

**COLUMBIANA COUNTY 911
EMERGENCY SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING**

August 3, 2023

1:00 – 2:00 P.M.

Those in attendance: Brian Rutledge, Tim Weigle, Jeremiah Cole, Scott Mason, Jenn Swords, Bill Myers, Keith, JT Panzot, Rudy Sacchet, Peggy Clark, Holly Adams, George Brantingham
The meeting called to order by Commissioner Weigle followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Following the Pledge of Allegiance Commissioner Weigle turned the meeting over to 911 Director Brian Rutledge

Brian reviewed the financials that were updated in the agenda.

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

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

The voluntary information form that Brian has been working with CCBDD (Columbiana County Board of Developmental Disability) on is ready to roll out. This form will be distributed to all the CCBDD clients on an annual basis. This form provides clients the opportunity to disclose any disability that they might have whether it be physical, developmental, emotional, or sensory. Holly Adams from CCBDD attended the 911 meeting and discussed the importance of this form and the ability to make first responders better aware or informed and safer when responding to calls. This form is completely voluntary and would remain confidential in the 911 CAD database and be provided only to first responders. There was a very similar database during the pandemic that was used in the same manner. The office of CCBDD plans to start rolling this out in September. The information will be supplied to Brian, and he will be responsible for entering it into the CAD system.

HB445- then became SB50 and now 33. The new legislation passed and is going to take effect January 1, 2024. However, the wireless fee will only go up to forty cents (.40) not the recommended .64 that the ESSINET proposed. There is also a stipulation in place that the fee can go back to .25 in October of 2025 if sufficient funding has been obtained. The wireless fee coming in so low was very disappointing. This will continue to impact our discussion of consolidating our 911 PSAP's. There is still no clear funding mechanism yet to support a consolidated location. George Brantingham (Winona Fire Chief) brought up the fact that the current radio system at the Sheriff's Office is outdated and needs to be replaced and he has been forced to start using MARCS to be interoperable with everyone around him. Brian advised that he believes that the legislation does prohibit adding additional wireless fees. The state will have enough funding to establish the Statewide NG Core project that the pilot county's (Columbiana County being one of them) to join. There is some funding set aside to assist the pilot counties in joining the state project however it's unsure how much each county will get to offset the cost of joining the state core. Columbiana County will have to start thinking about updating the equipment that was installed almost 8 years ago. There was also discussion surrounding the funding change and was reported in the meeting that we would be without funding from October- December and that is not true. There will be funding available, however it'll be reduced at that time when the new formulation takes effect.

The annual Support and Compliance was presented to the state in July. Brian, thanks all the PSAP's for assisting with getting the necessary information gathered. Except for needing one dispatcher signature everything was submitted and we are just waiting for acknowledgement from the state. This was an in-person visit from the State S&C Coordinator. She visited the EMA office to review all the paperwork and then Brian and her visited the Sheriff's Office. During the visit she checks to make sure certain requirements are met and the SO did pass all three of those requirements.

Peggy talked briefly about the Solar Eclipse happening in April of 2024. The county could see as much as a 50% increase in the number of people in the county. In the past, an eclipse such as this put a strain on the 911 system with increased call volume. Many of the calls originated after the eclipse as people were trying to return home.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 2, 2023 @ 1pm at the EMA office.

Motion to adjourn by JT 2nd by J Swords