

JOINT DISPATCH BOARD
Communications & Technology Building, Room 111/112
July 1st, 2021

Committee Members Present: Robert Barbier, Dave Funkhouser, Dan Hartwig, Brian Kohlmeier, Paul Granger, and Dave Nickels. Other invited non-committee members were in attendance.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Dave Funkhouser at 9:02 a.m.

Public Comment: Nobody present wished to speak.

Minutes of Prior Meeting: A motion was made by Dan Hartwig and seconded by Brian Kohlmeier to approve the minutes of the April meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business: None

Old Business: None

Update from Emergency Services: Travis Waack provided an update on JDC staffing. The JDC is currently down 5 employees. A total of 14 candidates were interviewed and the interview panel unanimously agreed to offer 5 candidates employment offers. All 5 have accepted with 3 starting on July 15 and the other 2 a couple weeks later to spread out the training schedule. The JDC has also promoted 4 staff to be trainers and has streamlined the process. Additionally, new hires will be started with a 3 day overview class in a classroom setting before going out on the floor with a trainer to help provide additional context.

Travis also reported on a position reclassification that been approved by the Personnel Director and will be included in the 2022 budget proposal. The reclassification recognizes the critical decisions made every day by emergency dispatchers. The reclassification will result in an approximately \$2 per hour increase for all emergency dispatchers starting in 2022.

A discussion followed about the role of the Joint Dispatch Board and how issues are brought up for discussion.

Update from Public Works Department: Scott Blumreich that CAD has been upgraded on the test side for testing. He also reported that the console CAD computers are being replaced with the addition of 2 additional monitors at each console. Finally, he reported that Microsoft is phasing out Silverlight, which means DSS reports are being replaced by a product called Socrata.

Bill Jones reported that the phone system upgrade is complete. There were some glitches with the upgrade, but most have been worked out. This is a 7 year upgrade cycle. He also reported that Motorola has finished the radio system upgrade, but this has no impact on radio system users. This is a 2 year upgrade cycle.

Next Meeting Date: October 7th, 2021

Adjournment: A motion was made by Brian Kohlmeier and seconded by Paul Granger to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Travis Waack
Director
Manitowoc County Emergency Services Department