

Marion County 911 Service Board Regular Agenda

Marion County Offices

3014 E. Main St. Street, Knoxville, IA

October 18, 2023, 6PM

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

City of Bussey <u> X </u>	Clay Township <u> X </u>	Marion County <u> X </u>
City of Knoxville <u> X </u>	EMA Commission _____	City of Pella <u> X </u>
Marion Co. Sheriff <u> X </u>	City of Melcher Dallas <u> X </u>	Pleasant Grove <u> X </u>
Knoxville Township <u> X </u>	Lake Prairie Township <u> X </u>	Red Rock Township _____
City of Pleasantville <u> X </u>	Indiana Township <u> X </u>	
Washington Township _____	Pella Police Dept <u> X </u>	

II. AGENDA-

1. Approve agenda for regular session October 18, 2023.

Discussion _____

Motion _____ SANDHOLDT _____ Second _____ FISHER _____

Vote: All in favor

III. Approve minutes April 26, 2023.-

1. Approve minutes from April 26, 2023, meeting.

Discussion _____

Motion _____ FISHER _____ Second _____ WYMAN _____

Vote: All in favor

IV. Update on departmental communications projects:

Discussion _____ Sandholdt advises the last communications had with Kelly from Motorola he believes most of the radios would be in the end of October. Unsure if the radios are being held up due to them not receiving payment yet.

Motion _____ McSheehy _____ Second _____ Fisher _____

Vote: All in favor

V. Public Hearing regarding FY2023-24 911 budget amendment:

Discussion _____

Motion _____ Sandholdt _____ Second _____ Wyman _____

Vote: All in favor

VI. Discussion/Action on FY2023-24 budget amendment:

Discussion _____ Anderson states the need is because at the last meeting the board authorized the expenditure of approximately 900-950k on communications projects, the budget was approved by the board at the meeting prior with maximum expenditures of \$226,651.00. In order to comply with state law, prior to this board expending funds in excess of \$226,651.00 the law requires that the board amends the budget. One million and fifty thousand has been added to the budget that was \$226,651.00. If the amendment is approved following the public hearing the total operating budget for this board for this current fiscal year will be \$1,276,651.00. The reason stated in the notice of budget amendment was communications equipment updates for public safety departments and was published on the 5th meeting all publication requirements and received no comments verbal or in writing at the office.

No members of the public online.

Motion to close public hearing _____

Motion _____ Wyman _____ Second _____ Fisher _____

Vote: All in favor

Discussion/comments on budget amendment:

Discussion: Sandholdt asks out of the \$1,276,651.00, how many of the radio bills have been paid? Two invoices to Racom have been paid, one for Lake Prairie, one for Knoxville Rural Township FD totaling \$102,000 which was paid out of this fiscal year's budget. We have not exceeded the \$226,651.00 of the initial budget. Sandholdt asks if we increase the budget to the \$1,276,651.00 will that be enough to cover all radio invoices and cover everyday costs until June of '24. Anderson states as long as nothing big comes up we should be ok. Sandholdt asks after paying all of the radio invoices roughly how much does that leave until June of '24, answer being essentially \$226,000 which is initially the amount we intended to run off of. Keeping in mind Ulrichs has not been paid for a new motor in the 911 sign truck yet. Mrstick asks if when receiving the radios if the cost includes the programming costs, Wyman advises that yes that includes the programming costs. McSheehy asks if the \$226,651 is our entire balance past the 1million or what is remaining in the fund balance? The remaining fund balance

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at the beginning of September is \$1.404mil, after paying bills the end of month balance was \$1.365mil. Chairman Raymie asks what our revenue looks like a year, Anderson answers 2-300k a year roughly.

