

911 Advisory Board Meeting
04/11/2023

Those in attendance:

Alvin Thompson
Ed Douglas
Dana Thomas
Dustin Woelfle
Sindy Thomas
Michael Claypole
Jon Maples
Roze Frampton
Theresa Kelly
Eric Reeter
Willie Ropp
Cindy Hanavan

The meeting was brought to order. Roze made a motion to accept the last 2 meetings minutes. Ed 2nd it. All were in favor.

Roze brought a copy of the budget. The city and county were in an agreement with the new contract. The split will go from 63/37 to 56.5/43.5 split. That was reflected in the budget. The telephone tax was reduced as the landline phones are depleting. The city employees were given a 5% raise, so this was also added to the budget. Chief advised that the contract maintenance line was cut \$8,000. The Chief mentioned a grant that we can apply for where the state sends someone in to access our equipment to give us a time frame of how long it will last. A lot of our equipment is 11 years old. Roze wanted us to watch for grants for dispatch. I advised that lately, the only grants I have seen are for urban terroristic grants. We don't qualify for them. The Chief advised that he's told Dana and I to try to get training local so that we don't have to send dispatchers away for training. If we have it here, we're more central to a lot of the departments. I checked on having the 911 company (Solacom) come to the PD to train our newest dispatchers on our system. They wanted to charge approx. \$4,000 for a 1 day training. We will train them ourselves. There is no official training for dispatchers ahead of when they get hired (like Police Officers). Chief has started having people that want to be dispatchers or that have applied, come sit in and watch so they know what the job entails. That has helped.

I brought up the 2 new dispatchers being added at our last meeting, but they weren't added to the budget. We hired Amber Murphy back at the Council Meeting on the 10th, so that puts us at full staff before the 2. We will hold off on adding anyone at this time. We got 2 more applications from the Job Fair. We will hold on to those applications.

We discussed the "Swatting" calls that have been coming in. These have been for active shooters in schools. We provided a new procedure for this with the info to request, and phone #'s for everyone that would need to be called.

We discussed the 3% recreational marijuana tax. It will possibly be on the August ballot. This will have to be certified by May 30th. We don't want to be too detailed about why we're doing it. If it passes, the monies will be put into the General Fund for the City and not pinpoint where it will be placed. The General Fund can be used by any department in the city. We are hoping that it will bring in \$150,000 each year (for each Livingston County and City of Chillicothe). If it passes in August, we will start receiving monies in January.

We added the Region H IO 1 call to the radio tower radios. The next step is to get the radio programmed for talking to the departments. We have an estimate from Midwest Mobile for \$3,315.20. We will be doing this in the next few weeks.

We have implemented new policies in dispatch. We have one that has been sent to Robert Cowherd, but we haven't received it back. Once he gets it back to us, I will update it and get it to the Dispatchers. Roze is also working on updating the city's personnel policy. A lot of that will be put into the Dispatch policies.

The 911 contract has been written and Ed advised that they are going to look at it Thursday. Robert and the County's attorney have gone over it.

The next meeting will be changed from July 11th to July 18th at 10 am.

Roze made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ed 2nd it. Meeting adjourned at 10:46 am.



Cindy Hanavan