

Central Communications, Inc.

Regular Meeting Minutes

July 7<sup>th</sup>2015

The regularly scheduled meeting was called to order at 6:30p.m. At Central Communications, Inc 4317 Lamberton Road, Pennsboro WV. In attendance were Sam Rogers, Steve Worden, Gregory Robinson, Ralph Sandora, John Dotson, John Hatfield, Angie Lipscomb, Nellie Hurst, Neal Romart, Tammy Beamer, Lola Clay, Cole Crim, Mike Hamilton, and Billy Wolfe.

**Approval of Minutes:** Stephen Worden moved to approve the minutes; Ralph Sandora second; motion carried.

**Approval of Treasurer's report:** The board reviewed the financial statement prepared by the accountant. Balance of the pic account \$361,334.73 checking account \$16,626.09 Stephen Worden moved to approve treasurer's report; Ralph Sandora second: motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

**Gregory Robinson:** Discussed the incident (Mr. Robinson received second hand information) concerning a call that occurred about a month ago in Doddridge County. Individuals requested Company Sixty and Company Five was dispatched.

**John Dotson:** Explained the call and the information obtained. Mr. Dotson also let the Board of Directors listen to the call after the meeting to reduce the confusion.

**Tammy Beamer:** Stated she had the right as taxpayer to request Company Five.

**Ralph Sandora:** Stated leave this issue alone, cannot act without Doddridge County Commission, made motion to table request.

**Sam Rogers:** Ask if there was any actions to be taken without Doddridge County Commissions, no comments.

Gregory Robinson made the motion to remove Company Five from call rotation and 911 dispatching: Ralph Sandora made the motion to table request; second by Sam Rogers and Steve Worden. Gregory Robinson voted against request; majority ruled.

**Advisory Board Recommendations:** None

**Old Business:** Text 911 update

Verizon and AT&T went live.

Sprint and Netlos- neither have had services. (Status six-months)

- (a) Doddridge County EMS emergency response-tabled.
- (b) Operations Manager Report-operations of Central Communications, Inc. is operating well.
- (c) Deputy Director's Report-
- (d) Executive Director's Report-

## Deputy Director's Report –07/07/15

### Mapping/Dispatching:

I had finished the creation of the working of the geographic run assignment areas and verification of the information was nearly complete for delivery to the Chief/Director of each department for their approval. I then got interrupted with other issues and vacation; and now a department has changed their assignments - I now have to re-do those areas.

### Radio System Issues

I received the requested coverage maps predicting the coverage of a proposed new antenna site in Centerpoint. The proposed tower should cure the issues of radio coverage in that area. We had Miller Communications come out to the Salem Tower in June to check the radios & antennas; as McClellan Fire has had more issues receiving pages recently.

Miller Communications has been tasked to add a new site for Doddridge Fire at the Pennsboro Tower- the equipment has been received in their shop, but not yet installed on site. This will alleviate issue that Greenwood Fire has had with portable coverage.

We still have not heard from Blue Ridge Telecom concerning the tower at Brohard (to increase coverage in Smithville area) since his call in March.

I received a budgetary quote for a voter receive system and simulcast transmitters. To complete a County wide, 4 site system for one radio channel could cost as much as \$241,000 for the proposed system; adding another channel to that system (One for Fire/EMS, one for Law Enforcement) would add around \$70,000 total. This system includes many new technologies to minimize issues known with older systems.

Another brand of system can be considered, which may be cheaper. It does not have the advanced software control over the system as the system discussed above – it is more “old school”.

### Text-to-911

Both Verizon & ATT have been tested and gone live with their text-to-911 operations. We were still waiting for Sprint & Ntelos before we advertised the availability of operations – both responded that they have no coverage in the area. I informed our contact at Textty that it is likely Sprint doesn't, but we know that Ntelos does indeed have 2 sites that cover Doddridge County. He is supposed to contact them again.

Executive Directors Report- We had to replace out old camera recording system and updated two computers for general maintenance. We have spoked with Paul Bump from Harrison/Taylor 911. They are exploring a tower in the Five Points area near the Doddridge/Harrison line. They are interested with teaming with several counties in this project. We are sending three dispatchers to APCO Conference.

We have had no 911 calls via text other than our own test calls.

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