

**Central Communications, Inc.**  
**Special Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**March 5, 2013**

The Special Board of Directors Meeting was called to order 19:32 hours. At Central Communications, Inc. 4317 Lamberton Road, Pennsboro WV. In attendance were: Sam Rogers, Ralph Sandora, Gregory Robinson, Stephen Wordon, John Dotson, John Hatfield, Angie Lipscomb, Tammy Beamer, Rainey Hayes, Jeff Fox, Martha Frame, Nellie Hurst, Kim Holland, Shirley Williams, Barbara Knight, Randy Flinn, Timmy Sponaugle, Shawn Reed, Mike Hamilton, Pam Swisher, Phillis Posey, Mary Glaspell, Steve Frame, & Chuck Frum.

**Approval of Minutes:** Ralph Sandora moved to approve the minutes; Stephen Wordon seconded; motion carried. Tuesday March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

**Approval of Treasurer's Report:** The Board reviewed the financial statement prepared by the accountant. Sam Rogers moved to approve the Treasurer's Report; Ralph Sandora seconded; motion carried.

**Public Comment Period:**

Barbara Knight asked the following questions in regard to the Doddridge County Proposal:

1. Does Doddridge County EMS have delegates in the matter of law suits?
2. Does Doddridge County EMS have 24 hour Paramedic services?
3. Has Doddridge County EMS obtained legal advise from their attorney on the Proposed change?

**Vice President Ralph Sandora responded:**

The Doddridge County Commissioners was not going to discuss law suits. Paramedic services would be provided 24 hours 7 days a week.

**Treasurer Gregory Robinson responded:** Barbara Knights third question legal advise had not been inquired due to the Proposed change.

Nellie Hurst spoke of her interest with EMS. She stated her personal & family experiences with Doddridge County EMS & Doddridge County Ambulance Authority. Nellie Hurst stated her mother was having a heart attack in the past and Doddridge County EMS was not available. An additional event Nellie Hurst's sister was having medical issues that required Advanced Life Support, Doddridge County EMS could not provide those proper services on that incident. Doddridge County EMS arrived on scene, advised patient to follow up with doctor. Nellie Hurst stated Doddridge County EMS was called back to scene, same patient, & same symptoms. Doddridge County EMS did not have a Paramedic on the ambulance. Nellie Hurst stated that Doddridge County EMS advised they could pick up the Medic en-route to hospital. Nellie stated she herself went to Doddridge County EMS faculties to obtain the Medic, & meet Doddridge County EMS

at Rt. 50 & Rt. 18 intersection. Nellie Hurst stated there was an extended time before the ambulance arrived on scene.

Nellie Hurst told her personal experience with Doddridge County Ambulance Authority, she stated if it hadn't been for the Doddridge County Ambulance Authority being Paramedic equipped, the turn out of her medic issues could have been a deadly outcome for her. Nellie Hurst told of another medic illness she encountered same symptoms, Doddridge County Ambulance Authority responded Paramedic equipped and she believes she received the proper patient care due to Doddridge County Ambulance Authority being Paramedic equipped.

Kim Holland inquired was this proposed policy in affect 2years ago? President Sam Rogers stated no.

Jeff Fox addressed his concerns if the proposed policy would affect Ritchie County. President Sam Rogers advised this policy was for Doddridge County only.

Tammy Beamer stated it is her right as a citizen to request which EMS she requests.

Pam Swisher stated that former Doddridge County Commissioner Jerry Evans & current commissioner Shirley Williams stated the County Commission has the right to implement this policy.

**Vice President Ralph Sandora & Treasurer Gregory Robinson** stated it is the Commissioners power to implement this proposal.

Phyllis Posey stated that Doddridge County EMS will have a paramedic 24 hours 7 days a week.

Randy Flinn inquired if Doddridge County EMS will have a paramedic 24 hours 7 days a week for medic calls & a separate transport unit.

Nellie Hurst stated, with Doddridge County EMS past history of patient care she would recommend that Doddridge County Ambulance Authority handle all medical calls within Doddridge County.

Mike Hamilton **President of Doddridge County EMS** stated they are moving forward & looking forward to working with Doddridge County Ambulance Authority, "they will do their dog gone goodness" Hamilton stated to move forward.

Rainey Hayes stated that her husband has an extensive Cardiac History. An incident occurred; she called Doddridge County EMS numerous times and had negative contact. Her husband was having symptoms of another heart attack at this time. Apparently to Rainey Hayes's knowledge the medic was in the garage & did not have the phone. Rainey Hayes stated she called 911 & her husband received proper medical treatment.

## Suggestions for request for DCES

1. DCES would only be initially dispatched if asked for by the caller. DCAA would be sent on all calls unless DCES is asked for. This is so the dispatcher doesn't have to ask the caller for their preference. This should cut down on confusion to the caller who is unaware of the difference and may just be passing through the area. This way the dispatcher doesn't have to be asked which one they recommend, etc.
2. The caller can only request DCES for themselves or immediately family, i.e. if someone other than their immediate family is at their residence and is not capable of asking for DCES the DCAA would be dispatched.
3. If DCES is requested and it is an ALS call then DCAA will also be placed on the call unless DCES is an ALS unit. If DCES could provide a schedule this would be helpful or could just call at the beginning of a shift and advise. They can mark up as "Medic 65x" when they go en-route to a call also to verify they physically have a medic on that truck.
4. The mutual Aid agreement between DCAA and DCES states if DCAA doesn't respond in three minutes, then we tone both DCAA and DCES at the next alert. We ask that the same apply to a call for DCES to cut down on confusion on our part.
5. Once a unit is dispatched to a call, we will not change agencies; i.e., if DCEMS is sent to a call, and while they are en-route, the caller calls back and states they want DCAA instead (or vice versa), we will not do so.
6. The option to choose the responding agency is valid only for calls located in Doddridge County, and not Ritchie County. In addition, the DCEMS and DCAA are the only two agencies the caller can request.

Ralph Sandora made a motion to approve The DCEMS Proposal; Gregory Robinson and Sam Rogers made a motion to second; motion carried. Steve Worden voted against the motion. Advised he would like some more information on this issue.

John Dotson proposed a 2% raise for most of the employees. To offset the loss in take home pay caused by the 2% FICA increase. John Dotson included this in the Payroll Estimate. John Dotson left two slots in Mapping and Addressing. Vicki Williams will be leaving at the end of the fiscal year. If the work load is not too great for one person we will not hire a replacement.

Ralph Sandora made a motion to approve, Gregory Robinson seconded-motion carried.

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Sam Rogers  
President Board of Directors