

EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT & 911

COMMITTEE: EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT & 911
DATE: THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2022
TIME: 10:00 A.M.
PLACE: COUNTY BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Gretzinger calls the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Gretzinger, Lukas, Black & Miller

Others Present: Stephanie Statezny, Josh Bradley, Darrell Wilson, Mark Rinehart, and Ron Skallerud

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Lukas, second by Black to approve the agenda as presented. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FEBRUARY 24, 2022 MEETING

Motion by Lukas, second by Miller to approve the Emergency Management February 24, 2022 meeting. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Darrell Wilson – Crandon Fire Chief, Chief Wilson spoke about the Fire whistle in the City of Crandon. The Sheriff's Department used to trigger the whistle when there was a fire call. Bradley explains that the button was never moved when the new dispatch center was made. He explains that Crandon Fire is the only department they did it for, and feels that if we don't do it for all we shouldn't do it for any. When lamResponding is implemented, it may help this issue.

DISPATCH ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES (BRADLEY)

Bradley updated the committee on the dispatch center:

- UPS system in dispatch server room went down. The service agreement expired in 2019. Bradley spoke with company Hartland to install a new UPS system and cost is approximately \$15,000.00. Sheriff Skallerud had already spoke with Chairperson Gretzinger, and she approved the purchase as it was an emergency situation.
- Bradley states a mini split may be necessary in the server room to keep the equipment from overheating. Lukas recommends having an air circulator to help. Rinehart is having Doug Geyer come take a look at it and get a quote. Gretzinger states to get a quote and bring it back.
- Bradley explains that the 911 budget is over by \$30,984.29. The only things in the 911 budget at this time are Maintenance agreements, however, bills from Central Square had to be paid from 2019, 2020 and 2021. Bradley states fees were accumulated and could not be paid until the cross over was ready.
- Bradley informs committee that as of May 1st his schedule has changed, he is no longer on a 4 on 4 off schedule. His new schedule is Monday – Thursday to be in better contact with Sheriff, Chief and EM. Lukas asks if the change is temporary due to projects and if he foresees Bradley going back as dispatcher/admin; Bradley states he does not foresee a time where there will not be projects that require his attention, and he feels he may be able to help in the jail and has renewed his jail certification.

EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT & 911

- Bradley talks about using money from Jail Sergeant position to hire a dispatcher to backfill where he originally placed in the 4 on 4 off schedule. Bradley states they would pull the jail sergeant position and turn it into general dispatcher.
- Bradley updates committee with First Net Project, Bradley signed participation agreement with ESI net project with FirstNet/AT&T. This will bring dispatch up to speed to do NG911. Dispatch is looking at switching from frontier to charter. NG911 requires to have a legacy line as well, which is a back up line. Bradley would like to have AT&T run another optic line as the legacy line. There will be cost involved however at this time cost is unknown.

EMERGENCY DIRECTOR UPDATES:

- a. MABAS: MABAS Association is updating cards. Statezny is waiting to hear back from MABAS Division to set up training for County Dispatch before it can be implemented at the county level.
- b. NATIONAL FOREST SERVICE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT: Forest Service is no longer moving forward with agreements with counties, Statezny updates no further action needs to happen with this.
- c. AMERICAN TOWER LEASE: Lease was forwarded to Finance, American Tower would like to send representative to present to Finance virtually, Lukas agrees to have Statezny coordinate with County Clerk to get it set up.
- d. IAMRESPONDING: Emergency Services Association has the quote, Statezny is waiting to hear if they will be implementing the app. The association is paying for it and it is up to them to implement.
- e. WEATHER RADIOS: Statezny is working with Health Department to distribute Weather radios to Meal Sites, Camp grounds, Libraries and other public places to increase weather awareness.
- f. Memorandum of Understanding: Statezny is working on getting Signed MOUs with Town halls, Libraries, etc. to use spaces as warming, cooling, Family assistance centers etc.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:

- a. CRANDON FIRE WHISTLE: No action. See what happens after iAmResponding is implemented and if it helps the issue at all. Crandon fire can continue to trigger their own whistle as of now.
- b. FIRE NUMBERS/ ROAD SIGNAGE
Statezny would like to see the ordinance updated and have everything in place before reaching out to towns to fix fire number issues. Gretzinger states the proposed changes should be sent to Corp Council Paul Payant. Once changes are approved it would have to go to public hearing and full county. Statezny also raises the question of who will cover the cost of the signage replacement, the towns, the county, does a budget need to be created to fix the issues. Gretzinger asks if cost is covered in the ordinance, Statezny explains not for existing issues, however, new applications have a fee. Gretzinger recommends Statezny get an opinion from Corp Council Paul Payant about cost responsibility.
- c. MUNICIPAL GUIDE: Statezny gave the guide to committee last meeting and is looking for feedback. Miller states looks good has one correction on page 9. Gretzinger states to make the changes and have it forwarded to full county board. Black motions to have Municipal Guide to Emergency Management and Damage Assessment Guide forwarded to July full county board meeting. Lukas second. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.
- d. LG REPEATER: Statezny aware of issues with Local Government Antenna. Statezny looking at what cost will be, she is in touch with Northway Communications.
- e. COMPUTER HAZMAT EQUIPMENT GRANT: Statezny completed the pre-application. Grant will be used to pay Oneida County Hazmat contract. Statezny can also use money for computer equipment and will use to upgrade computer to new windows 11 update.

EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT & 911

- f. PIO – COUNTY TEAM: Statezny would like to send a few personnel to Public Information Officer Training, it would provide the county with personnel that could help formulate press releases and do media briefings. Lukas inquires about cost, Statezny explains it is a free course county would just have to pay for travel for employees. Gretzinger and Lukas agree it would be a good training and Statezny can offer course to County Departments.
- g. LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL TRAINING: Statezny asks if committee is interested in having a training for Local Government officials to familiarize their role in incident management. Gretzinger states any time government officials can educate themselves or get educated it is good. Statezny will look at setting up a training for County board members and municipal officials.
- h. BUDGET SURPLUS RESOLUTION: No action. Statezny should look over and see if this is a resolution forest county would like to move forward with as well.
- i. MEETING REOCCURRENCES: Committee agrees to set meeting up on a re-occurring basis, for the Second Wednesday of every month at 10:00 as long as there is availability on the calendar. Gretzinger states to check with County Clerk.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- COMP TIME ACCUMULATION FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

ADJORNMENT:

Motion by Lukas, second by Miller to adjourn. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m.