

JOINT DISPATCH BOARD  
Communications & Technology Building, Room 111/112  
January 5, 2023

Committee Members Present: Ben Meinnert, Dan Hartwig, James Falkowski, Paul Granger, Jason Freiboth, Joe Jeanty, Josh Stradal and other invited non-committee members were in attendance.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Paul Granger at 9:00 am.

Roll Call/Introductions: Roll call was completed at 9:01 am.

Public Comment: No public was present.

Approve Minutes of October and November Meetings: A motion was made to approve both sets of minutes by Josh Stradal and seconded by Dan Hartwig. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Old Business: No old business raised.

New Business: No new business raised.


Update from Emergency Services Department: Kayla Beckerdite provided an update that Betsy Olson has been hired as the Emergency Management Deputy Director and will be returning to Manitowoc County on 1/9. She also shared that 3 new dispatchers were hired just prior to the holidays and 4 total new dispatchers will be starting in 2023- two in January, one in February, and one in March. There is currently one vacancy in staffing and one anticipated vacancy. She also shared that the mobile command post build is a little behind schedule due to illnesses at LDV and is now expected to arrive mid-late January.

Update from Public Works Department: Bill Jones shared that an ongoing project to replace all of the microwave links on County radio tower sites has been ongoing and is almost completed. The microwave links had not been replaced since they were originally installed on the tower sites. Scott Blumreich shared that the Aegis server upgrade has started. The Aegis team have met with Tyler and will begin working on the GIS portion of the upgrade in February. The upgrade is expected to be completed late Q2/early Q3 this year. He also shared that virtual jackets were implemented and scrapped the same day due to multiple system issues and a lack of user functionality.

Next Meeting Date: April 6, 2023

Adjournment: A motion was made by Jason Freiboth and seconded by Ben Meinnert to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Kayla Beckerdite  
Director  
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