

**C.C.E. Central Dispatch Authority
800 MHz Public Safety Radio System
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony &
Tri County Update**

**MEETING LOCATION
12491 Waller Rd
Charlevoix, MI 49720**

MINUTES

May 26, 2021

BOD MEMBERS PRESENT

Michael Cain, Chairman
Chris Christensen, Secretary
John Wallace, Vice Chair
Mike Newman
Toni Drier
David White
Bill Dohm

REPRESENTING

Charlevoix County Cities and Villages
Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners
Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners
Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners (Alt)
Emmet County Board of Commissioners
Emmet County Board of Commissioners (Alt)
Emmet County Townships

BOD MEMBERS ABSENT

Mark Heydlauff
Lyon Stephens
Todd Sorenson
Shirley Roloff
Marcia Rocheleau
Harold Koviak
Rob Straebel
Victor Sinadinowski
Dave Green

REPRESENTING

Charlevoix County Cities and Villages (Alt)
Charlevoix County Townships
Charlevoix County Townships (Alt)
Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners (Alt)
Cheboygan County Townships
Cheboygan County Townships (Alt)
Emmet County Cities and Villages
Emmet County Cities and Villages (Alt)
Emmet County Townships (Alt)

911 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Kevin Shepard
Jeff Lawson
Mike Reaves
Becki King
Bob Engel

REPRESENTING

Charlevoix County Administrator
Cheboygan County Administrator - Absent
Emmet County Administrator - Absent
Fiscal Officer
Civil Counsel - Absent

OTHERS PRESENT

Chief Al Welsheimer
Bob Ferrell
Pat Ball
Derek Sonksen
Bob Olson

REPRESENTING

TAC Liaison
Boyne City EMS
Previous Board Member
Motorola
MPSCS

Chuck Vondra	Charlevoix County Sheriff
Harold Stegman	Pro Comm Inc.
Eric Yott	Pro Comm Inc.
Jason Lee	Pro Comm Inc.
Chief Gerard Doan	Charlevoix County Police
Chief Kyle Knight	Harbor Springs Police
Chief Dan Thorpe	Charlevoix Township Fire Dept.
Greg Seese	Charlevoix Township Fire Dept.
Tim Drenth	Charlevoix County Firefighters
Kathy Drenth	Citizen
Julia Drost	Charlevoix County Clerk
Elenor Barney	Citizen
Theda Williams	Charlevoix Township Treasurer
Tim Kochanny	Charlevoix Township Supervisor
Bob Draves	Charlevoix County Commissioner
Steve Warfield	Cheboygan County Commissioner
Mary Ellen Tryban	Cheboygan County Commissioner
Melissa Dragicevich	CCE Central Dispatch
Jerry Dragicevich	Citizen
Jenifer Jerman	Citizen
Pam Woodbury	CCE Central Dispatch
Rob Jerman	CCE Central Dispatch
Candace Pierce	CCE Central Dispatch

Call to Order: Chairman Michael Cain called the meeting to order at 4:30PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance: See above

Invocation: Provided by Mr. John Wallace, Board Chair, Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners

Background: Pamela Woodbury, Executive Director of CCE shared some history about CCE 911 and what led up to the decision to switch to the 800 MHz Radio System.

Speeches:

- Michael Cain, CCE 911 Board Chair presented a speech about the timeline of 911 and where we are today, because of the progress made over the last 25 years.
- Tim Kochanny, Charlevoix Twp. Supervisor shared a brief story about the VHF Radio system and how the 800 MHz Radio system was a much-needed investment.
- Chief Al Welsheimer, CCE 911 Technical Advisory Committee Board Chair, thanked the citizens of the three communities for their support and dedication to this project.

- Sheriff Charles Vondra, Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department said the 800 MHz Radio system upgrade was the single most needed thing in all of the three counties. The new Waller Road Tower eliminates so many issues and makes the community safer.

Ribbon Cutting: A ribbon cutting ceremony took place to celebrate the new Waller Road Tower, with a couple media outlets present for pictures and video. There were people present from EMS, Fire, Police and Dispatch to share in the ribbon cutting ceremony celebration as well.

Food & Drinks:

Tri-County Update: Pamela Woodbury presented updates to those still attending the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned shortly before 5PM.

Respectfully submitted by Candace Pierce