

**ALLEN COUNTY 9-1-1 GOVERNING BOARD**  
**Minutes of December 11, 2012**

**Members present:** Sheriff Sam Crish, Chief Robert Hutchinson, Director Greg Berquist, Trustee Paul Basinger, Chief Jon Kinn, Lt. Zemelka, Director Russ Decker, and 911 Coordinator Steve Harvey.

**Members absent:** Chief Kevin Martin and Chief Mark Heffner.

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**Guests attending:** Major Chip Protsman (LPD), representatives from Century Link, and the news media.

Chairman Decker called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and declared that a quorum was present.

After reviewing minutes from the June 12, 2012 meeting, Director Berquist moved that minutes stand approved as mailed, seconded by Trustee Basinger. Motion passed.

**Old Business:**

Members reviewed PSAP call totals. The Board's draft bylaws were reviewed and discussed. Trustee Basinger moved that the Bylaws be adopted, seconded by Director Berquist. Motion passed. The new Board Bylaws will also be posted to the 911 website.

Director Decker spoke regarding continuation of funding from the PUCO for wireless 911 related costs; the General Assembly is expected to act this week to continue funding for 2013 at 2012 levels.

**New Business:**

The Board was introduced to the new 911 Coordinator, Steve Harvey. Mr. Harvey was hired and appointed 911 Coordinator by the Board of County Commissioners in September after the previous coordinator, Scott Fessler left to accept a position with the village of Elida.

Board members considered a proposal from Century Link for a major technology upgrade to the county's 911 system in 2013. Current technology being used is nearly 10-years old and has become less dependable. Director Berquist moved that the 911 Board recommend to the Allen County Commissioners moving forward with the Century Link proposal for upgrades in 2013, seconded by Chief Kinn. Motion passed.

The Board also received a request from Shawnee Township Trustees for changes in the law enforcement provider for certain locations within their jurisdiction. Chief Hutchinson moved to approve the requested change, seconded by Chief Kinn. Motion passed.

The Board received a request from Auglaize Township Trustees for changes in the emergency medical provider for certain locations within their jurisdiction. Director Berquist moved to approve the requested change, seconded by Chief Hutchinson. Motion passed.

Director Decker also briefed the Board on a recent grant award to Allen County for a technical feasibility study regarding centralized dispatch. With no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Basinger moved to adjourn, seconded by Sheriff Crish. The meeting stood adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

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