

## LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

### Leelanau County Communications Task Force

Thursday, June 30, 2016 – 9:00 a.m.

*Approved 7/13/16*

#### Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by County Administrator Chet Janik at 9:03 a.m. Today's session was held in the Community Meeting Room of the Leelanau County Government Center, 8527 E. Government Center Dr., in Suttons Bay.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America was led by Glen Arbor Fire Chief John Dodson.

#### Roll Call:

Members Present: Matt Ansoerge, Ron Plamondon, Pat Burguard, Gary McGhee, Greg Julian, Melinda Lautner, Doug Scripps, John Dodson and Chet Janik.

Members Absent: Ty Wessell, Carolyn Rentenbach and Steve Morgan.

Guests present included Lt. James Kiessel, Leelanau County Sheriff's Office; Rick Royston, Leland Township Fire Chief; Keith Tampa, Elmwood Township Fire Chief; Jessica Spindler, Tele-Rad; Michael Muskovin, Motorola; Eric Lind, resident, and Max Machuta, Municipal Services Consulting, Inc.

#### Approval of Agenda – Additions/Deletions:

Janik called for any additions or deletions. The Clerk suggested adding approval of minutes from the June 9, 2016, meeting; Lautner requested and Janik clarified discussion on financing is on the agenda.

Janik declared the agenda stands approved as amended.

#### Discussion Items –

##### Potential Equipment Review and Associated Costs:

- **Radio Upgrades, NexGen911 and CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch).** Janik noted there was a very good discussion at the last meeting, and three major issues have been identified. Ansoerge and Plamondon were going to do more investigation and provide details.

Ansoerge said he and Plamondon had worked on identifying equipment in the field we will need to move forward with the radio upgrade. The Task Force was unanimous in going with the 800 MHz radio system in order to have an efficient communication system for emergency services within Leelanau County. They had Spindler visit all fire departments and physically touch every radio, and identify existing needs, and what

would be more efficient in the future. Ansonge said he received a quote yesterday that was not nearly as steep as he had envisioned. Ansonge added the coverage test conducted by the MSP (Michigan State Police) was for the 800 MHz coverage. Each fire department is working on doing its own independent coverage tests as well.

Ansonge provided a handout outlining the initial purchase and annual costs associated for equipment and maintenance (see Attachment #1). He noted the radio equipment does not reflect the quote from yesterday. The figure for field radio equipment would drop to \$1.9 million, rather than \$2.2 million. With this project, they are working on the dispatch and field radio equipment, which would cover all the equipment in dispatch, all the computer equipment in the radio room, a logging recorder for all phone and radio traffic, the field equipment covers law enforcement, fire, all their mobiles in their vehicles, portable radios, pagers and bay stations.

McGhee asked is anything included as a build in for the BDA (Bi-Directional Antennae) that might be needed in the fire stations? Ansonge responded no, as far as they know, Northport Fire was the only one that failed the coverage test. McGhee said having been involved with (the MSP testing) there were issues with Suttons Bay Schools and the Suttons Bay-Bingham Fire Station. There might be some locations that will need BDAs. He knows every fire station in Grand Traverse County is getting one. Who would bear that cost if it wasn't included in the original project? Should we look at including at least a certain number of them? Otherwise, it will not be cost-effective for the individual fire departments or townships. Ansonge responded the costs involved in that – that is a negotiation between the State and the County. The State would have to be involved in seeing what the need was. Ansonge said he does not have experience in that process. McGhee asked if it would be possible to (include) money to set aside for BDAs so they can be available to fire departments or other locations?

Spindler asked if there were problems with other jurisdictions besides Northport Fire, Suttons Bay Schools and the Suttons Bay Fire Station. McGhee responded there are more than a few locations – there are several, mostly on the east side of the County. We are looking at more than one or two. Spindler said if you would like to get a list of locations you would like the engineered BDAs of, she would be happy to do so. Burguard asked Spindler, could Northport Fire take a portable and test the schools? Spindler affirmed, adding if it's a physical location she hasn't seen, she would like to view it, as every building is different. Julian noted there are issues at Glen Lake Community Schools. Ansonge said he was involved in the Glen Lake Schools test – even though it passed by MSP testing standards, it did have a low RSSI (Received Signal Strength Indication) in the main gym. McGhee clarified it allows for them to go portable to portable.

