

**COLUMBIANA COUNTY 911
EMERGENCY SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING
February 2, 2023
1:00 – 2:00 P.M.**

Those in attendance: Brian Rutledge, Tim Weigle, Jeremiah Cole, Scott Mason, Joe Capuzzelo, Jenn Swords, Brett Todd, Jim Brown, Bill Myers, Keith Drabick, Dave Casto, Brian Moore, Traci Spratt, John Lane, JT Panzot, Brian McKenzie, Rudy Sacchet, Mary Ann Greier

The meeting called to order by Commissioner Weigle followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Following the Pledge of Allegiance Commissioner Weigle reviewed the 911 Wireline and Wireless funds for the county.

Motion to except 911 finances by J. Cole 2nd by - all in favor

Commissioner Weigle recognized Brian McKenzie from St. Clair Twp who will be replacing Chief Mike Abraham from Lisbon Pd on the 911 Technical Advisory Committee.

Meeting turned over to 911 Director Brian Rutledge

Minutes distributed from previous meeting via email and available for review. with no additions or corrections- Motion to except minutes by Jeremiah 2nd K Drabik- all in favor

HB445- House bill did not get passed before the new General Assembly took office. The Governor has proposed \$46million dollars over the biennium budget for NG911. That will include the State's infrastructure and is supposed to be the last mile connection to the counties. Joe C asked what that means for Columbiana County , Commissioner Weigle stated that we might be able to recoup some of our previous costs, but we will just have to wait and see. Brian also said that it might be possible that it could be used to replace some of our aging infrastructure that's been in place for 6-7 years now. On the HB, the State House and Senate are still putting together their committees and it's not clear yet what Committee the HB will be re-introduced in. Currently it sounds like it will be introduced into both the House and the Senate at the same time and hopefully works its way through for a vote and passage. The plan currently is to keep all the current language in place at 70 cents on any device other than a landline that can call 911.

Solar Eclipse- We first discussed the Eclipse at the November meeting and just want to keep in our radar. Brian mentioned that the EMA office is planning a meeting later this month with County Department heads and will be reaching out to other jurisdictions and agencies around the county in the coming months. With information from past experiences, the county could see an influx of approximately 50,000 people for the eclipse. Although we are outside the total eclipse zone there will be people coming and going through the county for it. Impact on 911- Increase in traffic and people could increase call volume. Several wireless carriers plan to deploy portable cell towers, however wouldn't expect to see any of those locally. Stay tuned for more on the Eclipse.

Radio discussion- At the last meeting we talked in depth with Victor and Jason regarding the county's radio systems and how difficult it would be if we centralized. There's really nothing new to report on that at this time. The EMA has been asked to become the "keeper" of MOU's

and the Fleetmap for any future MARCS expansion in the county. The purpose of this is so that if there's future expansion of MARCS radios in the county it won't be a mess. This has come about because of several FD's qualifying for a MARCS radio grant and will be making a change soon.

Brian once again introduced Chief McKenzie who will be replacing Chief Abraham on the 911 Committee. Abraham is hoping to start stepping back from some of the committee groups that he's involved in so that it's easier when it comes time to retire. Brian stated that we Thank Chief Abraham for his many years of service on the committee and although his retirement is still a few years away it's nice that we've got someone wanting to step up and fill his shoes. Welcome to Chief McKenzie.

WGAF- Brian will be working on the WGAF later this month. This is a report due to the state in March and it shows that we've followed ORC laws on the spending of our 911 money received.

Sundance servers- Brian announced that due to end-of-life issues on our current CAD servers we will be moving our Sundance system to a hosted cloud environment. There will be no impact on how the dispatchers send out calls on the CAD system or assign units on calls. The change is regarding how much storage space we have available that PSAP's are currently using. Brian stated that we are unable to spend wireless funding on non-PSAP related items and the storage of law enforcement records would fall into that category. In the past it wasn't a problem because we owned the servers and had the space. This would mean that the three non PSAP departments would work with Sundance on a storage solution. B. McKenzie requested clarity as to why if they didn't have to pay for storage in the past they would have to now. Brian stated that because we are being held accountable for the amount of storage now, we will have to limit it to PSAP's in addition to paying for it with 911 funds. JT stated that Sundance is working on a program to split out old data from storage and the PDs could get rid of old files from storage. Commissioner Weigle stated that we could talk about this further and it might be possible to let them continue to have space within our allotted amount if there's a cleanup of old files.

Columbiana PSAP will be absorbing the village of Leetonia's 911 calls and dispatching the village starting next week. This will include all fire, law enforcement, and EMS. They have worked with Jason and Victor to make sure that they've got radio connections, and everything will be recorded on the PSAP recorder.

Jim Brown stated that EPPD is still working to move to their own radio frequency away from the current one that Columbiana is also on.

There will be another PST/EMD class the end of March depending on the calendar and the need for one.

Wayne Chamberlain- longtime 911 committee member suffered a medical condition on Wednesday so please keep him in your thoughts and prayers. J Cole provided a quick update on Wayne and stated that he was home and doing well.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2023 @ 1pm at the EMA office.

Motion to adjourn by K Drabick 2nd by J Cole