

**Statewide Emergency Services Internet Protocol Network
Steering Committee
March 27, 2018**

The March 27, 2018 ESINet Steering Committee meeting was held at 10:00 AM. Melissa Wulliger called the roll.

Members present or via telephone:

Senator Sean O'Brien, Ohio Senate

Representative Rick Carfagna, Ohio House of Representatives

Matthew Hiscock, Ohio Municipal League

Commissioner Ed Humphrey, County Commissioners' Association of Ohio

John Leutz, County Commissioners' Association of Ohio

Jason Loree, Ohio Township Association

Tom Robbins, Ohio Municipal League

A quorum was present

Other Attendees:

Rob Jackson, Ohio 9-1-1 Administrator

Alex Strickmaker from Representative Bill Patmon's office

Sharon Jennings, DAS Attorney

Mr. Jackson welcomed everyone and proceeded with the first agenda item. He asked if there were any revisions or comments regarding the February meeting minutes. There were no changes, so Mr. Jackson requested a motion. *A motion was made by Commissioner Humphrey to accept the minutes and was then seconded by Representative Carfagna. There were no discussions and a roll call vote was taken:*

Senator O'Brien - Yes

Representative Carfagna – Yes

Commissioner Humphrey – Yes

Mr. Leutz – Yes

Mr. Loree – Yes

Mr. Robbins - Yes

All committee members voted to approve the minutes.

Mr. Jackson proceeded with subcommittee updates. Jeff Smith, chair of the Technical Standards Sub Committee said there was nothing to report and Jay Somerville, chair of the PSAP Operations Subcommittee also had nothing to report.

Mr. Jackson continued with the 9-1-1 Administrator update. He started with the County 9-1-1 Support and Compliance Coordinator, Ms. Sharon McMurray. She updated the committee on the

seven, well attended, educational sessions that have been completed throughout the state. There was a total of 170 attendees representing 102 agencies. The Ohio 9-1-1 Program office would like to thank the hosting agencies for their support. There were two trial audit visits successfully performed, and we would again like to thank the two counties, Meigs and Butler, for their support.

Mr. Jackson updated the Committee on the vendor discussions. The RFP process continues with the highest ranked vendor pending any legislation being passed. Mr. Jackson asked Ms. Jennings, DAS Attorney, to update the Committee on the process. She shared that they are beginning to negotiate with the vendor. Once that contract is awarded, the details will be discussed with the public.

Continuing with the Administrator updates, Mr. Jackson shared a letter that was received from Dave Bailey, Morgan County. Mr. Bailey had a few recommendations to add to the State's plan regarding counties who are at the end of their 9-1-1 equipment life. Mr. Jackson said he would forward that letter to the Steering Committee.

Mr. Jackson discussed the updated version of the ORC 128 roles and decisions. He wanted to reiterate that the plan is now at a point where the 9-1-1 Program Office is fulfilling their role by providing information and serving as a facilitator and coordinator. This is a Committee initiative and the Steering committee now needs to decide on the task at hand.

Representative Carfagna discussed the funding options of \$0.25. There was in-depth discussion regarding the monthly fee. Committee members discussed a fee that should be fair across the board and includes local funding needs, especially as it is related to the PSAP Operations Rules requirements. Mr. Leutz shared a few ideas regarding distributing funds and funding needs. Jefferson County 9-1-1 Coordinator Rob Herrington also provided input from the audience concerning local funding needs tied to NG9-1-1. Representative Carfagna discussed the legislative process and timeline. He suggested there were a variety of paths, such as attempting to get the \$0.25 fee in place to get the statewide system funded while keeping the local funding levels in place, and then addressing the additional local funding needs later, or a path where we address it all together. He cautioned to the group that nothing is guaranteed in the legislative process and he wants to work with the group to find a good solution. Mr. Robbins expressed great concern that the needs on the ground level will not be met if the fee is incorrect. The Committee tabled the fee issue and requested more information from the 9-1-1 Program Office concerning local funding needs. Mr. Jackson said he could engage the Federal Engineering Consultants on contract so the study is accurate, from an independent party and reliable through their professional services.

Additional discussions indicated a concern about timing. Although time is of the essence, the Committee felt additional information is necessary. Mr. Jackson will contact the consultants, Federal Engineering, and request an additional study to assist the Committee in making a well-informed decision.

Lastly, Mr. Jackson asked if any committee members had new business to discuss:

Senator O'Brien – no answer (may have gotten off the line)

Representative Carfagna – No

Commissioner Humphrey – No

Mr. Leutz – No

Mr. Loree – No

Mr. Robbins - No

Mr. Jackson consulted the calendars of the Steering Committee members for a date to have the in-person meeting in April. It appeared that April 24 beginning 10:00AM worked for the Committee. Mr. Jackson then requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. *Mr. Robbins made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Representative Carfagna. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 12:30PM.*