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E-911 Planning Meeting Minutes for March 5, 2019

On Tuesday March 5, 2019 the E-911 Planning Committee convened at the County Commissioners Office located at 139 West Franklin Street for the purpose of a regular meeting with all members present. Commissioner Wippel, Mayor McIlroy and Trustee Maynard, Mr. Darrin Flick, E-911 Coordinator as well as fourteen guests were in attendance. These included: Commissioner Henson, Chief Chad Noggle, City Safety Director; Terry Frazier, Chief Shawn Baer, Sheriff Robert Radcliff, Ms. April Dengler; County Administrator, Mr. Tony Chamberlain; Circleville HR Director, Marc Rogols; Deputy County Administrator, Gary Kenworthy; Circleville Law Director, Steven Collins; Circleville Herald, Jason Gillow; County GIS, Sgt Mathew Hafey; Circleville PD, Tom Swisher; Deputy EMA Director, and Lt. Jon Rhoades; S.O. Administrative Lieutenant.

Commissioner Wippel called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone that was in attendance. He also asked everyone to be sure they signed the meeting sign in sheet. He then asked everyone around the room to introduce themselves and mentioned the addition of Tom Swisher as a full time employee as the Deputy EMA Director, who will also be helping out with E-911 issues.

At this point Mayor McIlroy asked if there were minutes to be approved from the last meeting. Mr. Flick stated that in the transition between E-911 Coordinators the minutes were not found and as such were unavailable. Mayor McIlroy also asked if there were financials to be reviewed and Mr. Flick stated that yes they were available and would be briefed a little later in the meeting.

Commissioner Wippel then moved on to the next item of the attached agenda – Sheriff's Office PSAP Update.

Lt. Jon Rhoades gave an update of the recent upgrades that were performed out at the County PSAP. These included new dispatch stations (3 of 4 stations are live to conduct dispatching with the 4th just needing a computer to be ready), the wiring for a 5th dispatch station should we wish to add an additional station, new furniture, carpet, and the hardware and software for the new dispatch stations. Additionally, there is also a new recording system that is helpful for EMD reviews with Dr. Snyder. The new dispatch center is 3-4 times the size of the previous dispatch center with a break room and bathroom. There is also a new capability that allows for the monitoring of news and weather as well as cameras at the jail and courthouse security cameras. The S.O.'s PSAP is Next Generation 911 ready and has a new drive up pass through window to pass items to people without them accessing the building.

Commissioner Wippel invited everyone to come out and take a tour. Mayor McIlroy stated he heard it was a wonderful facility and then asked how much of the wireless 911 funds were spent on the facility. Mr. Flick replied that the amount was right around \$496k. Mayor McIlroy then

asked what the S.O. thought the annual amount would be. Lt. Rhoades stated that he thought the annual cost in software maintenance and fees would be around \$100k per year. Sheriff Radcliff then stated that there were some additional infrastructure upgrades that will need to occur to include locks and cameras, but wasn't sure if that would be an E- 911 expense or if it would come out of some other fund.

Chief Shawn Baer then gave an update on the Circleville PSAP. Chief Baer stated that their PSAP hasn't had many changes since the last meeting. All of their dispatchers are EMD trained and certified by Ohio Health. They continue to work some additional upgrades with their MARCS Radio system as a Tier 1 customer and had some space re-allocations with the move of the jail to increase the size of the radio room. They also have their emergency laptop where they can depart the facility if needed and can dispatch from a remote location. Mayor McIlroy then asked Chief Baer how much of the wireless 911 funds were spent on the Circleville PSAP to which Chief Baer replied none. Mr. Flick then interjected and stated that although the City did not directly receive money from the wireless 911 fund, they did receive services that the county paid for with wireless 911 funds which includes imagery, GIS, ESRI, and Accuglobe.

Mr. Flick then gave an update on proposed changes to the Ohio Revised Code as it pertains to Next Generation 911 specifically the changes to the composition of the county 911 planning committees from 3 to 6 members and the fees charged to residents for 911 services. These changes are still being staffed through committees and likely won't be solidified until the Fall. Mr. Flick also reiterated that Tom Swisher is now a full time employee of the county and will be serving as the EMA Deputy Director with immediate duties helping get the alternate PSAP set up in the newly created county emergency operations center.

Commissioner Wippel then made a statement where he mentioned all of the changes that have occurred with regards to the new county PSAP as well as the recently passed motion from the City Council to discuss consolidation between the city and county PSAPs. He stated that he felt that the time was right to sit down and begin to talk about consolidation. He then made a motion to rescind amendments 3 and 4 to the 911 plan and recommend that a subcommittee be formed to begin consolidation discussion between the city and the county.

