

**COLUMBIANA COUNTY 911  
EMERGENCY SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**May 7, 2020**

**1:00 – 2:00 P.M. (via ZOOM)**

Those in attendance: Brian Rutledge, Rudy Sacchet, Tim Gladis, John Lane, Tim Weigle, Jr. Panezott, Peggy Clark, Greg Brick-EL Mayor joined late

Due to the nature of the meeting being held virtually the meeting was called to order by 911 Coordinator Brian Rutledge followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes distributed from previous meeting with no additions or corrections

Motion to except minutes by P. Clark 2<sup>nd</sup> by T. Gladis all in favor

Brian reviewed the Wireline and Wireless 911 Fund balances to date. (See attached agenda)

Gladis made motion to accept, Peggy 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor

State is in the final stages of the RFP with the Statewide NG911 project. The Covid-19 pandemic has put a strain on getting the necessary parties together to get it wrapped up. Once it's finalized, they will be working with the ESInet group to decide on what works for wireless fees.

The county has been awarded the Federal Grant that will be utilized for Text-911. There are still some unfinished business before it will start moving forward. Brian will have to notify carriers that the county is ready to move ahead. It could take up to 6months for the carriers to reply that we are able to proceed.

The MARC's radios have been purchased for the PSAP's as emergency backups if the phone systems go down. There is still some programming that needs done to them before they are pushed out to the PSAP's

In regard to COVID response- the EMD guidecards have been updated several times and we continue to stay on top of that ever-changing language. The state has set up weekly conference calls of PSAP managers and 911 Coordinators to share ideas and provide feedback to each other. Brian has been working with Comtech, Victor and Westtel regarding being able to establish a backup PSAP in the event a PSAP must close because of COVID. There are several options available and we will continue working on that even if it is on paper. Peggy and Brian continue to meet with first responders and keep in touch with them regarding all aspects of COVID-19.

The Wireless Government Assistance Fund yearly audit was submitted to the state showing were all the wireless funding provided by them is spent. Once again reminder we are only permitted to spend that funding on 3 locations. The FCC annual survey is also coming up, the state is compiling that and will submit a statewide report to the FCC. This survey must be complete in order receive and Federal Grants.

Brian has sent out the Support and Compliance information from the state that is Due in July for each of the PSAP's along with the County. This year the state chose to produce several videos regarding quality control and professionalism in 911 as CE's for dispatchers. Columbiana

County was asked to participate, and Brian worked with the State 911 to record a short video for Columbiana County. The CE's are available as You Tube videos for dispatchers to watch.

The County Commissioners signed a proclamation recognizing April 12<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> as part of National Telecommunicators Week. This week is set aside yearly recognizing the great job that the 911 dispatchers do daily. In the past we have delivered cookie trays to each of PSAP's and thanked them directly for the great job that they all do. As a result of COVID-19 we will try and plan something later.

JT and Gladis both thanked Brian and Peggy for the great job that they are doing during the pandemic. They are staying in contact with everyone and making sure everyone is taken care of the best they can.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 6, 2020 @ 1pm at the EMA office. (pending COVID restrictions)

Motion to adjourn by Jt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by T Gladis, all in favor