Janik noted the project has a hefty price tag; what would be the usage in terms of numbers of years? Ansonge responded the State would maintain the infrastructure of the radio system. We do have a good 10 years just by what is out there right now.

Some of the field equipment the Sheriff's Office is using is coming to an "end of support." Because of that, a lot of field equipment will be brand new. We could rely on another 10 years for that as well. Janik remarked and Ansonge affirmed the field radio costs is the largest chunk of the cost.

Janik asked and Muskovin responded the 10-year timeframe is a safe assumption. The portables and mobiles are officially supported for years after their end of sale. The current apex product line, there are no plans to stop production of that line; ten years a good assumption.

Janik remarked this a very comprehensive outline. Ansonge said it is outline of what we are looking at. The quote for the New World CAD came in shortly before this meeting. Plamondon remarked that quote will end up being low; he doesn't think it will include nearly everything discussed. The quoted price is probably a quarter of what it will end up ultimately costing. Hardware will be required on both our end and Grand Traverse County to do it right. Janik asked and Ansonge responded we have the medical dispatch, so we would not need to purchase that. He did include the annual maintenance; the EMD priority dispatch – we have and will not need to purchase. He did, however, included it in the annual cost of maintaining the system.

Janik remarked, so approximate costs are about \$3.3 million, including Plamondon's assumption? Ansonge affirmed. Janik said this is a comprehensive study. Ansonge said it takes into account two different projects – the radio project and the NexGen911 (NG911), both priority projects that have been identified in the CIP (Cost Improvement Plan) that we need to move forward with. Janik remarked the County Board did ask us to come up with a complete plan.

Ansonge said he had read a recent article on the City of Baltimore's 911 failure. It went down due to their infrastructure not being adequate for 911 standards. This is similar to the situation Leelanau County faces. With the NG911 equipment, not only would that incident not have happened, but the roll over and the back-ups involved in NG911 would have prevented those calls from not being answered. It is certainly not something we want to have happen here.

Janik asked Spindler and Muskovin, how did the Upper Peninsula do this – was it phased in or done all at once? How did they get the financing; where grants available? Muskovin responded it was combination, utilizing some grant funding. They have what is known as the Upper Peninsula Authority, or UPA; there is also an UP911 Authority. They work together as a whole to identify surcharge-based funding and some millage based funding, along with some grant funding. It is really across the board from a funding perspective. They moved to the radio communications on the MPSCS (Michigan Public Safety Communication System) first and later, due to timing, they moved to PFN (Peninsula Fiber Network) with a fiber network.

Janik asked what would be the timeline if we were to move forward? Muskovin responded a deployment of current radios is six to eight weeks, with another six weeks for radio builds for deployment for the subscriber units, mobiles and portables of all agencies. You are looking at about four months for deployment to the user agencies. From a dispatch perspective, you are looking at a timeframe of three to five months from project kick-off to completion for installation.

Julian stated we should include in the costs...essentially we are looking at a millage. Janik noted that is the next topic on the agenda. Julian said he would include the research we need to do with the schools on the BDA issue; it should be part of the costs. We need to reach those areas. Ansorge said it is safe to say we will need a few of the BDAs around the area – in the schools and at the fire stations. Identifying the number of BDAs will be the trick. McGhee said he doesn't see (Suttons Bay or Bingham) township or (its) fire department being able to fund this. He said if this goes forward, it should be done as a millage, and if it is done as a millage, it should be all-encompassing. McGhee said he doesn't see voter support for both a millage and an individual township levy. It needs to be done at the County level. He knows Bingham Township will not be able to afford any portion of this. There needs to be funds to cover a number of things unforeseen. He said he is also aware of the problems with Grand Traverse County's 800s and their paging system.

Scripps concurred with McGhee.

Tampa said this is a snapshot, in talking about getting this thing rolling and the list of annual costs. How far out and when does he have to replace his radios? When will the costs fall back on him? How long will the system be serviceable? If more systems are coming up on the State, the MPSCS system, where are we getting pushed, as far as if he gets a new radio or templates are changed, and he still doesn't have the ability to communicate, that concerns him.

