

Weber Area Dispatch 911 and Emergency Services District Administrative Control Board Meeting Minutes of February 23, 2021

Board Members in Attendance: Chairman Mike Caldwell, Scott Jenkins, Gage Froerer, Robert, Dandoy, Russell Porter, James Truett

Additional Attendees: Executive Director Tina Mathieu, District Attorney Bryan Baron, Operations Advisory Committee Chair Will Farr, and Office Manager Kathy Stokes

1. Welcome – Mike Caldwell, Chairman
2. Public Comment: None
3. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approval of minutes from Weber Area Dispatch 911 and Emergency Services District meetings on January 26, 2021.

A motion to approve the minutes from Weber Area Dispatch 911 and Emergency Services District meeting on January 26, 2021 meeting was made by Scott Jenkins, a second by Russell Porter. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

4. Action Items:
 - a. Operations Policies:
 - i. O-L-005 – Air Ambulance Support – Tina Mathieu: This was brought before the board last month, and after talking to our agencies again about the drone policies that we have not heard about, those that are in process don't have certification from the FAA yet. We opted to take everything out about the drone program and advise them that Ogden is willing to help them out until they are certified. However, there are some other changes in the policy. The Fire Chiefs decided that they only want to do Air Ambulance rotation for those helicopters that are in our county. We also took out the EMS Criteria because we are not going to question if it is a righteous call or not. We added that we would rotate the two ambulances that are in Weber County. The Supervisors will handle the calls to the Air Ambulances.

Robert Dandoy made a motion to approve Operations Policy O-L-005 – Air Ambulance Support with the additional change that the first sentence of

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section III. B. 1. "An air ambulance should be requested through dispatch if any of the above criteria are met" be removed because it is no longer relevant. A second by Russell Porter. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

b. Personnel Policies:

- i. P-051 – Workplace Violence Prevention – Tina Mathieu: Two items have been changed in this policy. The first is Number 2 in the Policy Statement. We cannot legally restrict our employees from carrying firearms. The new policy does not address firearms but addressed things that have occurred and could occur concerning verbal abuse, gestures, exclusion, and bullying. She has patterned this after the County's policy and has worked with Brian on it.
- ii. P-057 – Dress and Grooming Standards – Tina Mathieu: Changes to clarify the condition of clothing, and removed the part restricting hair color and the length of beards.

A motion to approve Personnel Policies P-051 – Workplace Violence Prevention and P-057 – Dress and Grooming Standards Russell Porter, a second by Scott Jenkins. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

5. Chairman's Report –Mike Caldwell, Chairman: Thanked Tina for everything she is doing down at the Legislature. We appreciate the enormous effort it takes to stay on top of everything and the relationships she has there.
6. Director's Report – Tina Mathieu, Executive Director: We recently hired five new employees. We have terminated one thus far. We opened up the position again yesterday and anticipate hiring 3 or 4 dispatchers. We are currently down 4, but could be as many as 6 in the upcoming weeks.

We have only had approximately 30% of our personnel choose to get the COVID 19 vaccine. We have stressed the importance of the vaccine, however, we obviously have and will continue to allow the decision to be a personal choice. Until we have a substantially higher volume vaccinated she doesn't see us being able to pull back on any of our current policies and practices related to masks, cleaning, and in person training. Of our COVID funds we still have \$78,322 remaining

There are still more episodes to be aired to be aired of the TV show. She has been told that the show will be back on and the rest of the episodes will be seen. The producers have also been negotiating a potential second season and have asked if we are interested if it is picked up again. She will bring this to the Board before committing to anything additional.

Here is a quick update on some of the Bills we are following:

HB 60 Concealed Carry Firearms Amendment that has already been mentioned.

HB 248 is a Mental Health Support for First Responders. This would be a one-time funding of \$1 Million to help first responder agencies, such as ourselves, to apply for grants to help cover the cost of mental health support programs. This has passed the House and has been sent to the Senate Health and Human Services Committee. This would help with the cost of our mental health program.

SB 53 Behavioral Emergency Services Amendment that would allow for fire fighters to choose to get a new certification to help with mental health calls instead of MCOT. She does not like this bill, it has not passed yet and has been returned to the House Committee because of fiscal impact.

SB 70 the MCOT Expansion is in limbo. She feels this is a great bill for our County.

SB 109 Emergency Services Amendment will save us money because it would not require us to get a reciprocity certification for the State. This bill has passed.

SB 155 Mental Health Crisis Assistance is a very messy bill with a \$27 Million fiscal note. We worked with Ogden City and other Public Safety agencies to ask Senator Vickers to add a carve out that would carve out Public Safety employees (law enforcement, fire fighters, and dispatchers) so they could not be eligible to have a medical marijuana card. That was a hard “no”. So we have no way to determine what being “high” is because of the nature of marijuana and the way it affects people differently. Determining if someone is impaired while at work will be difficult.

SB 113 The Transportation Amendment bill that we were watching had another substitute and they took the portion out that we were worried about (the ability to charge tow companies to dispatch them) so we are good there.

SB 102 the Police Officer Training Qualifications changes the requirement for Police Officers and Dispatchers to be a U.S. Citizen to instead be a U.S. Citizen or be a lawful resident of the U.S. who has been in the U.S. legally for 5 years and has legal authorization to work in the U.S. This has passed both the House and the Senate. With the passing of this bill our job descriptions with this requirement will need to be changed.

7. 2021 Budget Report – Tina Mathieu, Executive Director: We are 14.52% through the year. We have only received 3.81% of our Revenue. Which is normal for this time of year. For Expenditures look good. The only line items we are over in is the Telephone, Line Charges, and Software. This is because pre-pay quarterly contracts. We won't exceed any of our budget accounts. Everything with the Public Safety retirement went though and came up 2% less than what was budgeted for so she will be making a budget amendment in November.

8. Next Meeting March 23, 2021. This will be an in person meeting at the Dispatch Center.
Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Stokes

Director: Tim Mathews Date: 09/11/2021