

**Joint Emergency Communications Services Association Policy Board**

**Wednesday, June 17, 2020**

**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: Lonny Pulkrabek**

**Johnson County: Janelle Rettig**

**North Liberty: Chris Hoffman**

- 1. Call to Order; recognize alternates.** Meeting called to order at 2:07 P.M. No alternates.
- 2. Action to approve minutes of the January 25, 2020 Policy Board Meeting.** Motion Pulkrabek, second Mims. All ayes, motion carried.
- 3. Comments from public.** None.
- 4. Executive Director's Update.** Jones said that staff has been working on Covid-19 outbreak. He also noted that the JECC was the second center in the state to put Plexiglas up to prevent the spread of Covid-19. He also talked about how dispatchers were stationed 6 feet apart to adhere to social distancing guidelines. There were staff concerns about getting the illness at the JECC, but Jones sent out CDC recommendations to staff regularly. Jones also worked with the union to ease staff concerns. No staff became ill from Covid-19. There was a protocol meeting with EMS on how to respond to calls for service at sites where there is a known Covid patient. A set of questions was asked to each caller to ensure the safety of first responders was maintained as well as limiting the use of PPE. Rettig asked about how houses are tagged as possibly having Covid-19 patients within. There was \$17,000 in Covid-19 expenses. The expenses were for fuel, hand sanitizer, increased cleaning services, disinfectant, trash and recycling services, Plexiglas, and labor. All were sent for reimbursement, and it was approved for reimbursement on June 8. Of the \$17,000 spent, up to 15% may have to be paid by JECSA budget. On May 22, the final levy payment was received. Since the beginning of June, JECC has been working on managing the protest response. This included splitting out into talk groups to dispatch and scheduling overtime to ensure there are enough dispatchers to handle calls. Jones noted that everyone worked well, and that the relationship between staff and managers was improved through the response. Rettig asked

about EMA borrowing money from JECC while EMA's budget was being amended, and Jones noted that it had been restored. He also noted the overtime is still down this year.

5. **Action to approve Resolution 2020-01, approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement ratified by the Communication Workers of America Local 7101 to take effect July 1, 2020.** Jones noted that at the last meeting, he said that the agreement was ready but had to be ratified by the members of the union. The agreement was ratified. Jones also noted that both sides seemed happy with the results of this year's agreement. Motion Mims, second Rettig. All ayes, motion carried.
6. **Other business.**
  - a. **Next meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2020.**
  - b. Janice Weiner was introduced as the new Iowa City representative, who will be taking the place of Geoff Fruin.
7. **Consider a motion to adjourn the meeting.** Motion by Hoffman, second by Mims. All ayes, meeting adjourned at 2:28 P.M.