

Marion County Executive 911 Board Minutes
August 22nd at 6:00 pm @ Marion County Courthouse

1. Chair Slycord called the 911 Executive Board meeting to order at 6:00pm.
2. The following members and guests were in attendance:

City of Knoxville	Brian Hatch
City of Melcher Dallas	Terry Fisher
City of Pella	Marcia Slycord (Chair)
Knoxville Township	Kenny Thompson (Vice Chair)
<i>Also present</i>	
Marion County EMA/911	Jeff Anderson
Marion County EMA/911	Kim Pettyjohn (Secretary)
3. *Review the strategic plan survey:* Slycord advised having a strategic plan is what they were after for budgetary items, so the Board isn't just spending money to spend money when a grant comes through. Anderson went through the previous strategic plan survey that agencies were asked to fill out last year. There was discussion about mapping available to the agencies through GeoComm, the future needs in a radio system and how to get there. It was discussed what the priorities need to be, whether the 911 board is the right body to move this through and what does/does not need to be budgeted.
4. *Review 911 grant money past/present:* The 911 by-laws say grant information and money is to come to the Board for approval before being signed by the Chair. In the 2015/16 budget the 911 carryover fund provided \$100,000 to each PSAP and items were bought with no match. In the 2016/17 consolidation grant with match each PSAP got \$200,000 and gave \$200,000 match, so that was \$800,000 that could have gone to build a radio/tower infrastructure had the Board had a plan in place. There was additional discussion on items purchased and the importance of having that strategic plan in place.
5. *Discuss emergency responder communications:* There was discussion on current radios and what is needed to make the communications in the county function how all the agencies would like to see them function and what other counties, such as Mahaska are doing. Slycord advised Mahaska County has an attorney that comes to the meetings and represents them. This is something she would like the Board to discuss and if it's something Marion County needs to look into. The executive board would like Anderson to reach out to see what other counties are doing and bring that information back to the Board.
6. *Review agenda for next meeting; set a date:* Slycord quickly went over items that she and Anderson have added to the agenda for the next meeting. The next 911 meeting will be Wednesday, September 27th @ 6pm at Knoxville Township Rural Fire Department.
7. *Adjourn meeting:* Slycord adjourned the meeting around 8pm.

Respectively submitted

Kim Pettyjohn