

JOINT DISPATCH BOARD
Communications & Technology Building
1024 S. 9th St., Manitowoc, Wis.
June 6th, 2019

Attendance: Manitowoc County Executive Bob Ziegelbauer, Manitowoc County Corporation Counsel Peter Conrad, Manitowoc Police Department Deputy Chief Rob Barbier, Two Rivers Police Chief Joe Collins, Valders Fire/Ambulance Chief Chris Dallas, Kiel Police Chief Dave Funkhouser, Two Rivers Fire/Rescue Chief Steve Denzien, Kiel Ambulance Todd Olig, Manitowoc Sheriff's Office Maj Jason Orth, Manitowoc Sheriff's Office Sheriff Dan Hartwig, Mishicot Police Chief Paul Granger, Manitowoc County Communications Engineer Bill Jones, Manitowoc Public Works Director Gerry Neuser, Dispatcher Nicole Behrmann, Dispatcher Cindy Rish, Manitowoc County JDC Supervisor Angela Obry, Manitowoc County JDC Supervisor Connie Bashaw, and Manitowoc County Emergency Services Director Travis Waack.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chief Funkhouser at 9:03 am. Chairperson Becker was not present at the meeting and the group elected to have Chief Funkhouser chair the meeting since there is no vice chair.

Current Agenda and Minutes of Prior Meeting: A motion was made by Sheriff Hartwig and seconded by Chief Dallas to approve the agenda and minutes of the April meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: No one present wished to speak, therefore public input was closed at 9:05 am.

Possible Action on Support for an Amendment to the Joint Dispatch Agreement: A motion was made by Chief Collins and seconded by Sheriff Hartwig to deny support for proposed changes to the Joint Dispatch Agreement. Discussion on the motion followed.

Director Waack re-iterated that the purpose of his proposed changes are to increase the scope of the Joint Dispatch Board, allowing it provide additional input on issues beyond the Joint Dispatch Center, including the County radio system, and inter-agency coordination. Waack also re-iterated that the proposed changes in no way further limit the voice of the Board or limit its ability to provide input on the Joint Dispatch Center. Finally, Waack provided support for changing the membership structure to ensure that police and fire/EMS are equally represented.

Chief Funkhouser read a letter from the City of Manitowoc, City of Two Rivers, City of Kiel and Sheriff's Office that proposes keeping the current Joint Dispatch Board structure, more than an advisory role for the Joint Dispatch Board, and proposes keeping agencies fully in charge of their talk groups on the County radio system rather than oversight from a County position.

County Executive Ziegelbauer reminded the Board that although they have the power to deny support for the proposed changes, the Emergency Services Department has accountability and responsibility for the operation of the Joint Dispatch Center and County radio system and will have to determine the best alternatives for collaboration on these responsibilities if the motion to deny support passes.

Additional discussions were entertained regarding the desire of the board to have more than an advisory role and concerns over vesting power with one department.

A vote was held and the motion to deny support for the proposed changes was passed unanimously.

Announce New Date: The regularly scheduled July meeting will be held on July 25th at 9:00 am due to the holiday on the normal meeting date.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Sheriff Hartwig and seconded by Chief Dallas to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 9:54 am.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Travis Waack', written in a cursive style.

Travis Waack
Director
Manitowoc County Emergency Services Division