Motion to approve budget amendment:

Motion: ___ Sandholdt _____ Second ___ Wyman _____

City of Bussey ___X___	Clay Township ___X___	City of Harvey _____
City of Knoxville ___X___	EMA Commission _____	Marion County ___X___
Marion Co. Sheriff ___X___	City of Melcher Dallas ___X___	City of Pella ___X___
Knoxville Township ___X___	Lake Prairie Township ___X___	Pleasant Grove ___X___
City of Pleasantville ___X___	Indiana Township ___X___	Red Rock Township _____
Washington Township _____	Pella Police Dept ___X___	

VII. Discussion/Action on replacement of fire repeater equipment

Discussion ___ Wyman states with the motion we had set aside money for the fire repeater initially thinking it was a 10-year replacement then found out it was more of a 7-year replacement putting us 3 years overdue. Anderson reached out to Racom to get quotes for updates and maintaining out repeater which is needed as it has our outdoor warning sirens on it, and we still have several departments using the VHF paging portion of it. Anderson states in addition to that the existing fire repeater equipment was installed in roughly 2010 which we had received a grant for when the Sheriff was on the ISACS board. Anderson's understanding was that the repeater had a 20-year life expectancy which he states he found out that was wrong, and it is roughly only a 10-year life expectancy putting us 3 years overdue. This brings a minor sense of urgency because if this repeater goes down tonight, we do not have a backup. Have two prices from Racom, the difference between the two is that for \$4,200 Racom can add a power monitoring device to the repeaters so should the electricity go out at the Core tower the electricity to that repeater also goes out, dispatch centers will get notified that the fire repeater is down. This is something that has happened in the past and the problem is we generally don't know about it. McSheehy agrees that for \$4,200 this isn't a hard sale for being notified when the tower doesn't have power. If we were to move on the repeater project tomorrow this quote would be about the outdoor siren and paging. If we pursue the siren project, Racom's advice would be to remove the tornado sirens off of VHF. With the new siren project, the outdoor warning sirens will be able to communicate back to the hub and with roughly 35 sirens in the county you do not want it tying up the repeater. Sandholdt asks, does the 7-800 have an option to use for the paging side of things that is not VHF whether it be SARA or ISICS? The answer is yes. The siren's will be brought up on a different agenda and separated from the repeater conversation. The question was asked if the repeater gets replaced will the service work better than it does now? Racom advised it will work better just because technology has come a long way in the 10 years since the last repeater was installed. No coverage test has been performed. _____

Wyman makes a motion to do a complete overhaul of the fire repeater with the power back up monitor. For \$38,322.00.

Motion ___ Wyman _____ Second ___ Sandholdt _____

Vote

City of Bussey ___X___	Clay Township ___X___	
City of Knoxville ___X___	EMA Commission _____	Marion County ___X___
Marion Co. Sheriff ___X___	City of Melcher Dallas ___X___	City of Pella ___X___
Knoxville Township ___X___	Lake Prairie Township ___X___	Pleasant Grove ___X___
City of Pleasantville ___X___	Indiana Township ___X___	Red Rock Township _____
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With the approval of the budget amendment, we need to ensure that the public is aware that this is not tax revenue, it is coming from 911 funds that come out of a tax on cell phones and landlines. Not a property tax.

VIII. Discussion/Action re: PowerPhone training request:

Discussion _Pella PD and the Marion County Sheriff's Office uses PowerPhone in the dispatch centers to aid citizens between the initial call and the first responders arriving on scene to provide additional information. This software is paid on a yearly basis with the MCSO coming due in October with PPD renewing in December. As the 911 board has historically paid for this training, PowerPhone is now offering online training past the initial emergency medical dispatching part. PowerPhone right now when hiring a new dispatcher, the initial certification costs \$400 per person, every 2 years it costs us \$129 to recertify online. Each center also has a couple individuals who are call assessors, the initial certification for them is \$329 and \$129 every 2 years to recertify. PowerPhone has offered us a proposed training billing model that gives dispatch in each PSAP unlimited access to training through PowerPhone for modules of more than emergency medical dispatching such as fire, law enforcement, fundamentals for radio communication, suicide prevention, leadership skills, etc. Unlimited access to \$4,000 worth of training per person 24/7, 365 days a year. Pella PD for a year would cost \$1,393.00 as a whole, MCSO the yearly fee

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would be \$4,179.00 as a whole. The total cost per individual would be \$309 for communications operators for the whole county per year. Current PowerPhone costs are \$4,729 combined for both centers. _____

Motion _____ Sandholdt _____ Second ____ McSheehy _____

Vote: All in favor

IX. Adjournment:

Motion ____ McSheehy _____ Second ____ Fisher _____

Vote: All in favor