

ALPENA COUNTY CENTRAL DISPATCH COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 15, 2026 – 2:30 p.m.

The Alpena County Central Dispatch Committee met on Thursday, January 15, 2026, at 2:30 p.m. in the Howard Male Conference Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Chair – Alpena County Commissioner	Todd Britton
	Alpena County Commissioner	Lucille Bray
	Central Dispatch Director	Kim Elkie
	Alpena 911 Lead Dispatcher	Rory Sherwood
	Alpena County Sheriff	Erik Smith
	MSP Alpena Post Commander	Anthony Utt
	EMS Representative	Andy Marceau
	Alpena City Police Department	Eric Hamp
	City of Alpena Elected Official Representative	Danny Mitchell
	District Health Department #4 Representative	Katie Detgen
	NEMMCA & MyMichigan Representative	Nick Harrison
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Alpena County 911 Data Officer	Alysse Susan - excused
	Michigan Township Association Representative	Dan Hibner
	Community Member-At-Large	Edna Sorensen - excused
	Alpena County Fire Representative	Seat empty
OTHERS PRESENT:	Alpena County Emergency Manager	Nic Modzynski
	The Salvation Army	Major Prezza Morrison
	Alpena County IT Director	Logan Kemp
	Alpena County Help Desk Technician	Jamie Samson
	EGLE	Lisa Kruse

Chairman Britton called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

APPROVE THE AGENDA: Motion to approve the agenda was made by Lucille Bray with supported from Erik Smith. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES: Motion was made by Nick Harrison with support from Rory Sherwood to approve the minutes from the Central Dispatch Committee meeting held October 16, 2025. Motion carried.

II-06 Cancellation of Law Enforcement Call Policy: Director Elkie explained the changes recommended to this policy at the October meeting were EMS-related changes; this policy is a Law Enforcement policy, though not specifically named as such which caused the confusion. The policy title has been updated accordingly. The changes recommended in October were not presented to the Board of Commissioners and have not been approved; the policy presented today is the same policy presented in October and is recommended for approval in its current state.

Motion was made by Rory Sherwood with support from Anthony Utt to approve the Cancellation of Law Enforcement Call Policy, as presented. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM #1: The Committee recommends approval of the Cancellation of Law Enforcement Call Policy, as presented.

II-07 Calls Received At Law Agency or Secondary PSAP Policy: Discussion was held regarding the Calls Received At Law Agency or Secondary PSAP Policy.

Motion was made by Erik Smith with support from Rory Sherwood to delete the Calls Received At Law Agency or Secondary PSAP Policy as presented. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM #2: The Committee recommends deletion of the Calls Received At Law Agency or Secondary PSAP Policy, as presented.

IV-06 Dispatch of Ambulance Policy: Discussion was held regarding the Dispatch of Ambulance Policy.

Motion was made by Andy Marceau with support from Rory Sherwood to approve the Dispatch of Ambulance Policy, as amended. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM #3: The Committee recommends to approve the Dispatch of Ambulance Policy, as amended.

INFORMATION ITEM: The Committee's 2026 meeting dates were set as April 16, July 16 and September 17 at 2:30 p.m. in the Howard Male Conference Room.

I-15 Telephone Problems Policy: Discussion was held regarding the Telephone Problems Policy.

Motion was made by Rory Sherwood with support from Eric Hamp to approve the Telephone Problems Policy, as amended. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM #4: The Committee recommends to approve the Telephone Problems Policy, as amended.

IV-05 Cancellation/Downgrade of EMS Units Policy: Discussion was held regarding the Cancellation/Downgrade of EMS Units_Policy.

Motion was made by Rory Sherwood with support from Andy Marceau to approve the Cancellation/Downgrade of EMS Units_Policy, as amended. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM #5: The Committee recommends to approve the Cancellation/Downgrade of EMS Units Policy, as amended.

INFORMATION ITEM: Director Elkie presented an update on the radio encryption progress and upcoming deadline imposed by the State of September 15, 2026.

INFORMATION ITEM: Chief Marceau and Nick Harrison will work together on modifying Alpena County EMS priorities from 1-3 to Emergent and Routine. When the review has been completed, appropriate updates will be made to the Priority Dispatch EMD protocols in Central Dispatch.

Director Elkie updated that the CAD integration with fire/EMS is moving along; the County's IT department has accomplished the necessary tasks for which they were responsible. 911's newest trainee is in the final stages of his training. Michigan Communications Directors' Association recently met in Alpena for their bimonthly meeting. An update was provided regarding the cyberattack on CodeRED. It is hoped that CodeRED will be back online soon; they are in the process of verifying their security certificates with FEMA. We will be staying with CodeRED and not jumping ship because of the cyberattack. Chief Marceau voiced his support of this decision. The new/4th console is waiting on radio install, otherwise is functional.

Alpena County's new Emergency Manager, Nic Modrzynski, introduced himself to the committee.

Motion to adjourn was made by Nick Harrison and supported by Rory Sherwood. The meeting adjourned at 3:06 p.m.

Todd Britton, Chair

Kim Elkie, Director, Central Dispatch

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