongoing learning issues. Jon did advise next round of interviews is scheduled for December 5, 2025 with 5 good candidates to fill 3 positions.
- B. Shop with a Hero: Jon Ramirez advised will be held at Wal-Mart December 2, 2025 at 6:00pm. If participating to be there at 5:30p.m. for briefing. Planning on 40 children to be served.
- C. Tri-County Fire Chief Mtg. in Bad Axe @ 1900: Jon Ramirez advised would be discussion between Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac Counties.
- D. 2026 Meeting Schedule: Jon Ramirez provided the proposed 911 Authority Board Meeting Schedule for 2026. Copies provided to members present. The meeting would be held the 2nd Tuesday of every other month at 9:00a.m. in the first floor meeting room of the People's Building 171 N. State St., Caro, MI. Motion by Matthew Koch seconded by Ryan Robinson to accept the proposed meeting schedule. Motion approved, unanimously.
- E. New Police Chief Representative: Jon Ramirez advised that current representative Ben Guile has turned down reappointment due to his current and possible future employment duties and responsibilities. Sgt. Ryan Pierce of Cass City P.D. has been recommended.

DISCUSSION:

- A. Contract Negotiations: Jon Ramirez discussed upcoming contract negotiations for dispatchers contract scheduled to begin December 1, 2025. Jon advised they are looking at possible 0% pay increase with 39% increase in insurance cost.
- B. Budget Cuts: Jon Ramirez discussed cutting approximately \$168,000 out of capital outlay and eliminating memberships to NENA and APCO as part of cuts.

C. Radio and Pagers Committee: Cory Skinner discussed potential upcoming millage and forming a committee to review potential radio and pager replacement needs. Jon Ramirez advised he would present this to the TAC Board. Jon Ramirez advised that one radio console is no longer repairable and would need to be replaced and would affect proposed 2026 budget cuts. He discussed the need for this console with attempts to find a used one or purchase new one for approx. \$125,000. Motion by Cory Skinner seconded by Matthew Koch to approve TCCD purchasing replacement radio console. If unable to locate good used console approve purchase of new console for \$125,000, motion approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

NEXT MEETING:

Next regular meeting scheduled January 13, 2026 at 9:00a.m. in the First Floor Meeting Room of The People's Building 171 N. State St., Caro, MI.

ADJOURN MEETING:

Motion by Matthew Koch seconded by Ryan Robinson to adjourn meeting at 10:08a.m., motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned.

Matt Foley, Secretary