Royston noted when Ingham County transferred into a new system, there were a few holes that needed to be filled. For example, in Ingham, the county owned the radios, and if something broke, they went to the county. They had a supply of pagers and radios which could be drawn down from. Royston said as Tampa remarked, those are decisions that need to be made prior to going for any millage. Are we going to fund a beginning system, and anything beyond that will belong to the departments, or are we funding a complete system where if a department or law enforcement needed a replacement radio the county would pick up the cost of that system? Aside from that, there are units of government out there, that are on our system – are they included in this cost, like the schools? McGhee said the Road Commission has declined inclusion. Ansorge affirmed the schools have been contacted and we want to include them in this. However, he has not received feedback from every school. He will get that discussion going when he attends the next meeting of superintendents. The outreach done so far has not reached everyone.

Royston noted Ingham County had included public works from different municipalities, schools, and the fire and police departments. Even the private EMS transport agencies were involved. The further we got into it, the more people got interested. That particular project was paid for through a 911 user fee on the phone bills.

Tampa said when people come on, they need the frequencies. Royston noted that was different there, as they went with a UHF trunk system.

Janik asked Royston if overall, did that model work? Royston remarked it did, very well. To get it up and running, it was a longer process, of about four years. From his vantage point they had one shot at it. There are still replacement radios on shelves that Ingham County owns.

McGhee clarified a UHF system wouldn't be functional in Leelanau County.

#### Potential Funding Options:

Lautner said she is trying to gather the discussion about the townships, and why the townships wouldn't be able to afford this system; are you saying the fire department's budgets or the townships wouldn't fund a millage for it? McGhee stressed neither (Bingham or Suttons Bay) township or its fire department would be able to afford this. The fire department is a separate authority or entity. Lautner asked why would these townships be able to afford the same amount of money for a County millage?

Lautner said she wants this Task Force to be a little more creative (with financing) than just go out for a County millage. If it passed, it is only good for four or five years. If it doesn't...then you are kind of in a hole. All it takes is a bad article in the paper saying the County is "loaded." Lautner commented on the previous 911 millage request. She added she thought the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians would be involved in this discussion. Lautner asked and Janik responded the Tribe gives out \$800,000.00 to \$1.2 million (in 2% Allocation funds), for five or six counties, consistently. Discussion followed.

Lautner said as another thought, maybe take a little more time, and develop a per household fee. That would be a fairer, across the County charge. Janik asked, like the recycling fee? Lautner affirmed, saying it would be the fairest way to fund it, as each household pays the same rate. Julian said it would still be County-wide. Lautner affirmed.

Julian noted it was discussed in detail at the last meeting the need to do this as a County-wide effort, because the individual townships all have a need for this. As a group, we need everyone onboard. It made more sense that rather than have individual townships fund individual needs with individual budgets, to do this as a whole. That way, if (a millage were to) pass, it gets funded as a group, everyone is serviced and everyone is on the same equipment schedule. It made more sense. This

issue has been going on for six to eight years; now is the time to act on this, rather than spend another two years researching the issue. We are looking at almost a year and a half to two years from now, even if we say yes today. Lautner remarked, exactly – which gives us some time. Julian said our departments are short right now. Lautner remarked this is relatively new to the County Board; this just came out in the CIP. Julian said the Board should have been aware of it by keeping in communication with the individual departments and citizens over the last five or six years; this shouldn't be new. Lautner responded we as a County Board talk about our 911 Dispatch; that is our concern. We do not talk about fire departments and how they are funded. Julian asked and Lautner responded she has never received a call from anyone in the fire department saying (there are issues with the radios).

Janik noted Ansoorge had approached the County Board two months ago. Lautner said the remark, 'let's do this County-wide and fund all the departments,' it is taking care of all of the problems of the fire departments and the schools... Julian added the Sheriff is on board, too. Lautner continued, we are not tasked at the County with funding the fire departments and their needs; we are tasked with 911. Does it all play in? Yes. But at what point does the County step up and do... Julian said again, the discussion with this group at the last meeting was we should do this as a group. McGhee said he disagrees with Lautner, the County Board is responsible for every citizen; this serves everyone in the County, therefore it is a County Board responsibility. Lautner dissented, saying she isn't saying we shouldn't do it, just that we should look at something other than a millage.

