

**THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO
HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE
WED., JUNE 3, 2009**

This meeting of the Health & Safety Committee of Kent City Council was called to order on Wed., June 3, 2009, by John Kuhar, Chair, at 9:01 p.m.

PRESENT: MR. AMRHEIN, MR. DELEONE, MR. FERRARA, MR. HAWKSLEY, MR. KUHAR, MS. SHAFFER, MR. TURNER, MS. WALLACH, & MR. WILSON

ALSO PRESENT: J. FENDER, MAYOR; D. RULLER, CITY MANAGER; J. SILVER, LAW DIRECTOR; W. LILLICH, SAFETY DIRECTOR; AND L. COPLEY, CLERK OF COUNCIL

Mr. Kuhar said they would be discussing an addendum to 911 CAD Agreement w/wireless 911 fund distribution process. **Dave Ruller, City Manager**, introduced **William Lillich, Safety Director**, at this time.

Mr. Lillich said there are some statutory changes in the funding for wireless 911, which is distributed by the State to all jurisdictions. He said that as part of their monthly bill, all wireless phone users pay .32. He said that money has been reduced, and the state has mandated that no more than five public safety answer points shall receive the funding in each county. He said Portage County had 6 points. Mr. Lillich said that those receiving the funds are relying on them for operating funds for this year. He said to help facilitate this distribution, they have agreed to receive the funds for Kent State, and would return them back to Kent State, under the auspices of the CAD/records management agreement. He said they are asking for authorization to change the anticipated fund level and modify the budgeted amounts in the Wireless 911 Fund. He said they would increase their authorization to spend that amount with the University.

Mr. DeLeone asked if it was just for this year, and Mr. Lillich said that was correct. He said there are substantial communication problems in Portage County, and the 911 Planning Committee, composed of a mayor, Mr. Ruller, and one of the County Commissioners have agreed to go along with this temporarily. He said they have re-empaneled the technical committee to address needed technical changes. He said then all funds would be redirected to funding those sorts of issues.

Ms. Shaffer asked if this supports the collaborative efforts underway as they look into the future, and Mr. Lillich said it is not likely to affect that. He said they are looking for a central 911 to be distributed to all dispatchers in the County.

Mr. Ruller said this speaks to collaboration, as Kent State will give up their rights to the money because they trust the City. He said the transition period could be a year or longer, depending on the technical review process. He said it is with the spirit of collaboration.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE ADDENDUMS TO THE CAD AGREEMENT AND THE WIRELESS 911 FUND AS PRESENTED.

Motion made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Ms. Shaffer, and carried by a voice vote of 8-0-1, with Mr. Kuhar abstaining.

Hearing no further business before this Committee, Chair Kuhar adjourned this meeting at 9:07 p.m.

Linda M. Copley, Clerk of Council

ACTION RECOMMENDED:

- 1) **TO APPROVE THE ADDENDUMS TO THE CAD AGREEMENT AND THE WIRELESS 911 FUND AS PRESENTED.**