

Cedar County Joint 911 Service Board
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The regular quarterly meeting of the Cedar County Joint 911 Service Board was held on January 8, 2026, 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; Kevin Knoche, Cedar County Sheriff Deputy; Jon Bell, Cedar County Supervisor; Tammi Goerdt, Mayor of Tipton; David Siebels, Stanwood City Council; Kevin Rasdon, Bennett Fire Chief; Kevin Stoolman, West Branch Fire Chief; Linda Coppess, Stanwood EMS Director; Dwayne Brown Jr, Director Cedar County EMA/911; Mindy Beekman, Office Coordinator, Cedar County EMA; Sue Hall, Press; and members of the public: Dan Baker, Mechanicsville Fire. Those joining virtually: Andrew Oberbrockling, Mayor of Mechanicsville; Kyle Dennis, Stanwood Fire Chief; Jamie Woode, Tipton Fire;

Goerdt made a motion to re-elect Wethington as Chairman, Bell as Vice Chair; Baker Seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Wethington called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Bell made a motion to approve the agenda; seconded by Baker. Motion carried.

Bell made a motion to approve minutes of the October 9, 2025 regular meeting; seconded by Goerdt. Motion carried.

Chairman Wethington yielded the floor to Beekman to discuss atypical expenditures and revenues from the previous quarter. Beekman advised October atypical expenditures: \$340.08 Dubuque County 911 – Electric for Amber Rd Tower; \$4,332.19 Zetron Year 2 maintenance effective 10//16/25; (\$3,890.57) correction to put tower utilities into 911 utilities line – administrative correction. October atypical revenues: \$3,000 GIS Grant – completion of benchmarks. November atypical expenditures: \$2,735.59 Iowa Homeland Security PSAP Payment. November atypical revenues: \$46,687.40 Homeland Security Grant 1st Q Surcharge Project December expenditures and revenues will be included with next quarter's meeting

Goerdt made a motion to approve expenditures; seconded by Baker. Motion carried.

Chairman Wethington yielded the floor to Beekman for discussion of radio governance updates. Beekman advised that the Radio Governance Committee met and approved request by Tipton Fire Department to receive Muscatine Fireground ISICS Channels.

Old Business

- Beekman advised that the 911 Service Plan Update will begin in 2026.
- GIS Funding – 2nd quarter fiscal year 25/26 payment is being received as we are meeting our metrics for data accuracy.
- Beekman advised that there was a meeting with the FCC and Adam Blank on December 18, 2025. It was determined by the FCC that the Windstream situation was outside of the FCC realm but the FCC suggested the Iowa Utilities Commission be involved. Blank advised there may also be someone at the State AG's office to contact. He also advised that if it were to turn into a legal claim, the 911 Service

Board would need to look into hiring legal representation that specializes in this type of situation as the County's legal team would not have the hours to pursue this matter further. Beekman requests guidance as to how much farther to pursue the requested refund. Bell offered the recommendation that there be a claim filed with the Iowa Utilities Commission and that Rep. Bobby Kaufman and Sen Kerry Gruenhagen be included in the claim.

- Beekman reports there are several updates being made to the lamResponding System:
 - Cedar County First Responder Resource Page has been added to all service resources. This page includes burn ban announcements and code, upcoming RACOM schedules, ESFs and RSFs as approved by the commission.
 - Cedar County Tier II Page – As Tier IIs are received they will be entered and can be linked to the facilities on the maps from this page.
 - RACOM Videos – RACOM is creating 3-4 short videos on changing channels on the radios to lead to a consistency of training through all departments.
- Beekman discussed line items in proposed budget for 2026/2027.
- PSAP data collection report has been completed and submitted to HSEMD.
- Service board membership report has been updated and submitted to HSEMD.

New Business

- 9 addresses for 911 have been assigned in 2025. 4 addresses have been assigned since last meeting.
- Communications follow up from 12/13/25 Mass Casualty Incident – Beekman contacted Muscatine County 911 Coordinator. I 80 corridor Muscatine County services did not have Cedar County Channels programmed into their radios as they had been approved at that time of the incident. Not having the channels required dispatch to patch services around ISP in order for the services at the scene to communicate. The reason for lack of programming was communicated and then further isolated when RACOM was included in the emails. Radio vendor for Muscatine County is now back on track and will work to ensure the safety of all the first responders operating on the I80 corridor through Cedar County by enabling Muscatine County to communicate in the future on the Sara System.
- Beekman that she is scheduling a meeting with Dr. Kinker for EMD sign off on dispatch protocol cards.
- Beekman advised that RACOM had notified that the generators at the 911 towers were out of warranty. Beekman contacted 3E, who currently does the service on the generators, and addressed warranty concerns. The generators are under warranty until July of 2028. There was an alarm at the Mechanicsville generator that was addressed by Beekman setting up a service call. Beekman then addressed the warranty issue with RACOM and it was determined that there was no yearly maintenance agreement. RACOM's last communication with Beekman before the meeting provided that there is now a two-year maintenance agreement in place for the generators at the towers.

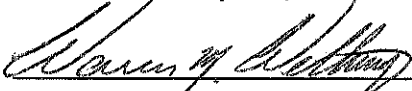
Dispatch

- Dispatch reminders
 - Chairman Wethington advised that there are two new dispatchers on probation at this time. He also advised that the Cedar County Sheriff's Department are working to extend the probation period to a six-month term due to the nature of the job.

Bell made the motion to set the 2026/2027 911 Service Board Budget Public Hearing for February 3, 2026 at 8:15 am in the Small Basement Meeting Room, Cedar County Courthouse; Goerdts Seconded. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be held on April 9, 2026 at 6:30 pm at 1410 Cedar Street, Tipton.

Motion made by Bell, seconded by Dennis to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.



Warren Wethington, Chair