

Fayette County 911 Communications Board Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2021

I. Call to order

Chief Hill called the Fayette County 911 Communications Board Meeting to order at 10:00am on October 14, 2021.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present: Chief Hill, Chief Miller, Chief O’Conor, Chief Mundy, Chief Gray, Chief Moon, Chief Jones, Assistant Chief Baggett, Assistant Chief Mask, Assistant Chief Murphy, Assistant Chief Black, Major Van Brock, Chief Deputy Rhodes, Division Chief Pollard, Director Vogt, Assistant Director Smith, Sharon Battle, Scott Hindman, Chris Brown, Scott Verock, Aziz Ichtari.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

A motion was made by Chief O’Conor to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Chief Mundy. With all in favor the motion carried.

IV. New business

- a) The Board nominated Alan Jones as the 2022 Vice Chair. A motion was made by Chief O’Conor to approve the nomination. Second by Chief Hill. With all in favor the motion carried.
- b) Joining via Teams, Steve Keller from Radio One and Todd from Mission Critical Partners discussed an issue with radio interoperability. During the purchase phase of the radio project several agencies were sold radios that will not work as anticipated due to encryption and multi-key settings. Agencies were originally advised that it would cost approximately \$700 per radio to upgrade the radios and make them compatible with what the County purchased. Due to fluctuating radio prices Radio One agreed that the cost of the radios could be adjusted and credited. The new total price per radio to upgrade with the credit would be \$97. Chief Moon asked to clarify that the cost of \$97 per radio would bring all non-compliant radios (mobile and portable) up to the same standards as the County. Steve Keller confirmed. Todd advised that moving forward this would be the minimum specifications for any new radios ordered. Any orders not meeting the minimum specifications would have to be approved by Director Vogt.

Todd agreed to send out a new specifications sheet to all agencies. Chief Hill asked for a motion to approve the proposed solution. Chief Moon made the motion confirming that the proposed solution would include the new minimum specifications. Second by Chief O'conor. With all in agreement the motion carried. Steve Keller advised that he would get a quote out to each agency by the end of business on Monday, October 18 to let them know how many radios would need to be upgraded and the total cost. Director Vogt will coordinate the upgrades.

- c) Interoperability with Coweta County was brought up by Chief O'Conor. Director Vogt advised that in theory it would be possible to add their talk groups. There was discussion about system keys and federal channels for large scale events. Director Vogt advised agencies to set their internal policies and reach agreements with the surrounding agencies.
- d) Scott Hindman had an agenda item regarding flashing old radios. He advised it was settled in the previous discussion regarding radio upgrades.
- e) Channel marker use during the Officer Assist procedure was discussed by Director Vogt. She advised that during training it was discovered that the channel marker interferes with radio traffic. She made a motion to remove the channel marker from the written procedure. There was a second by Chief Mundy. With all in agreement the motion carried.
- f) Director Vogt asked the Board members what information they wanted aired from local returns. She specified that local returns are information that was entered by an agency into the CAD but not on GCIC. Everyone agreed that if information is not a red flag and/or entered into GCIC they do not need it aired to responders.
- g) Director Vogt provided general updates. Fayette County 911 has 5 open positions and several people in training. She asked for cooperation and patience from field units. Regarding the Carbyne project it was advised that all of the main positions now have Carbyne and it is being installed in the EOC as well in administrative offices. For the overall status of the radio project, Director Vogt advised that some of the antennas have been installed. The ATLAS system, which is the "brain" of the new radio system, is being installed and should be complete by the end of October. It could be possible to have some type of live activity on the system as early as January or February. Each radio will need one more "physical touch" for a firmware upgrade prior to going live. Chief Hill should contact Coweta County regarding getting a system key prior to the final upgrade.

V. Board Member Comments

Chief Jones advised that the meeting went very well and thanked Director Vogt for her work in addressing the radio upgrade issue prior to the meeting and bringing an acceptable solution to the meeting. Deputy Chief Rhodes was reminded that he would be the Chair for 2022 meetings.

VI. Next Meeting

A meeting schedule for 2022 is being developed and will be distributed as soon as possible.

VII. Public Comment

None Present.

VIII. Adjournment

Chief O’Conor made a motion to adjourn at 11:16 a.m. The motion was seconded by Chief Mundy. With all in favor the meeting was adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Minutes submitted by: Sharon Battle

Minutes approved by: