

**Story County 911 Service Board  
Meeting Minutes  
May 12, 2021**

The 911 Service Board met on 5/12/2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sheriff's Squad Room at the Story County Justice Center. Participation by Webex teleconference also made available due to guidance regarding social distancing.

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| <b>Story County Board of Supervisors</b> | Linda Murken   |
| <b>Story County Sheriff's Office</b>     | Paul Fitzgerald; Nicholas Lennie, alternate  |
| <b>ISU</b>                               | Rob Bowers, alternate  |
| <b>Ames</b>                              | Tom Hackett  |
| <b>Ames Police Chief</b>                 | Geoff Huff; Aaron DeLashmutt, alternate  |
| <b>Cambridge</b>                         | Not present  |
| <b>Collins</b>                           | Dawnell Kennedy, alternate   |
| <b>Colo</b>                              | Not present  |
| <b>Gilbert/Franklin</b>                  | Brian Grove; Tom Kepley, alternate   |
| <b>Huxley</b>                            | Todd Moomah, alternate   |
| <b>Maxwell</b>                           | Not present  |
| <b>McCallsburg</b>                       | Chris Erickson; Brandon Hendrick, alternate  |
| <b>Nevada</b>                            | Not present  |
| <b>Roland</b>                            | Not present  |
| <b>Slater</b>                            | Chad Fleenor, alternate  |
| <b>Story City</b>                        | Matt Sporleder   |
| <b>Westory</b>                           | Not present  |
| <b>Zearing</b>                           | Not present  |
| <b>Story County EMA</b>                  | Keith Morgan   |
| <b>Secretary</b>                         | Amanda Pyle  |
| <b>Guests</b>                            | Nic Briseño, Story County Communications Commander; Marilyn Mosinski, Story County Ops Manager; Amelia Schoeneman, Story County P&D (Phone); Andrea Wagner, Story County P&D (Phone) |

Fitzgerald opened the meeting at 6:30pm.

Introductions in the room and on the phone.

Agenda approved.

Murken moved to approve the meeting minutes from February and from the Public Hearing. Second by Huff. MCU

**Road Renaming Application Review**

Amelia and Andrea from Story County Planning & Development joined to explain an application that was submitted for renaming a section of 160<sup>th</sup> St. in the county. The applicant requests to rename the road as a memorial to a family member. P&D held a conceptual review that included the Story County Engineer and the 911 Database Coordinator. That group does not support the request, citing concern for emergency response and precedence. The request was brought before the 911 Board for preliminary comments.

Lennie- It would be problematic to start changing the organized system that is established. Allowing name changes could add a level of confusion for residents and responders; risk of delayed emergency response.

Hendrick- Agreed with Lennie. He added that the proposed section of road spans two jurisdictions.

Pyle mentioned that P&D does have other options for memorial that were suggested to the applicant- Adopt-A-Road program or working with a property owner to place a memorial on private property along 160<sup>th</sup> St.

The 911 Board came to a consensus that they also do not support the request.

The applicant may still move ahead to collect signatures from residents to push renaming.

### **Call Taking Upgrade Recommendation**

The Board was provided with a cost comparison of two dispatch call taking upgrade options. The 911 Board previously approved adequate funds from depreciation for call taking. Both options will provide the same; the only difference is a state buy-in with Iowa Shared Services. The shared services option is an evident cost savings.

The Sheriff and Chiefs heard a recommendation to move ahead with Iowa Shared Services. In turn, the Sheriff and Chiefs make that recommendation to the 911 Board.

Morgan made a motion to accept the recommendation and to proceed with Iowa Shared Services. Second by Huff. MCU

### **Ongoing Consulting Contract**

After discussion at the last meeting, Mission Critical Partners was asked to draft an agreement for ongoing consulting. A proposal and contract were provided to the Board for review. The Board discussed a few concerns with the contract that will need to be clarified and/or revised. A second draft will be brought back to the Board in August after revisions and review by legal.

### **Vote-Disposal of 911 Property**

Electronic Engineering removed 911 Board owned paging equipment from Key Coop- transmitter, radio, power supply, and antenna. Pyle shared pictures of the equipment, which is in poor condition and has no value. The bylaws state that the Board must vote to dispose of the equipment.

Huff made a motion to approve disposal of the paging equipment. Second by Bowers. MCU

### **Radio/Paging Project Update**

Construction continues on the permanent radio system. All towers are in place and there is power to the sites. The next big effort is microwave alignment, which will be dependent on the weather.

RACOM is actively meeting with police, fire and EMS to finalize permanent system fleetmapping- talk groups, channel line-ups, programmable buttons and radio features. The goal is to have a finished fleetmap in June.

StoryComm Board meetings will be held quarterly. Next meeting is one week from today, May 19, 2021.

Paging was moved to backup while a 911 Board approved temporary solution was put into place. The temporary system has now been up and running for about a week. Communications is testing and working through a couple of issues, Huxley sirens in particular. RACOM is working with the siren vendor on fixes. Report any issues to Nic Briseño.

New Swissphone pagers have been delivered to RACOM and will soon be distributed to users.

Fleenor asked if there would be a paging channel on the radio as previously discussed. Hendrick continued that RACOM added a Story County Page channel on the temporary fleetmap. Fire Chiefs had a discussion and prefer for paging to continue over County Fire Ops instead of having a separate paging channel. This would eliminate the need to have radios on scan to catch the page.

Briseño added that on the temporary system, the setup will be left as is. Users should be getting pages over the pager and in the talk group at this time. A separate channel is not in the permanent fleetmap plan now, but there will be opportunity to do some tweaking if needed.

**Old Business** None

**New Business** None

**Comments from Public** None

**Comments from 911 Service Board Members** None

Kennedy made a motion to adjourn at 7:20pm. Second by Hackett. MCU

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Pyle, Secretary  
911 Database Coordinator