

911 COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

October 18th, 2023

Members present (Virtually): Chief Dan Pease, Beloit Fire Department; Interim Chad Pearson, Janesville Police Department; Chief Jim Ponkauskus, Deputy Chief John McManus, Janesville Fire Department; Chief Andre Sayles, Krystynn Reinart, Beloit Police Department; Sheriff Curt Fell, Rock County Sheriff's Office; Chief Bob Fahey, Evansville FD, Chief Tom Alisankus, Footville Police Department; Chief Tom Kunkel, Town of Milton Police Department

Members Not Present: Deputy Chief Ryan Perkins, Orfordville Fire Department

Others present (Virtually): Fredd Carr, Justin Anderson, and Faith Quinlan, Rock County Communications Center; Sara Herzig, James Johnson, Bryan Spigarelli, and Dara Mosley, Rock County IT

1. **Call to Order and Approval of Agenda**

- A. Chief Ponkauskus called the meeting of the 911 Communications Commission to order at 2:02 p.m. Motion to approve the agenda by Kunkel. Second by Pease. APPROVED.

2. **Minutes – July 19th, 2023**

- A. Motion by Pease. Second by Kunkel. July 19th, 2023, minutes approved as written.

3. **Comments from the Public – None**

4. **Information Technology** – Mosley provided updates on the recent cyber event that began on 9/30/23. IT personnel responded to the ITHQ to begin investigating, and subsequently the internet connection was pulled in order to determine what locations, agencies, systems, etc., might be impacted. Orders were given to implement the Crisis Communications Plan. System status updates were provided regularly to all County employees and outside affected agencies on a daily basis.

Herzig stated the insurance carrier requested Carbon Black be installed on all laptops, all County endpoints, and all agency department laptops. Carbon Black monitoring is set to expire 10/30, but IT is looking to expand that to 24-hours at no additional cost to agencies.

Chiefs Alisankus and Fahey had questions for IT regarding the County's response and whether IAmResponding was working yet; Mosley answered.

5. **Policy Updates**

- A. M2-MABAS (c) – Testing – Carr explained testing is completed on all three shifts now, so each can experience the process; this has been updated in the policy's wording. Fahey motioned to approve the policy changes as written. Second by Fell. All in favor; policy approved.

6. **Informational Items & Updates**

- A. Assistant Director – Director Carr introduced Justin Anderson, the 911 Center's new Assistant Director.
 - B. Review of County-Wide Dispatch-Enhanced 911 Agreement [section III (b) 1 & 2] – Carr explained the priorities of the 911 Commission outlined in the sections mentioned above of the County-Wide Dispatch Enhanced 911 Agreement, reviewed and signed by agencies every eight years.
 - C. Station Alerting – Carr and Mosley discussed testing on the training environment.
 - D. Microwave Ring – Carr said Nick from GenComm was working to complete the Microwave Ring project before the winter weather. The only piece left is the Milton Water Tower, which should be done in the next few weeks. A new tower was built behind Rock Haven, which is not yet functional but will be soon.
 - E. APCO EMD Audit-Follow-Up – Carr described the results of the Center's recent APCO EMD follow-up audit. He indicated everything is up-to-date and going well.
 - F. Miscellaneous – Carr alerted Commission members that Caitlin Turkowski from the Rock County Health Department contacted him concerning information on trends related to overdoses. Carr relayed that anyone can contact him if they wish to receive her contact information, as she wants to see if the agencies are distributing the Rock County Hope Kits.
7. **Adjournment** – Fahey moved to adjourn the 911 Communications Commission Meeting at 2:33 p.m., second by Pease. APPROVED.

Minutes are not official until approved by the 911 Communications Commission

Next Meeting – January 17th, 2024, @ 2 pm (Subject to Change)

Respectfully Submitted,



Faith Quinlan
Administrative Secretary
Rock County Communications Center