



Cook County Emergency Telephone System Board

9511 Harrison St, Des Plaines, IL 60016
Cook County Communications Center
Wednesday, February 10, 2016
11:00 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Board members in attendance were Mr. John Cornier, Mr. Brian Drake, Mr. Thomas Fleming, Mr. William Little, Mr. Jay Reardon, Mr. Jeff Rodrigues and Mr. Julius Rutili. Absent were Chairman Ernest Brown and Ms. Joellen Bailey.

Also present was Ms. Shereen Gamble, Administrative Analyst, Mr. Martin Bennett, Executive Director, Cook County Sheriff's Police Communications Center, ASA Kathleen McKee, Office of the Cook County State's Attorney and Ms. Aimee Schroeder.

CALL TO ORDER

Executive Director Fleming called the meeting to order at 11:14 a.m.

Executive Director Fleming reported that Cook County Commissioner Moore, who is on the Law Enforcement Committee, toured the Communications Center before a meeting with the West Suburban Chief's to acquire information regarding consolidation and what the County has to offer.

FUTURE DIRECTION OF COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

LEGISLATIVE MANDATES

Executive Director Fleming reported that 83 Illinois Administrative Code Part 1324 governs 911 PSAP consolidations.

- The number of PSAPs must be reduced.
- The counties in southern Illinois that do not have 911 that are no required to provide the service.
- Any PSAP with a census population of less than 25,000 must consolidate.
- The deadline to file a consolidation plan with the 911 Administrator's Office is July 1, 2016 and the plan must be implemented by July 1, 2017.
- One (1) year waivers can be applied for and are renewable every year but likely will be difficult to obtain.

There are 72 PSAPs in Cook County and 60 plus are affected by the law. The Board requested a list of all the PSAPs that must consolidate.

Executive Director Fleming added that McHenry and DuPage counties are well ahead of Cook in their consolidation efforts.

There are several obstacles that smaller communities are facing when discussing consolidation such as the loss of jobs to the community, the dispatcher performing multiple tasks such as the walk up window and monitoring lock up and some communities no not want to give up control of their own centers. Executive Director Bennett has established a hiring plan with Human Resources for displaced dispatchers as a result of

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the consolidations.

Every consolidation will be unique and one strategy may not be a good fit for every situation. There will have to be consideration given to the cost of establishing a police and fire band which requires employees to staff two (2) extra positions 24/7. This is not a cost effective alternative for one small community however the cost sharing amongst several communities that share the same resources is ideal.

PROPOSED EXPANSION

After much discussion, the Board requested that staff provide some additional information so a meaningful discussion regarding consolidation can continue.

- A list of the communities that must consolidate and the financial stability of each.
- A strategy for what will be the determining factors for how a communities becomes part of the Communications Center and the options that can be provided to communities for service
- The current cost of accepting a 911 call (personnel, maintenance, overhead, etc.)
- Look at other systems to determine if duplicating a proven strategy may work best.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

None.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. Reardon made a motion to adjourn the meeting of February 10, 2016 and Mr. Fleming made the second.

Motion carried.

The February 10, 2016 Cook County Emergency Telephone System Board meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

**Next Meeting
Cook County Communications Center
9511 Harrison
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Thursday, March 17, 2016
9:30 a.m.**

Shereen Gamble, Administrative Analyst

Date