Janik said that is one of the reasons everyone is present, to have this dialog. He asked if everyone was in agreement that the equipment list is pretty comprehensive and that this needs to be done? In terms of needs, would this meet the needs of all the entities in the County? Is it a pretty good starting point? We are looking at an estimate of \$3.3 million. Burguard said the figure of \$3 million has been discussed all along. McGhee asked Janik, are you looking at a combination of millages and grants? McGhee asked and Muskovin responded payments are configured upon milestones, which are divided coordinated between the parties. There are other funding mechanisms such as where you could divide the new purchase over a 10-year period. There is no payment, no interest for the first 2 of those 10 years. It is an alternate funding mechanism. Discussion. Janik listed the potential funding sources – the General Fund of the County and or the townships, grants, a millage request, a 911 surcharge, help from the Grand Traverse Band, or even a combination of these. Every County has done different things and there are options.

Janik continued; the County General Fund has been paying for the 911 for quite some time. The former 911 millage expired in 2009. Right before the vote for a millage renewal in 2010, it was discovered the County had a pretty extensive surplus in one of its funds. Commissioners decided to fund 911 out of the General Fund because the millage went down. Lautner remarked, we were forced to fund it out of the General

Fund – we had no choice. Janik noted the people who voted against the millage weren't actually against 911.

Burguard noted the tower rental brings in \$250,000.00 a year. The County "took" the tower rental money to run 911. The annual projected cost is approximately \$73,000.00 to continue the system, but we are still able to bring in \$250,000.00 in tower rental funds. Let's say we bring in the surcharge or ask for a millage to run 911, the tower rental could answer the question of annual cost of maintenance. We have never gone back to explain that the system could be fairly self-supporting if the money went into the system rather than to run 911.

McGhee said he doesn't think there is a township in the County that could afford a significant portion of this; they are already strapped enough as it is. He would challenge the support of a millage if you were to ask for one if we are paying on the township level, a County-wide (millage) will not happen.

Discussion followed on the tower fund. Ansorge affirmed the annual income from tower rentals is \$250,000.00. Janik asked and Muskovin responded the 911 surcharge is assessed as follows – a county has a limit on the surcharge that can be collected without having to go out for a vote. Janik asked and Muskovin responded it is a State law that is set by the MPSC. If you want to exceed the maximum amount identified by the County, you would need to go for a vote. One challenge on the surcharge-based funding is that if a large group of individuals come and vacation in a County, but their primary residence is downstate, they pay their surcharge downstate, not here. There are ways to figure out what your surcharge would be, based upon the number of telephone devices in the County, both landline and cellular. Only the State 911 office can determine that.

Lautner said we have looked into that before and we were told they can't get those numbers until we decide to go that route; are you telling me they will give us those numbers now? Muskovin responded the State 911 office can find that generation of funding today, and that amount being collected on both landlines and cellular devices. The (maximum amount to be levied without a vote) is 40 cents per device times the number of devices. Lautner asked Muskovin, they will give you those numbers, without (committing to a surcharge)? Plamondon responded they will give you an (estimate). We had a surcharge at one time. He had worked with then-Emergency Management Director Tom Skowronski in trying to obtain an audit. Who are we getting the money from? His question to the 911 office was anyone with a Traverse City address (but still a County resident), where does that money go? We have two townships here that have primarily Traverse City addresses. The telephone company at that time told us they couldn't tell us that.

Burguard said the other challenge at that time was people were eliminating landlines. Discussion followed. Plamondon said we could look back at what we used to collect.

Discussion ensued. Plamondon asked and Ansoorge confirmed the number of 911 calls are 75% cellular generated. Plamondon noted a surcharge was added for a number of years. Janik asked Plamondon to get a ballpark number from the State; it would be helpful. Muskovin said if the County is collecting zero today, it has the ability to annually collect a surcharge on devices up to a certain amount without going to a vote.

