

**Cedar County Joint 911 Service Board**  
**1410 Cedar Street**  
**Tipton, IA 52772**  
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The regular quarterly meeting of the Cedar County Joint 911 Service Board was held on October 9, 2025, both in-person and by online forum with the call originating from the Cedar County EMA Administrative Offices at 1410 Cedar Street, Tipton, IA 52772. Those attending in-person included: Warren Wethington, Cedar County Sheriff; Jon Bell, Cedar County Supervisor; Tammi Goerdt, Mayor of Tipton; Todd Sawyer, Mayor of Stanwood; Roger Laughlin, Mayor of West Branch; Dan Sterner, Durant City Council; Matt Shields, Mechanicsville Fire Chief; Kyle Dennis, Stanwood Fire Chief; Dwane Brown Jr, Cedar County 911/EMA; Mindy Beekman, Office Coordinator Cedar County 911/EMA; Ryan Steinberg, Mechanicsville Fire; Logan Cilek, West Branch Fire; Matt Tisinger, West Branch Fire; Sue Hall, Press. Those attending virtually: James Dinsch, Cedar County EMS

Chairman Wethington called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm.

Sterner made a motion to approve the agenda; Seconded by Sawyer. Motion carried.

Sawyer made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2025 regular meeting; seconded by Laughlin. Motion carried.

Chairman Wethington yielded the floor to Beekman to discuss atypical expenditures and revenues from the previous two quarters. Atypical expense for April: \$366.33 Dubuque County for Amber Rd Tower Electric, \$5,376.75 Zetron Year 3 Maintenance bill from August 2024, \$2468.85 Grasshopper snow removal bill from February that was submitted to the auditor but not paid. Atypical revenue for April was the GIS Grant for \$3,000.00. No Atypical expense for May. Atypical revenue for May was \$45,670.67 for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Surcharge Project from State of Iowa for 911. June atypical expense is \$126.22 to Dubuque County for the Amber Road Tower electric, \$760.27 Zetron changing out power source at the PSAP, and \$340.00 Mainstay to change out battery back-up batteries. There was no atypical revenue in June. Atypical expense for July is \$6,378.00 for I Am Responding renewal, \$1,992.00 for Mainstay E911 Retainer, \$77.20 Heartland Risk Pool Cyber Liability, \$6,381.27 Geocom Renewal. Atypical revenues for July are \$3,000 for GIS Grant Q4 from State of Iowa for 911. Atypical for August Expenses \$454.03 Secondary Roads to weed spray around the tower sites, \$5,661.51 Zetron for EMD/CAD Year 4 maintenance. Atypical revenue for August \$45,321.38 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Surcharge Project. Atypical expense for September is \$283.13 headsets for dispatch. Atypical revenue for September is a \$3000 correction switching the GIS grant into the correct line function.

Sterner made a motion to approve expenditures; seconded by Sawyer. Motion carried.

Radio Governance Committee met prior to this meeting. MercyOne Genesis from DeWitt has been granted radio access. Cedar County EMS will meet with Durant to discuss talk groups and has also offered it to the other services. There was also discussion about training for the radios. Beekman said she would reach out to RACOM to see if any was available.

#### Old Business

- Beekman advised that the 911 Service Plan Update is on hold until all the pieces are determined.
- GIS Funding – Cedar County has hit all of the benchmarks for the quarter and will continue to receive funding from the GIS Grant at \$3,000 a quarter.

- IamResponding – Beekman reminded to please continue to copy the mayor in on any emails to the 911 Office Coordinator when requesting adding or removing people from service roster
- Ordinance 54 has officially been updated and adopted by the Cedar County Board of Supervisors and available on the county website.
- Windstream Update – This office is still working toward resolution regarding the Windstream/Kinetic Account. As per Iowa Homeland Security's request, an email was sent to all of the 911 representatives in the State of Iowa. About thirteen counties in Iowa have been identified and have reached out regarding having similar issues with Windstream after the switch over to the NEXGEN911 System. Complaints have also been filed with the FCC and FTC by this office. Kinetic followed up requesting copies of emails we have sent requesting cancellation of their service between June 2022 and July 3, 2025 on October 3, 2025. There has been a thorough search of the email archive and the first request to disconnect the service was made by myself on July 3, 2025. The response to Kinetic upon their request was for them to provide proof that they were not fraudulently billing for services not rendered from June 2022 to July 2025. All the emails have been printed out and organized in a binder. There has been conversation with the multiple counties regarding next steps and possible legal action.

#### New Business

- 13 addresses for 911 have been assigned in 2025. 3 addresses have been corrected since last meeting.
- Five Year Plan is on hold for the address integrity project. Beekman advised that she has been working with GEOCOMM to make sure that all new additions in the county are being addressed correctly in the state. It was determined that GeoCom needed to be updated regarding new construction in several of the municipalities. Once everything is brought up to speed with the contracted state vendors, then the address integrity project will be resumed. There has also been work on getting the map layers for Interstate 80 so GeoCom can more specifically identify the first responder service boundaries on the interstate.
- Motion was made for Adoption of the Cedar County 911 Service Board Procurement Policy by Sternner; Seconded by Goerdt. Motion carried.
- Beekman has started the PSAP Data Collection reports and will begin the Service Board Membership report for the state as soon as the upcoming elections are certified.
- Beekman discussed a preliminary budget for FY26/27.
- E911 has been notified that there will be a billing from the state that will come out when the state PSAP monies are distributed. It is projected that Cedar County will be expected to pay \$24,822.29 with three of the four quarters in the FY 25/26. The majority of the cost will be paid by the Windstream that was budgeted and will not be paid. The remaining will need to be considered in a budget amendment. E911 reached out to Chris Jasper, Muscatine Co EMA and President of the State NENA organization for advice on this subject. Jasper recommended to receive the payment from the state and then make a payment to have a solid paper trail.

#### Dispatch

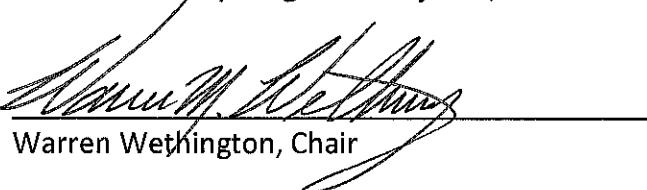
Chair Wethington reported that dispatch has a new dispatcher.

#### Issues from Public or Emergency Responders

Shields stated that after the field fires of the week, Martelle and Olin will be in contact to request Cedar County Channels.

The next regular meeting will be held on January 8, 2026 at 6:30 pm at 1410 Cedar Street, Tipton.

Motion made by Laughlin to adjourn; seconded by Sawyer. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm.

  
Warren Wethington, Chair