Commissioner Wippel then asked for a second, and Mayor McIlroy then seconded followed by discussion of the motion.

Trustee Maynard asked clarification that we were rescinding the two amendments, #3 and 4. Commissioner Wippel stated that yes, rescinding the two amendments as it does not make sense to spend money on a PSAP that may be consolidated. It's the fiscally responsible thing to do and it's what's best for the citizens and taxpayers. Income tax goes to the city and property taxes go to the county so in effect we are charging the citizens double. He also reiterated that the planning committee does not only represent their own jurisdiction, but must do what's best for the entire county. City council has toured the new PSAP and seemed to be impressed, so Commissioner Wippel feels the momentum is there to get this done.

Mayor McIlroy then stated that this committee has nothing to do with consolidation and that all they are there for is to distribute money generated by cellphones originating in Pickaway County. He stated that one PSAP has been receiving money while the other has not. In June 2017, the city wanted to have all cell phone calls originating in the city to come directly to the city PSAP as he feels it's a safety issue. The Sheriff is doing a great job but it takes time to transfer calls to the City of Circleville and the residents deserves quicker service. The city and county had discussed consolidation previously and the city did get a proposal from the county back in 2015, but the

council rejected it. He mentioned that he had been asked by the council to start looking again at consolidating both PSAPs, but this committee has nothing to do with that.

Mr. Flick then asked if he could clarify a point about the routing of wireless calls. He clarified that if you turn on wireless calls for the city PSAP you will not eliminate the transferring of calls, consequently you will now have to transfer calls from the city to the county as people will be traveling through the county, but hit the city cellular tower and require a county response. This will only increase the amount of call transfers and not decrease it.

The Sheriff then asked if he could clarify that the S.O. PSAPs dispatchers were not funded by the wireless 911 fund. The mayor agreed and said that he wasn't talking about personnel, but about the equipment that was brought in and paid for by wireless 911 funds where they paid for things with general fund dollars. He then acknowledged that general funds were also used at the county PSAP as well. Mayor McIlroy stated that he wanted to ensure that both PSAPs are at least getting looked at for being funded by wireless 911 dollars and that if asked, his vote would be to disapprove of this motion.

Trustee Maynard then stated that the amendments talking about more than just funding to include routing calls to the Grove City PSAP, which Scioto Township no longer has a desire to pursue. He also asked to clarify that approximately \$100k a year is going towards software maintenance and asked how much we get per year for wireless 911. Mr. Flick replied that the entire county only receives \$108k per year. Mr. Flick then gave an update on the current financials and stated that the currently balance in the wireless 911 fund is \$6,467 and that we started out the year with \$38k, have expended \$39k, received \$7,500 from the Ohio 911 fund, and have some additional bills that were paid out of capital but will have to be repaid as Ohio 911 money comes in. The Mayor asked what was in the fund in June 2017. Mr. Flick wasn't sure but would find out. The Mayor said he thought it was around \$400k.

Commissioner Wippel then stated that the committee doesn't just determine where the money goes. They do much more than that.

Trustee Maynard then asked for clarification again that we only receive \$108k a year and that we pay county wide payments to around \$100k a year. He stated that the funding seems to be utilized now by both of the PSAPs as the expenditures are for services shared by both PSAPs. Mayor McIlroy stated that he agrees that having the consolidation discussion is a good idea and that he was for it in the past when previous consolidation discussions occurred.

Commissioner Wippel reiterated that the motion that was seconded is to rescind amendments 3 and 4, as well as to establish a committee to begin discussion between the city and county on combining PSAPs. The Mayor asked if we could separate the amendments and vote on them individually. Commissioner Wippel stated that this wasn't the motion currently on the floor. The Mayor reiterated that he wants to ensure that if one PSAP came and asked for money that the committee would listen to the request.

Commissioner Wippel called a vote. Vote as follows: Commissioner Wippel – Aye, Trustee Maynard – Aye, Mayor McIlroy- Nay. Motion Passed.

Commissioner Wippel stated that we will look forward to getting the subcommittee for consolidation started. Mayor McIlroy stated that there is a process he must follow, but will do so as quickly as possible.

Sheriff Radcliff then asked to speak and commended everyone involved in getting the S.O. PSAP upgrades done as well as wanted to highlight the recent recognition that their dispatch center and dispatchers have received through APCO.

Commissioner Wippel then offered a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mayor McIlroy. Meeting was concluded at 0845.