Lautner asked do all fire departments charge insurance companies for ambulance runs? Burguard affirmed, as far as he knows. Lautner asked, just ambulance? What about rescue runs? Burguard said Leelanau Township bills for ambulance transports only. Lautner asked, is that a possibility? How much further can we go? If a visitor is involved in an auto accident and we respond, is that something we can bill for? Burguard stated you can't budget for a certain number of calls – the number (is not consistent). Royston said his department has billed for some non-EMS calls. It is important to understand, you can't make money on those types of bills. You have to justify in your billing why you are charging what you are charging for and show that is what is costing you to run a fire truck on that call. It is a break-even issue. Lautner said we are talking about the whole system – from 911 to radios to State Police – collectively, there has to be some way to figure out what those calls cost. Someone knows who responds. There has to be some kind of a graphic that could tell you, if an ambulance, firetruck or law enforcement personnel responds, what that cost is collectively for the County by call.

McGhee dissented, saying each department has different costs, such as personnel or equipment. It is not counted by individual departments. Those departments are funded individually, by the residents they serve. He would challenge that because (Suttons Bay/Bingham) has nine trucks and Cedar might have four, there is no way to say the costs would be determined differently for each department. Lautner said that would all be in the formula – we would know what one of your trucks cost to respond. If Solon Township responded, we would know what that costs Solon. McGhee asked Lautner, and what does that mean to this whole communications system? Because any money received on calls won't go towards the communications system, it will go towards the operation of that department for equipment and personnel. Lautner asked why not; we are talking collectively for this and the County doing all of the funding for this. If we are going to be looking at this emergency (service) collectively, isn't that another option? McGhee dissented, saying we are looking at this because departments and townships can't afford to fund this; we have no mechanism, it has to be funded outside of the individual departments and townships.

Royston concurred, saying there is a difference between operational costs and capital improvement costs. He agreed with McGhee – he doesn't see the connection in what it costs to run a fire truck down the road and what the radio system will cost. Discussion followed.

Lautner said if we are back to just Dispatch, shouldn't we be able to say this is what it will cost the department to do this today? Plamondon said if you have one township that says they will not support it, you have a mismatch of communications equipment and people will not be able to talk to each other. Julian added you have a cross over with mutual aid. Discussion ensued.

Janik said if you were to budget \$3.3 million, 1 mill in the County equates to approximately \$2.52 million. If we go with a budget of \$3.3 million over say six years, it would be .25ths of a mill per year for six years. Lautner asked Janik, are you talking about purchasing it and paying for it over six years? Where is that money going to come from? Janik said if (a millage were to pass), the funding would be guaranteed. He gave an explanation on bonding, adding with simple math, it is a quarter of a mill, which would cost a resident with a home worth \$100,000.00 about \$25.00 a year.

Muskovin said his company does lease purchase refinance. In order to assist with that process in establishing that funding, they have two years, no interest, no payments, roughly three percent over the life of the contract. Janik said it is guaranteed with the taxpayers. It is a simple ballpark number. Scripps remarked if we did this township by township, our share would be roughly \$300,000.00, which is 3/4ths of a mill. The voters are much better served by the County. Janik said if you ask a township to pay for it, it goes back to what Julian discussed. We don't want a patchwork of eight townships saying yes and three no. Tampa remarked it needs to be sustained. If we are talking about a system with the primary purpose to support interoperability within all the agencies in the County, it needs to be sustainable in the long term. There will be the initial capital outlay. Once we get into the future, we need that funding mechanism to support it. We aren't talking about townships purchasing fire trucks; it is a communication system paramount to the departments doing their job, whether it's a fire department or law enforcement. The County went out a long time ago and purchased radios and then we ended up with a patchwork of radios because individual departments were purchasing them on their own. Plamondon clarified that purchase was done with grants. Burguard said there was a millage in the early 1990s. Tampa said to support his premise that is what will happen by not looking into long-term sustainability. We need a long-term plan on funding.

Kiessel said the Sheriff's Office is near "end of the line" on a lot of stuff – Dodson is in the same boat. They do not need all new equipment at this point, but they will down the road. Lautner said if we are already going to fund it, it should be part of the equation – grants should be part of this. The Tribe, the National Park – maybe they could get a user fee for visitors. McGhee said we can't say the Tribe has to pay that. We can't refuse to provide anyone service – we are obligated by law. Lautner clarified she was suggesting working with them and getting a contract with them for funding; it is what the 2% (Allocation) is for. Janik said he assumes there is money in our budget now we are allocating; there is tower rental (fees), there are other things that could be calculated. It doesn't sound like we can generate enough to come up with this amount.

