



**CONFERENCE OF WESTERN WAYNE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 10, 2017**

1. CALL TO ORDER – O'REILLY

The CWW Board Meeting was hosted by the City of Romulus. Mayor O'Reilly called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Mayor Burcroff welcomed everyone to the City of Romulus, and invited all in attendance to join in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL – BURCROFF

Mayor Burcroff called the roll: Mayor Kerreen Conley, City of Belleville; Supervisor Pat Williams, Canton Charter Township; Mayor Jack O'Reilly, City of Dearborn; Mayor Daniel Paletko, City of Dearborn Heights; Supervisor David Glaab, Huron Charter Township; Mayor Byron Nolen, City of Inkster; Mayor Dennis Wright, City of Livonia; Mayor Ken Roth, City of Northville; Sue Hillebrand, Township Clerk, Northville Charter Township; Mayor Dan Dwyer, City of Plymouth; Supervisor Kurt Heise, Plymouth Charter Township; Supervisor Tracey Schultz Kobylarz, Redford Charter Township; Mayor LeRoy Burcroff, City of Romulus; Karen Armatis, alternate, Sumpter Township; Supervisor Kevin McNamara, Van Buren Township; Mayor Susan Rowe, City of Wayne; and Michael Reddy, alternate, City of Westland.

CWW Board Member/Voting Alternate of record not present: City of Garden City.

Others present: Members of the audience.

3. INTRODUCTIONS AND AUDIENCE REMARKS – O'REILLY

Mayor O'Reilly asked CWW Board Members and members of the audience to introduce themselves to one another. Mayor O'Reilly also introduced Eric Sabree, Wayne County Treasurer, who brought the County's foreclosure list for each community to assist Board Members with foreclosure information within their respective community.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA – O'REILLY

Motion by O'Reilly, supported by Conley to approve the February 10, 2017 agenda.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT - CONLEY

Motion by Conley, supported by Rowe to approve the Treasurer's Report from December 31, 2016.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Kobylarz, supported by Conley to approve the January 13, 2017 CWW Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

7. PRESENTATION

A. NEXT GENERATION 911

Thom Sumbler talked about the problems in the Upper Peninsula prior to installing its Next Generation 911 (NG911). The current state system was built 40 years ago, and although they have done an admirable job, phone companies have had to patch systems together to deal with mobile devices.

Mr. Sumbler gave the Board detailed information on NG911.

- It is the only system that meets current FCC standards.
- The system is completely belted, and the fiber is totally self-healing if severed
- Since its inception in 2014 not one call has been lost in the U.P.
- If one of the seven Upper Peninsula PSAPs gets flooded with calls the system can distribute calls to another PSAP.
- As texts take up less bandwidth, a text-to-911 call can get through when a voice call may not be able to get through. Mr. Sumbler also noted they thought they would get flooded with 911 texts, but that has not happened.
- Textomatic will automatically come with NG911. For vehicles that have the service, Textomatic can issue an incident ticket showing where the accident happened, how many people are in the car (as the car knows by weight how many people are in car), if it was a rollover, etc.
- Daily, weekly, and monthly reports are available through the NG911 system. PSAPs hooked into the system can see PSAP traffic across the state (such as a heads-up that weather which is causing 911 calls on the other side of the state is heading our way).
- It is a completely-software defined product. Programs can be developed and dropped in as technology moves forward.

Mr. Sumbler explained that the County will not pay anything toward this new system. A portion of the State 911 fee of \$.19 per device pays for NG911.

Mayor O'Reilly asked if AT&T or other companies have this technology in place; Mr. Sumbler said no – Peninsula Fiber Network is currently the only game in town. Mayor O'Reilly also asked if anyone else in our area has signed on. Mr. Sumbler said Lenawee and Oakland Counties, to name a few. 34 counties are currently somewhere in the

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installation process. He also mentioned that our PSAPs can use their existing equipment. He expects all 83 counties in the state to be signed up by the end of 2017.

