



MANITOWOC COUNTY

JOINT DISPATCH BOARD

Meeting Minutes

DATE: April 7, 2026
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Manitowoc County Communications & Technology Building
1024 S. 9th St., Manitowoc, WI 54220
Room 111/112

Committee Members Present: Paul Granger, Dan Hartwig, Joe Jeanty, John Musial, Ben Meinnert, John Musial, Todd Olig, and Dennis Rabas. **Non-Committee members** in attendance were Bill Jones, Angela Obry, Rhonda Green, Luke Kalista, Danny Hang, Chris Dallas, Josh Stradal, Charles Olson, Jason Orth, Kevin Haese, Todd Cummings, Mark Knier, Craig Jansen.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Paul Granger at 09:00 am.

Roll Call/Introductions: Roll call was completed at 09:04 am.

Public Comment: None

Approve Minutes of April's Meeting: Joe Jeanty approved June's meeting minutes and seconded by Ben Meinnert.

Old Business:

- a. EMABAS – Chris Dallas is no longer the EMABAS president. Email read by Rhonda Green per Nate Smith, the new EMABAS president. Nick was unable to attend the meeting and is attending HIEBA training Monday, April 13th to better understand the system. He also stated the UTV strike team cars are also being work on.
- b. What 3 Words App – Angela informed the group that JDC now has that availability. Kellnersville used it last week and it worked very well.

New Business:

Updates from IT

- a. Upgrades
 - Danny Hang stated reminded the group that IT will be moving to the cloud, Quarter 1 of 2027.
Enterprise Records – Interface will look more updated.
Luke will provide information on increases.
- b. Communications
 - Bill Jones discussed the new Motorola upgrades. County Fire will not work during the cut-over, should take no longer than 10 minutes. A back-up plan is in place in the event the cut-over period takes more than 10 minutes.

The 800 system is scheduled for cutting over to WISPN on Tuesday April 14, the VHF is scheduled for Wednesday April 15th. When 800 is cutover on Tuesday MTSO will be using MCFS work 1 and MCFS main will continue to be used for Co Fire/EMS as it normally is.

Bill asks that all complaints be emailed to him regarding DSC's services and any other problems. DSC is used by Motorola for the upgrades and not Bay Com.

Update from Emergency Services Department:

- a. Rhonda Green stated Emergency Management will be participating in a table top exercise with Calumet County. This will be a multi-agency/county exercise discussing a major ammonia release at Land O Lakes.
- b. Rhonda advised the group on the changes to the reception center. One bay will be eliminated. The dosimetry table will be moved upstairs on the mezzanine. Human Services and Red Cross will be moved to the main bay where the screening will take place. The EOC will be fully activated June 16th for an exercise with EOC staff training. Staff members will be given a user name and password to WEB-EOC. Members will no longer use a sheet of paper to record times and events. They will log their entries into WEB-EOC. That information will display in live time on a board for everyone to see. This will cut down on briefings every half hour, and wasting paper. The journal entries can be printed off from WEB-EOC.

Update from Joint Dispatch

- a. Joint Dispatch is down 3 dispatchers, we are hiring for 2. A senior dispatcher left to pursue her previous career with UW Green Bay, the other dispatcher was in training and decided it wasn't for him.

Other:

Manitowoc Police Department

Chief John Musial stated that Assistant Chief Craig Jansen will be taking his place on the Joint Dispatch Board.

By-Laws

There are no by-laws for the Joint Dispatch Board, nor does there need to be. Rhonda verified with Corp. Counsel. The Board is an advisory committee and operates under the County Board Guidelines and Roberts Rules.

Next Meeting Date: October 6, 2026, 9:00 AM at the EOC

Adjournment: A motion was made by Todd Olig and seconded by Dan Hartwig to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 09:22 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Green

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