We will need another source of income. Burguard said the cost of running a 911 center itself over a six-year period and adjust that too, you are guaranteed that \$250,000.00 to purchase the equipment for the departments and fix the pieces that break. That was the original intention that the tower rental was for hardware replacement, not for use to run the Dispatch Center itself.

Janik asked and Ansoerge responded his current budget is approximately \$900,000.00, which includes wages. Janik said, so some of that General Fund money goes towards equipment every year; all that needs to be looked at. You have that, the tower rental, the County's Capital Improvement Fund – all that needs to be reviewed.

McGhee asked Dodson, do you see this system affecting the County's ISO (International Organization for Standardization) evaluation rating? Dodson said it depends on the number of comm lines and dispatchers, etc. Plamondon responded priority dispatch said if we had their system it would be a 2% boost of that category. Royston remarked the ISO calculation itself is messed up. It could be a 20% boost and would still not affect the bottom line.

Janik noted it appears the Task Force is in agreement something needs to be done. We have a list of equipment; the biggest question is funding options. We need to get more specifics prior to the next meeting – Ansoerge can come back with how much we generate now, how much the budget is, how much is generated through the tower (rental), what could be obtained through a surcharge, and other sources. Ansoerge said they have financing options; maybe we won't need to pursue some things. Muskovin to work with Plamondon on researching the surcharge. Janik stressed we are just estimating.

#### Timeline:

Janik asked about a proposed timeline. Ansoerge responded Dispatch needs equipment immediately. There is a time lag, when we decide we will do this to when it is implemented. We definitely do not want to be doing this over the summer months. Even if we started today, it would be October? Muskovin said this is usually three to four months. Plamondon noted our 911 system is 14 years old right now. Julian remarked there are (coverage) "holes" in Kasson, Centerville, Cleveland and Solon townships. He wants to see these holes filled – we are talking about a priority. There are funding options, you might have a list of them. If this Task Force is charged with making a recommendation to the County Board, as a group, if we have a consensus right now, we should pass that consensus along now. If we have to meet more, to discuss this, we can do that. We do need the support of the County Board. We have come to a conclusion here based on the information put together.

Janik said we would need to meet again and talk about funding sources and timelines. If we are recommending a millage, there are specific timelines for getting the issue on a ballot. Julian said he is comfortable with the type of equipment discussed – this is the

right move. He is confident with that part of it. Janik stated there is a need for a more detailed discussion on funding options. McGhee said with respect to Lautner, there are two other County Commissioners on this Task Force and he would like them involved before a decision is made. Lautner remarked she just doesn't want you to discount the idea of a matrix for billing; it could be beneficial to all your departments, too. If you walk into an emergency room, they know how to bill you. You have that matrix; she knows it can be developed. If you have an accident like we had last year with the two cars from out of state, whoever responded, if we were to bill their insurance companies, for what radios were used, what dispatch, fire trucks or law enforcement was used, you would get funding for your firetrucks, responders... Dodson said we can make the costs anything we want, but the insurance will only pay so much. The same thing works at the hospital; if they charge \$3,000.00 for a procedure, the insurance company will only reimburse so much. Lautner said, but you aren't billing for any of that now. Dodson said if we add \$20.00 per call for a radio, and turn in the bill, the insurance company will say, 'Well, we still won't pay for that.' Lautner asked Dodson, are you saying you are getting the maximum (amount) right now (per call)? Dodson affirmed, adding the people getting "ripped off" right now are the ones without insurance, because they pay the full amount. The ones being harmed by these kinds of plans are the ones who do not have the money or insurance. Lautner suggested there could be a user-fee funding option.

Burguard told Lautner, this is not the audience you want (to pitch this to); you want to talk to the townships on this – they are responsible for billing. Plamondon said he doesn't see those funds going to fund this. It could fund a township's own internal funding, but not this. Julian told Lautner, even if this matrix is doable, maybe you as a County Commissioner or the County Board could do this. He doesn't think this group has the resources or the time to do this. If County Commissioners want to do that, that's fine.

