

**PORTAGE COUNTY 9-1-1 PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING  
HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE**

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Convened: 2:00 PM

Present: Portage County Commissioner Kathleen Chandler, City of Kent City Manager Dave Ruller, Streetsboro Mayor Glen Broska

**Others in attendance:** Jon Barber, Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management; Robert Keller, Portage County Fire Chiefs; Dan Derreberry, Atwater Township Trustee; John Peach, Kent State University Safety Director; Kelly Engelhart, Ravenna City; Major Dennis Missimi; Sheriff David Doak; Kellie Kepple, Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management; and Bob Walker, Robinson Memorial Hospital.

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Chairman Commissioner Kathleen Chandler called the meeting to order.

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Motion by Mr. Ruller to approve the January 17, 2012 meeting minutes, as presented. Seconded by Mayor Broska, all in favor, motion carries.

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Commissioner Chandler stated that the purpose of this meeting is to consider and discuss the following items:

1. Request from Charlestown Township, Ravenna Township, Paris Township, and Palmyra Township to change their Primary Safety Answering Point (PSAP) to the City of Ravenna Communication Center effective immediately;
2. To discuss funding changes associated with the proposal changes in PSAP requested in #1; and
3. To discuss how to move forward with changes in Ohio law pertaining to the wireless funding requirement for PSAPs within the Plan.

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Joe Bica, Mayor of Ravenna, reported that he; Sheriff David Doak; Chief John Peach, Director of Public Safety, Kent State University; Kent City Manager Dave Ruller; and Mayor of Aurora James Fisher; have formed the Communication Task Force of Portage County. This group of financial stakeholders of each current designated PSAP in Portage County began meeting in late 2012 for the purpose of working towards meeting the new State Law concerning 9-1-1 PSAPs and to make recommendations concerning consolidation to the Portage County 9-1-1 Planning Committee. Annette Petranic has facilitated the meetings.

This group is evaluating information gathered from all Portage County PSAPs and Dispatch Centers.

Mayor Bica recommended that the agenda items for this meeting be held so as to allow the task force to continue its work.

Kathleen Chandler stated, if there is no objection, the 911 Planning Committee would reschedule a meeting after more information is available concerning today's agenda items.

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There being no further business, motion by Mayor Broska to adjourn the meeting at 2:10 PM, seconded by Mr. Ruller, all in favor, motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Chandler  
Chairman/President  
Portage County Board of Commissioners

Kellie Kepple  
Administrative Assistant, EMA

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