

## GRATIOT COUNTY CENTRAL DISPATCH AUTHORITY

Board Meeting  
March 25, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.  
Gratiot County EOC  
Zoom meeting

### Minutes

- I. The meeting was called to order at 1331 hours by Dave Nelson.
- II. Attendance – Dave Nelson (Gratiot Co Fire Chief), Mike Morris (Sheriff) Dan Morden (GCCDA 911 Director), Tracey Cordes (Gratiot Co Administrator), Becky Wilson (Village of Perrinton), Bob Studt (Village of Ashley), Mark Williams (Alma Public Safety), Andy Fias (MSP Lakeview Post), James Durham (Breckenridge Chief), Brett Baublitz (City of Ithaca),  
Guests: Nate Feldpausch (IT Right), Janell Dunham (Village of Perrinton President), Jessica Homrich (Verizon), Mark Garrity (GCCDA 911 Dispatcher), Mike Soltis (Gratiot EMC),
- III. March 2021 agenda approval – Tracey Cordes made a motion to approve the March 2021 agenda. Mark Williams seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- IV. January 2021 minutes approvals – Mike Morris made a motion to approve the January 2021 minutes. Becky Wilson seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- V. **Presentation:**  
  
None
- VI. **New Business:**
  - a. Vehicle tracking never worked, ceased paying that bill back in 2019. Dan trying to work with IT Right and Verizon on getting the Vehicle tracking up and working with Verizon Connect. Jessica with Verizon joined the meeting to talk about Verizon Connect fleet AVL and what the system consists of. Mike Morris asked if the system will require new modems with the Verizon Fleet? Per Dan old modems will support the system. Dan makes the suggestion to Cost Share on the Trackers. \$18.95/tracker per month. End users to pay \$15/unit and GCCDA to pay balance. GCCDA will pay the monthly bill and invoice locals either on annual or monthly basis.

Mark Williams made a motion to have Dan Morden be the signer on all the documents and agree to the cost share. Mike Morris second. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

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- a. For Gratiot County Central Dispatch there is no “Fail Safe” if something happens to Dan. Dan suggests move to talk about Mike Soltis having the power to take over if needed. Dan would like to start training Mike to handle bills, tasks and other director duties.

Dave Nelson made a motion that Dan takes the suggestion to the Personal Committee. Mark Williams second. All in favor, non opposed. Motion carried.

- c. Modems: Recommended modems were overviewed by both Dan and Nathan from IT Right. Extensive research recommends the RV-55 or MP-70 Sierra Wireless modems in Pro versions if locals want or need to replace them. Volume discount and best pricing is currently available from Pro-Comm.

## **VII. Old Business:**

MDT managed IT service provider contract information

- a. Topic tabled by Chairman Nelson, Tracey Cordes and Rich Ramereiz to find out from locals how much if at all it will cost them to roll their owned MDTs into their own contracts with IT Right. Director to report back at next board meeting.
- b. Consensus from Tech Committee is to stay with IT Right as they are most familiar with the hardware and networks and changing providers will incur a significant cost to set up and on board devices.

- VIII. Financial reports: Director Morden noted the board will see cost overrun on Legal Advice budget line for next meeting due to costs incurred from MCC 7500E project and the development of an updated 911 Plan.  
Mike Morris had question about the Mini-Split failure in the network room (what is it). Director Morden pointed out it is the through the wall mounted A/C unit to control conditions in the network room, and it was replaced by Powell’s at no cost to the Authority.  
Motion to accept reports Tracey Cordes, Seconded by Bob Studt – all in favor – none opposed
- IX. Directors Report: Motion to accept report Mike Morris, Seconded by Mark Williams – all in favor – none opposed
- X. Board and Chair Comments: None
- XI. Final Call to the Public - None
- XII. Meeting was adjourned at 1428 by motion of Bob Studt and seconded by Tracey Cordes. All in favor – none opposed.

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