

JONES COUNTY 911 SERVICE BOARD

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

April 23, 2020

SERVICE BOARD MEMBERS

NV= nonvoting, **Bold lettering** indicates those in attendance at this meeting

Denny Coon	Oxford Junction	Joe Oswald	Board of Supervisors
Mike O'Connor	Morley	Roxanne Tapken	Martelle
Kevin Rohwedder	Olin Fire District	John Machart	Anamosa
Rex Andrews	Madison Township	Al Willman	Wyoming
Russ Benke	Onslow	Britt Smith	Monticello
Jacob Koch	Mechanicsville	Brandon Siggins	Lisbon
Bert Kraai	Cascade	Brenda Leonard	Jones County EMA
Jean McPherson	Olin (Ambulance)	Greg Graver	Jones County Sheriff

Sheila Frink NV Anamosa Area Amb. Jake Lindauer NV Lisbon/MtVernon Amb.

VISTORS in Attendance:

None

911 Coordinator

Gary Schwab - Jones County 911 Coordinator

Chairman Coon called the meeting of the 911 Service Board to order at 6:00 PM.

Motioned by Oswald, 2nd by Machart to approve the agenda. All aye. Motion carried.

Past Minutes of April 16, 2020

Motioned by Benke, 2nd by Machart to approve the minutes. All aye. Motion carried.

Discuss Latest State Ruling on Funding for the Backup Dispatch Site

Schwab reported that the state has ruled that they will not provide any funding for a PSAP to outfit a backup dispatch site. If a PSAP elects to pursue a backup site it will be on their own dime. The state considers a backup site as another PSAP and they do not want any more. I asked for an estimate of cost to configure the backup site if the board should choose to do so. I was given a range of \$30k to \$40k for one station and up to \$80k for two and that still most likely would not catch all the potential up front cost. Schwab also stated that the current backup site should still be operational as is. There was discussion among the board members whether going ahead and doing the update maybe should be considered. Schwab stated that it was not in the budget. Willman also offered that several years ago he pushed to combine the dispatch centers.

Motioned by Willman, 2nd by Benke to scale back to just upgrade the three main dispatch positions. All aye. Motion carried.

Other Items of Interest

Sheriff Graver stated that something needs to be done to improve the capabilities at the backup site. Currently there is a phone line that was installed by the sheriff but it is not on the sheriff's phone line. Discussion centered around the possibility of fiber optic connections and which companies may have fiber installed in and around the area. Willman and Benke mentioned that Wyoming and Olin telephone companies do/may have capability that may be an option. It was determined that a committee (possibly Schwab the sheriff and a couple others) look into what could be done and report back.

Motioned by Benke, 2nd by Willman to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 PM. All aye. Motion carried.

Next Meeting – May 7, 2020

Recorded by:
Gary Schwab
Jones County 911 Coordinator