Ms. Sellek reminded the Board that the work CWW is doing in Lansing is to ensure funding for NG911. She also clarified that Next Generation 911 pinpoints where a call is coming from; our current 911 cannot do this. We are still on a copper network, and cell phone calls give an x and y coordinate, not a dispatchable address.

County Commissioner Diane Webb gave Mr. Sumbler her contact information in order that he may get in touch with the County. She also feels that his presentation should be given to PSAP personnel directly. Mr. Sumbler agreed, in that his presentation is actually geared for PSAP personnel.

8. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

A. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

911 LEGISLATIVE CHANGES AND NEXT GENERATION 911

Ms. Sellek explained that MCDA has approved the continuation of its lobbying contract with Capitol Services. The primary goal is to educate the legislature on the importance of Next Generation 911 (NG911) and find a way to fund the building of the network statewide. Ms. Sellek advised that the plan is not to use the Local 911 fund.

Because our borders and communities cross, CWW plans on working with DCC/Downriver Mutual Aid to bring NG911 to our region.

2016 CWW PSAP COMPLIANCE REPORT

CWW Police Chiefs and PSAP directors were sent the 911 state compliance forms this week. They are due back to CWW by March 30, 2017.

SEMCOG INFRASTRUCTURE MEETING

Ms. Sellek outlined in her report the information reviewed at the Executive Committee meeting that SEMCOG recently hosted, which concerned the Governor's infrastructure findings and recommendations. The discussions included the recommendations concerning transportation, water and sewer infrastructure, and funding.

The breakdown of funding needed for the recommendations is as follows:

- Transportation: \$2.7B
- Water and sewer: \$1B
- Communications (broadband): \$70M
- Total: \$3.77B**

It was made very clear that this was not something the state would be funding; it would instead be funded from local governments, federal grants, and possibly some state grants. The roughly \$4B would be in addition to any funding currently allotted in operating budgets. Ms. Sellek also advised that the State isn't proposing an increase in revenue sharing.

SEMCOG INFRASTRUCTURE MEETING - CONTINUED

Ms. Sellek is working on having one of the presenters, Washtenaw County Drain Commissioner Evan Pratt, speak at an upcoming CWW Board Meeting.

GOVERNOR'S ADDITIONAL PRIORITIES FOR 2017

- PENSION AND OPEB REFORM

The Governor's number one priority this year is pension and OPEB reform at the local level. Ms. Sellek included in her written report the names of the members of the Task Force on Responsible Retirement Reform for Local Governments.

Municipal employee pensions, like state employee pensions, are constitutionally protected; however, OPEBs are not as clearly protected in the constitution. Bearing in mind the municipal financial issues across the state, the Governor has stated that he believes "it is imperative that we also keep retirees in mind who rely on these programs".

Mayor Paletko voiced his disappointment in MML's stance on OPEB – he does not feel there can be a one-size fits all approach.

Ms. Sellek urged CWW communities that have a relationship with any members of the task force to reach out to them and discuss options for reform.

- INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING WILL BE IN BUDGET PROPOSAL
- BATTLING THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC
- EDUCATION AND ECONOMY COMMISSION REPORT
- MICHIGAN INFRASTRUCTURE COUNCIL
- PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS (PPP)

NARCAN/NAXOLONE TRAINING

Contact information was provided in Ms. Sellek's report for communities that wish to obtain Naxolone (Narcan) kits and training free of charge.

WAYNE COUNTY APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Abe Munfakh has been appointed to replace Mr. Joseph Nardone on the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA). Mr. Munfakh is a retired engineer from Plymouth Township. He will serve on GLWA as the Wayne County representative.

Ms. Sellek informed the Board that Mr. Evan's office informed CWW that Mr. Evans will be recommending the re-appointment of Ms. Marsha Bianconi to the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority.

County Commissioner Webb thanked Ms. Sellek for helping to get representation for out-Wayne County. Ms. Sellek said this was a perfect example of CWW and DCC working together.

B. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

FEDERAL ISSUES

HR 584

Ms. Haynes reviewed HR 584, which would expand a Department of Homeland Security (DHS) information-sharing initiative with states and municipalities to include coordination involving cybersecurity risks. In order to better provide Fusion Centers with expertise on DHS cybersecurity resources, this bill would require local Fusion Centers to coordinate with the national cybersecurity and communications integration center.

HR 687

This legislation would mandate FEMA to establish a process to review grant applications for purchasing equipment that does not meet or exceed voluntary consensus standards under the State Homeland Security Grant Program and the Urban Area Security Initiative, and the Cyber Preparedness Act of 2017. Ms. Haynes explained that this bill will allow local units of government and first responders to acquire innovative equipment that has not yet been approved by the Department of Homeland Security.

STATE ISSUES

BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Governor Snyder is requesting funding for an additional 100 state troopers, an additional \$50-\$100 in per pupil funding, \$260 million to the rainy day fund (bringing the total to \$1 billion), and \$5 million to enhance the state's emergency radio system. Ms. Haynes said that although the Governor is requesting a 2% increase in constitutional revenue sharing, the same request was made last year but never materialized after the revenue projections fell short.

Governor Snyder is not recommending an increase of statutory revenue sharing. CWW will advocate for additional funding for local communities and continue to educate legislators on the \$7.5 billion that has been diverted from locals since 2002.

DARK STORES

In an update to the report Ms. Haynes gave at last month's meeting, Ms. Haynes talked about a surprising move by the MI Supreme Court, in which they have called for arguments in the Menards v. Escanaba "dark store" case that the Court of Appeals recently ruled on. The Supreme Court is also asking each party to submit arguments regarding the valuation analysis used by the Tax Tribunal. CWW will be following this case and watching for any legislation introduced regarding dark stores.

LEGISLATIVE OPEN RECORDS ACT

Ms. Haynes discussed the package of bills that was introduced in the House, which would create the Legislative Open Records Act. Although they appear ready to act on the bills, Ms. Haynes said it appears the bills will have a hard time even getting a committee hearing in the Senate.

Rep. Chatfield feels that if open records are good for local governments, then it is good for state government. On the other hand, Senator Meekhof believes the conversations he and

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other senators have about state business are no one else's concern and taxpayers are not interested in this legislation. He also stated that the press is the only group that cares about it.

Ms. Haynes asked if anyone on the board has an interest in taking up this issue.

Motion by Kobylarz, supported by Rowe to support HB's 4150-4154.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES HEALTH BENEFITS ACT

Ms. Haynes talked about the comparison in the existing Public Employees Health Benefits Act to the proposed changes in SB 43 (Hansen). Currently there must be a minimum cash reserve of not less than 25% of the aggregate contributions in the current fiscal year or not less than 35% of the claims paid in the preceding fiscal year.

SB 43 would allow for cash reserves in an amount equal to 2.5% of the immediately preceding year's claims plus its most recent reserve for incurred but not reported claims. The bill allows alternative cash reserves for pooled plans in the public employee health benefits act. It also would allow local governments who have had a pooled plan for more than five years to lower the amount of cash reserves on hand.

CWW will come back to the board with more information as it becomes available.

9. STATE AND ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS

Rep. Geiss talked about complaints of a sulphur smell in the water of some of her communities. She announced that there would be a meeting at the Brownstown Community Center about water quality on February 13, 2017.

County Commissioner Webb talked about the Wayne County jail site offer from Dan Gilbert. There will be a meeting on February 15, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. about the offer. She told the board to feel free to send a representative to the meeting.

Mayor Burcroff announced that Romulus will be hosting MML and Plante Moran on February 23, 2017 where state and local funding will be discussed. There is no charge, and he welcomed everyone to attend.

Supervisor McNamara spoke about retention pond issues in Van Buren Township. They are looking for a fix as there is currently no funding to maintain retention ponds.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by O'Reilly, supported by Armatris to adjourn the meeting at 10:56 a.m.

AYES: All. Motion carried.