

Communication Task Force Recommendation Summary of Events –

May 17, 2016

Board of Commissioners approves the creation of the Leelanau County Communication Task Force during its May Regular Session; members include –

- Carolyn “Peachy” Rentenbach, Chairman of the Leelanau County Board of Commissioners
- Greg Julian, representing the Cedar Area Fire and Rescue
- Ron Plamondon, Information Technology Director for Leelanau County
- Gary McGhee, Bingham Township Trustee, EMT for Suttons Bay/Bingham Fire & Rescue
- Matt Ansorge, Director of Leelanau County Emergency Management/911
- Pat Burguard, Chairman of the 9-1-1 Advisory Committee, also an EMT for Leelanau Township
- Chet Janik, County Administrator
- Melinda Lautner, County Commissioner
- John Dodson, Glen Lake Fire Chief and representative for the Leelanau County Fire Chiefs’ Association
- Steve Morgan, Undersheriff, Leelanau County Sheriff’s Office
- Doug Scripps, Leelanau Township Supervisor
- Ty Wessell, County Commissioner

June 9, 2016

First meeting of the Task Force is held. Commissioners Rentenbach and Wessell were elected as Chairman and Vice-Chairman, respectively. Action items included an overview of the current system and its limitations; the need for new equipment in Dispatch; the current equipment in the Field, Law Enforcement, Fire and Dispatch; improvements supported by the 911 Committee and the Fire Chiefs Association; 800 MHz system benefits; Responder safety with interoperable communications; other potential equipment requests, and funding and timeline options.

June 30, 2016

The Task Force reviewed potential equipment and the associated costs – radio upgrades; NexGen911 and CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch); potential funding options and a timeline.

July 13, 2016

Equipment and the associated costs were again reviewed. A review of the current budget, including the Tower Fund, the 911 Annual Budget and grants were discussed. Potential funding options such as a millage and utilizing money from the County General Fund, a 911 Surcharge or the Tower Fund was also discussed, along with a timeline and deadlines. Several funding scenarios were reviewed (attached to those minutes).

Proposed Budgetary Figures for Communication Upgrade

INITIAL PURCHASE			ANNUAL COSTS	
Dispatch Radios	\$750,000.00			\$40,000.00
Consoles, Recorder, Computer Equipment				Preventative Maintenance, Replacement parts
Field Radio Equipment	\$2,200,000.00			\$34,000.00
Mobiles, Portables, Pagers, Base Stations				Comprehensive radio coverage for radio replacements
Remote Viper	\$80,000.00			\$16,000.00
NexGen911, Remote site off GTCO				Software/Hardware subscription & on-site maintenance
Smart911	\$7,000.00	per year		\$7,000.00
NexGen911 subscriber information				
RAVE Alert	\$5,000	1st year		\$3,000.00
Coincides with Smart911 database				\$2,000 activation fee, \$3,000 annually afterward
New World CAD	\$232,000.00			\$8,000.00
Enhance Interoperability with GTCO				1st year maintenance included in purchase
Priority Dispatch - EFD	\$44,000.00			\$3,600.00
Fire Dispatch Protocol, improve ISO rating for Depts				Annual Maintenance, Licensing
Priority Dispatch - EMD	N/A			\$3,600.00
Medical Dispatch Protocol				Annual Maintenance, Licensing
	TOTAL:			TOTAL:
	\$3,318,000.00			\$107,200.00

July 22, 2016

Equipment and the associated costs were again reviewed by the Task Force. The potential funding options of a 911 millage, utilizing the General Fund and/or a 911 Surcharge were also discussed at length.

A motion was made by Dodson and seconded by Julian, ***“that based on the equipment identified, the County recognize the obligation to purchase that equipment through the funding mechanisms discussed here and presented by the Treasurer, with the County bearing the obligation, not the Fire Departments or Townships.”***

There was a consensus of the Task Force to present [all funding options](#) to the Board for consideration.