

Joint Emergency Communications Services Association Policy Board
Friday, March 26, 2021
Joint Emergency Communications Center
4529 Melrose Avenue
Iowa City, Iowa

Directors Present:

Coralville: John Lundell

Iowa City: Susan Mims

Iowa City: Janice Weiner

Johnson County: Brad Kunkel

Johnson County: Janelle Rettig

Johnson County EMA: Dave Wilson

North Liberty: Chris Hoffman

1. **Call to order; recognize alternates.** Meeting called to order at 7:31 A.M. by Chairperson Hoffman. No alternates.
2. **Action to approve minutes of the January 22, 2021 Policy Board meeting.** Motion by Wilson, second by Weiner. All ayes.
3. **Comments from public.** None.
4. **Executive Director's Update.** Jones provided updates to the board from items that had occurred since the last meeting.
 - Per Board request from January meeting, Jones went over the data for JECC during COVID and any changes in call volume and calls for service volume during this past year compared to current year.
 - o Calls for service – fairly stable when considering officer generated versus non-officer generated. (2% decrease).
 - o Total increase in 911 calls by about 2%
 - Portable radio rollout completed for phase 1, which was law enforcement and JCAS; moving toward fire departments (phase 2) to start around May 1st.
 - All staff that wanted to get COVID-19 vaccine were able to get vaccinations; by 4/15 all staff will be 2 weeks out from 2nd vaccination.
 - o 72% of staff chose to get vaccinated.
 - o Have not changed any masking or other procedures; will not change without CDC guidance.
 - Staffing update
 - o Open positions
 - 28 applications received for dispatcher position; started interviews this week, hoping to have new dispatcher in place during first two weeks in April.
 - 4 applications for operations manager; starting interviews next week.

- 2 more positions will open due to staff members moving for family and post graduate school.
 - Harris Agreement: Notice of Intent to not renew is resolution to vote; required to provide notice under the terms of the agreement; have been working on contract, over 90% of terms are agreed.
 - Replacement 911 phone system: Received initial quote from State of Iowa for shared services this week and will review against two other system proposals.
5. **Action to approve Resolution 2021-01, resolution regarding maintenance agreement.** Motion by Mimms, second by Wilson. Discussion: Rettig asked if Harris has ever responded? Jones stated that last correspondence received was on 2/5 and still awaiting response from Harris. 21 months since initially asked for estimates. Jones and Counsel for JECC continues to work with RACOM on agreement. All ayes. Motion carried.
6. **Other business.** None.
7. **Consider a Motion to adjourn the meeting.** Next meeting will be held June, 25, 2021. Motion by Rettig, second by Mims. All ayes. Meeting adjourned.