

Fayette County
911 Communications Board Meeting
January 10, 2019

1. Roll Call – The following representatives were in the meeting: 911 Interim Director Katye Vogt, 911 Assistant Director Amber Smith, Chief Harold Myers, Chief David Scarbrough, Lieutenant Terry Black, Major Brian Eubanks, Scott Hindman, Sheriff Barry Babb, Deputy Chief Linda Black, Chief Joe O’Conor, Lieutenant Eric Deloose, Human Resources Director Lewis Patterson, County Administrator Steve Rapson, Captain Patty Kent, Captain Jeff Harris, Lieutenant Kay Crider, Quartermaster Chris Brown, Chief Alan Jones and 911 Communications Coordinator Wendy Coulter.
2. Meeting called to order by Chief Chief O’Conor at 10:02am.
3. Lieutenant Black moved to accept the meeting minutes from October 18, 2018. Chief Myers seconded. Meeting minutes were approved unanimously.
3. Old Business
 - A. Carbyne Update – Interim Director Katye Vogt
Still on version 3.5. Continually making improvements. Have ordered two administrative lines and 911 lines for testing. Once those are in, we will begin heavy testing. Still looking at spring for full ecosystem, possibly April. AT&T is slowing the process due to different people having to do each individual task/change.
 - B. Mobile 911 Communications Unit – Interim Director Katye Vogt
Just selected a vendor a few months ago. Will start moving forward once the new Director is named. Increased the shelter for more protection. Still have the original plan and should start outfitting it in the next couple months.
 - C. Radio System – Interim Director Katye Vogt
Have been having a lot of background meetings. Next week we will be doing tower visits, taking measurement and doing site plans. We have EF Johnson in contact

with IT. Cindy and Rich are here from EF Johnson and will be here after the meeting for any questions. Still in the preliminary stages but it is moving along. Still looking at about 18 months.

4. New Business

A. Vice Chair Selection – Chief O’Conor

Chief Jones nominated Chief Gray. No other nominations. Elected Chief Gray as the Vice Chair for this year and the Chair for next year unanimously.

B. New Director – County Administrator Steve Rapson

Have received 31 applications. Would like the board to give their top four recommendations from those applicants. There were also four internal applicants. Will start doing interviews on October 29-30 and 31st. for all applicants. The selection committee has not been finalized. As of now the committee is Steve Rapson, Lewis Patterson, possibly Chief Moon, possibly Sheriff Babb or a representative from the Sheriff’s Office and finally Chief Jones from Fayetteville Fire Department. Everything is still running as normal at the 911 Center.

C. Questions regarding the radio system – Scott Hindman

Who is buying the software for the new radios? It came with the program, everyone is covered. Once the system changes, who will pay the cost of the old radios work on the new system? Per Steve Rapson, the county would handle that cost. The individual agencies would have to buy the radio. Everyone is using phase two radios. 911 center is already programming the new Kenwood radios. Any radio bought now will work on both systems. Chief Jones made motion that no phase one only capable radios should be on new system. Major Eubanks seconded. Motion was voted to have no phase one radios on the new system and was unanimous.

D. Language line Service – Interim Director Katye Vogt

Do all agencies have a contract with a language line service? 911’s language line bill has increased significantly. Sometimes being used by field units. Historically agencies had their own contracts. 911 is getting charged for the usage by the field units. Need to address it. Possibly bill each agency, each agency has their own contract. We can enter the information into our system to still be able to call us and use the service. Chief Jones wants to arrange for the Language Line to do a presentation next meeting. Interim Director Vogt will contact them to set up the presentation. For now, have each agency educate their employees that this service is not free. Possibly look into other companies that provide the same service. Will have on the agenda for next meeting.

5. Board Member Comments –

Chief Jones thank you to 911 center and Katye Vogt for being so responsive. Chief O’Conor thank you for keeping everything going as usual. If anyone has any issues with Motorola let the county know so they can help with any issues. There have no issues thus far.

6. Staff Report – Assistant Director Amber Smith

Currently fully staffed, with the exception of the Director position. Our two newest two employees will start on January 22nd. We have revamped our training program. It

has been a very positive change and impact. We have three trainees who are very close to being released.

The next meeting will be Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 10:00 am at this same location.

9. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 10:34am.