

**JOINT MEETING – CCE 911
CHARLEVOIX-CHEBOYGAN-EMMET COUNTY BOARDS OF COMMISSIONERS
May 19, 2010**

Meeting called to order at 2:03 P.M. at the Headlands in Mackinaw City by Emmet County Board Chairman Jim Tamlyn.

A moment of silence in memory of former Cheboygan County Commissioner Allen VanSlembrouck, Emmet County Commissioner Tom Foltz and former Emmet County Clerk Irene Granger, all of whom died this spring, was held

Roll called for each Board of Commissioners was taken. All counties had a quorum present.

Present from Cheboygan County: Commissioners Socha, Makima, Redmond, Mushlock, Wallace and Bolinger. Absent: Commissioner Page. Also present Administrator Mike Overton, Sheriff Dale Clarmont and Clerk/Register Mary Ellen Tryban.

CCE Director Bob Bradley distributed the 2009 Annual Update and highlighted some of the upgrades and changes that took place over the past year. Mr. Bradley noted changes to the CCE Board of Directors, Joel Evans is the new County Commission representative for Charlevoix County; Dan Ralley, Petoskey City Manager, is the new cities and villages representative for Emmet County; and Richard Sangster, Mayor of Cheboygan, filled the vacancy created when Les Tebo stepped down. A \$300,000 US Department of Justice Grant will be used to replace E-911 telephone switching equipment. Grant applications have been prepared and submitted for the Fire Fighters Assistance Grant. The 2010 COPS grant will be used to purchase a new E-911 phone controller for the center that is IP capable. Mr. Bradley reported that two large projects are moving forward in the State largely funded through the Economic Recovery Act that are allowing Merit and Peninsula Fiber Network to implement a fiber optic based network across much of the State, which offers some opportunities to 9-1-1. The CCE Board voted unanimously to transfer the tower located on Krause Road in Emmet County to the City of Petoskey while signing an agreement for future use if needed. The City of Petoskey owns the land on which the tower sits and several cell phone providers have indicated desires to use the tower. Mr. Bradley reported that 68,000 plus 9-1-1 calls were received in 2009 with the difference in wireless cell phone calls versus wireline calls increasing 59% over 2008.

Mr. Bradley briefly reviewed HB 5927 regarding forced consolidation of all 9-1-1 call centers in the State into 4 or 5 regional centers. He said even though this particular proposed bill may die, there appears to be other forms of this bill waiting in the wings for introduction. Proposed resolutions for each county opposing consolidate were presented for adoption.

Motion by Commissioner Wallace, seconded by Commissioner Bolinger, to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION 10-19
RESOLUTION OPPOSING HOUSE BILL NUMBER 5927, AND ANY OTHER LEGISLATION
REQUIRING CALL CENTER CONSOLIDATION**

WHEREAS, the County of Cheboygan entered in into an Agreement in 1993 with the counties of Charlevoix and Emmet under the auspices of Inter-Governmental Contracts Between Municipalities Act, Urban Cooperation Act, and the Emergency Telephone Service Enabling Act to centralize the dispatch of emergency service responders; and

Whereas, the Charlevoix-Cheboygan-Emmet Central Dispatch Authority (CCECDA) has successfully operated a consolidated tri-county Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) since 1996 to provide 9-1-1 call-taking and dispatching of public safety agencies; and

WHEREAS, the introduction of HB 5927 and other possible legislation could mandate consolidation with other counties or the State of Michigan; and

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WHEREAS , such mandated consolidation would require amending PA 32 of 1986 to address issues such as funding, MPSC plan approval, and other issues; and

WHEREAS, the requirement contained within HB 5927 that call centers be designed to serve populations of over 100,000 based upon the decennial census does not take into account seasonal changes in the number of citizens covered within a PSAP's region; and

WHEREAS, the CCECDA currently is designed to handle citizen populations in the tri-county region over 100,000, and currently does handle this volume for much of the year; and

WHEREAS, HB 5927 does not take into account coverage area served by the PSAP, numbers of public safety agencies served, levels of technology currently in use or planned and budgeted for, and other factors such as cooperation among local units of government currently in place, or other consolidated dispatch centers currently in operation; and

WHEREAS, HB 5927 does not offer any definitions of terms such as "call centers" or "consolidation", and that there are varying levels of PSAP's, and consolidations can take many forms including, but not limited to physical and virtual; and

WHEREAS, HB 5927 is silent on key points such as the fact that an IP based 911 system is not currently available to deliver text messages or other IP based data to the PSAP; and

WHEREAS, HB 5927 offers no explanation of funding mechanisms to accomplish such consolidations; and

WHEREAS the Michigan Public Service Commission would have the ability to adjust local consolidation plans that it disapproves.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners does hereby oppose HB 5927 and other possible legislation mandating the consolidation of Public Safety Answering Points (911 centers).

A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 6 yes, 0 no and 1 absent.

Charlevoix County and Emmet County each adopted similar resolutions.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m. on a motion by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Mushlock.

Mary Ellen Tryban
Clerk/Register

Linda Socha
Chairperson