

CENTRAL DISPATCH COMMITTEE

DRAFT - MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 3, 2024 - 2:00 p.m.

Howard Male Conference Room

The Alpena County Central Dispatch Committee met on Wednesday, January 3, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. in the Howard Male Conference Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair – Alpena County Commissioner Robin Lalonde
Alpena County Commissioner Burt Francisco
Director of EM and E911 Services Kim Elkie
Alpena County Sheriff Erik Smith
NE Michigan Medical Control Nick Harrison
Alpena City Fire Rob Edmonds
City of Alpena Elected Official Mike Nowak
Alpena County Fire Representative Dale Hart
Alpena County 911 Dispatcher Rory Sherwood
Alpena City Police Eric Hamp
Michigan State Police John Grimshaw
Michigan Township Association Dan Hibner

MEMBERS ABSENT: Private Citizen at Large Edna Sorensen

OTHERS PRESENT: County Board Assistant Kim MacArthur
Alpena City Fire Andy Marceau
All County Search and Rescue Steve Kieliszewski

Chair Robin Lalonde called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

APPROVE AGENDA: Motion to approve the agenda by John Grimshaw with support by Eric Hamp. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES: Motion was made by Mike Nowak with support by Rory Sherwood to approve the minutes from the Central Dispatch Committee meeting on October 18, 2023. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Retired Sheriff Steve Kieliszewski gave the Committee a presentation on All County Search & Rescue.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion was made on 2024 Central Dispatch Meeting dates and times. The Committee approved the following dates and times for 2024 as follows:

April 3, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

June 5, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

October 2, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

Discussion was made on 04P911 going from State to Regional. Typically, when driving out of the County you are supposed to go to one of the statewide channels and for our area is Statewide 7. You can still communicate with Central Dispatch, and they still monitor the channel, it just won't tie up 04P911 in a County that doesn't necessarily need it. It is not getting shut down without any kind of approval, but it is a concern.

Discussion was made on the Executive Committee members for the Central Dispatch Committee. Currently the Executive Committee consists of representation from 1) Alpena County Sheriff; 2) State Police; 3) Board of Commissioners; 4) Chairperson of the Central Dispatch Committee; and 5) City Police. Director Elkie recommends adding the City Fire Chief to the Executive Committee. Motion was made by Rory Sherwood and supported by Erik Smith to recommend approval to add the City Fire Chief to the list of Executive Committee members as presented. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM #1: The Committee recommends approval to add the City Fire Chief to the Central Dispatch Committee's list of Executive Committee members as presented.

Discussion was made on Wrecker Complaints. There is currently nothing in the bylaws that allows for temporary suspension until the Committee meets for discussion. There is no language that allows acceleration of disciplinary steps based on specific criteria being met. The Committee tabled the discussion to the next meeting where Lt. Grimshaw will bring back language for review and approval to include into the Wrecker Policy.

DIRECTOR UPDATE: Director Elkie reported 86.61% of the budgeted expenditures for last year were spent and all wrecker companies have updated their CVED status for this year.

The meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

Robin Lalonde, Chair

Kim Elkie, Director of Emergency Management
and E911 Services

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