

Weber Area Dispatch 911 and Emergency Services District
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Administrative Control Board
Meeting Minutes of May 28, 2024

Board Members in Attendance: Robert Dandoy, Leonard Call, James Harvey, Gage Froerer, Richard Sorensen, and Benjamin Nadolski

Board Members Excused: Russell Porter

Additional Attendees: Deputy Director Scott Freitag, District Attorney Bryan Baron, Audit Partner Kyle Greene, and Office Manager Kathy Stokes

1. Welcome – Robert Dandoy, Vice Chair
2. Public Comment: Gage Froerer wishes James Harvey Happy Birthday.
3. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approval of minutes from Weber Area Dispatch 911 and Emergency Services District Administrative Control Board meeting on April 23, 2024

The motion to approve the minutes from Weber Area Dispatch 911 and Emergency Services District Administrative Control Board meeting on April 23, 2024 was made by Gage Froerer. James Harvey made the second motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

4. Financial Audit 2023 Budget – Kyle Greene, Audit Partner: This is their first year auditing Dispatch. This report is a draft of the financial highlights. The final report should be completed by Thursday. He does not anticipate any changes from this initial report. This is an independent auditor’s report. He anticipates issuing an unmodified opinion focusing on the Governmental Funds Financial Statement. This statement is presented fairly with no findings to note and no non-compliance that were identified. As of December 31, 2023, there was \$7.7 Million in current assets and \$5.2 Million in capital assets for a total of \$12.9 Million. Total liabilities are \$7.8 Million. The final report will be sent to Scott Parke.

Robert Dandoy suggests delaying the approval of the audit by the Board until the official report is received. It is good to get confirmation from auditors that the management team of the District are doing what they need to do.

Scott Freitag responds that we appreciate the support of the Board. At the end of the day, we are dealing with people’s lives. We appreciate your care and concern for the District, its employees, and for the citizens you are elected to take care of.

Gage Froerer comments it is great to see these numbers with the fund balances. About 4 ½ years ago we had a directive from the County Treasurer that he was through supporting 911. We made the decision at that time to bite the bullet and do a tax increase. That didn't come without a lot of discussion. We needed to make sure you are working with the taxpayer dollars in the most efficient and effective way. Part of that is making sure we have money in the capitol projects, so we don't go through what the Board did 4 years and 7 months ago, which was to put us in a hole. It is very important to look at those numbers and understand the importance of this board that one bad decision can flip those fund balances quickly. Hard decisions were made at that time.

5. Action Items:

a. Operations Policies

i. P-074 Evacuation: Table this item to our next meeting.

6. Chairman's Report – Robert Dandoy, Vice Chair: No chairman report at this time.

7. Director's Report – Scott Freitag, Deputy Director: Our meeting will be a week early next month so the tax rate can be voted on before June 20th. We had a rough weekend, which is typical of a holiday weekend. We have had a higher number of suicides of younger people in our area. This weekend we had three. We knowingly handle about half a dozen suicides per week. Most of them these days are under 30 years old, and way too many juveniles. A high profile one happened in South Ogden on April 18th. An officer signed out at 4400 South Adams stating he was attempting to make contact with a pedestrian with a baseball bat. Two minutes later he advised that shots were fired and requested medical. It was determined that the person had taken his own life. Those situations are very difficult. There is no longer such a thing as dispatching a routine call. For the officers to witness this and the dispatchers to hear it on the radio or phone, and when law enforcement is involved, it has a devastating impact on our personnel. This has led the legislatures in the last couple of years to put a lot of money and resources into mental health issues. We are lucky in Weber County to have the Mobile Crisis Outreach Team (MCOT) in place. We are the only county, that he is aware of, that still uses the 24/7 MCOT based out of the Health Department. MCOT is automatically sent out on suicide or threats of suicide calls and any sort of situation that may have a mental impact. They are a team we use constantly. We have a facility at McKay Hospital that is for people that have committed some sort of crime but have an underlying mental health issue to help keep them out of the jail system. These are trying times, but it is good that we have these resources. Our Peer support program does a really good job. This is something that we didn't do a few years ago, especially in dispatch. Now it is automatic for this team to reach out for this type of call to make sure we are coping. We can't prevent this type of call, but we can help them cope.

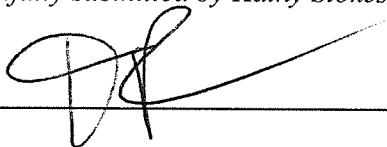
Last weekend there was a father and son that fell in the Ogden River. An off-duty Tooele Deputy was there and was able to affect a rescue. That has been our true water rescue this year. We had a lot of kayaks, canoes, and devices in the water, but this one was real

and thank goodness there was someone there to help. This Deputy made comments on how quick the response was and how professional they were to provide assistance. We have had four or five grass fires so far this year. We have some very active fire marshals in our area. They do a good job of doing assessments to make sure we have the correct resources in our area. We are ready for the grass fire season.

8. 2024 Budget Report – Scott Freitag, Deputy Director: We are on track with the budget. Anything that is above the 50% mark in expenses are items due at the first of the year. There are no concerns. Last meeting there was a question about our training and travel expense category. We are booking training to come in for our leaders that will use about 25% of this account. We may also use this account for training equipment. We also have a class of six new hires starting in July.
9. Next Meeting June 18, 2024. The motion to adjourn was made by James Havey. Gage Froerer made the second motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Stokes

Director: _____



Date: _____

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