Janik said with regard to timeline, he is hoping the Task Force could provide a recommendation to Commissioners at the August Executive Board meeting. This would also fall in line with the County's budget process, as well. Janik said he is hoping at the next meeting we could talk about specific funding options, costs associated with those, millages, a 911 surcharge and our budget and then make a recommendation to report at the August Board meeting. We are pretty close on specifics of equipment we need. Ansoerge said August would put us in a good time frame. Inevitably, something will get pushed back. Technicians may not be able to meet at the same time to put the equipment in. Plamondon said the priority will be our 911 system, which is 12 to 14 years old, and our CAD system will be last. Ansoerge said this project realistically may begin in January and end in April. Janik noted if this Task Force ultimately were to recommend a millage, and if the Board were to approve this, Commissioners have to approve to put it on a ballot.

Royston said he thinks it is important to remember if the County gets into the radio business, there needs to be a place where the buck stops. You might have fire or police chiefs coming forward saying they want to “add this radio or base station to your system.” Someone needs to be in place to approve that. You are putting together a base system that will be continually added to. You need someone in charge of “yea” or “nay.” Discussion ensued.

Next Meeting Date:

Janik called for discussion on the next meeting date. **Consensus to meet on Wednesday, July 13, at 9:00 a.m.** Janik noted the Board meets in August on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

Approval of Minutes – June 9, 2016, Meeting:

**MOTION BY BURGWARD TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 9, 2016, MEETING. SECONDED BY JULIAN.**

Discussion – none.

**Ayes – 9 (Burguard, Dodson, Janik, Julian, Lautner, McGhee, Plamondon, Scripps, Ansorge)**

**No – 0 Absent – 3 (Morgan, Rentenbach, Wessell)**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Other Potential Topics:

Julian asked is there anything we need to do prior to that? Ansorge responded there is no immediate need from Cedar. McGhee said they haven’t refined that at all. He would ask Ansorge to monitor the problems with the Grand Traverse County system, particularly with the paging systems and base stations, so we don’t duplicate those issues here. Spindler asked would it be helpful for one of the Grand Traverse fire chiefs present at the next meeting? McGhee noted he “moonlights” at Blair Township. There have been some significant issues there. It is too early to tell; he would suggest Ansorge monitor those issues. McGhee gave a detailed explanation on some of the issues facing Blair Township; Interoperability between Elmwood Township, Cedar and Grand Traverse County is huge.

Burguard said some of the technical stuff that is done for the Cherryfest – it would be good to bring those pieces in.

Public Comment:

- Eric Lind, Suttons Bay Township. Lind said he has gone from being an interested citizen to a “concerned citizen.” The last page of the minutes (from the June 9 session) is pretty scary; six to seven years past “end of life?” You need to get serious and get something going. He would suggest checking on the deadline for the November ballot.
- Tampa said he doesn’t know the probability of phasing things in, getting Dispatch secured, and build on this in getting the rest of the system in line and figuring out the funding source. It concerns him that Dispatch is “slipping” behind on equipment. Janik

noted the timing is good because the Board is beginning the budget process for 2017. Tampa said he does believe the County has the best access for the radio system, and personally believes it should be a County system.

Task Force Member Comments:

None.

Motion to Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

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Laurel S. Evans  
Special Deputy County Clerk

<b>INITIAL PURCHASE</b>		<b>ANNUAL COSTS</b>	
Dispatch Radios	\$750,000.00		\$40,000.00
Consoles, Recorder, Computer Equipment			Preventative Maintenance, Replacement parts
Field Radio Equipment	\$2,200,000.00		
Mobiles, Portables, Pagers, Base Stations			
Remote Viper	\$80,000.00		\$16,000.00
NexGen911, Remote site off GTCO			Software/Hardware subscription & on-site maintenance
Smart911	\$7,000.00	<i>per year</i>	\$7,000.00
NexGen911 subscriber information			
RAVE Alert	\$5,000	<i>1st year</i>	\$3,000.00
Coincides with Smart911 database			\$2,000 activation fee, \$3,000 annually afterward
New World CAD	\$23,300.00		\$8,000.00
Enhance Interoperability with GTCO			1st year maintenance included in purchase
Priority Dispatch - EFD	\$44,000.00		\$3,600.00
improve ISO rating for Depts			Annual Maintenance, Licensing
Priority Dispatch - EMD	N/A		\$3,600.00
Medical Dispatch Protocol			Annual Maintenance, Licensing
	<b>TOTAL: \$3,109,300.00</b>		<b>TOTAL: \$73,200.00</b>