

BARRY COUNTY CENTRAL DISPATCH  
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

The Technical Advisory Committee met on Monday, February 27, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. at Barry County Central Dispatch.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members present: Caris, James, Forbes, Dunn, Rompf, Owinga and Boulter. Absent: Koster, Huebner, Yarger, Leaf and Pratt. Others present: Fuller and Rose. .

*Additions to Today's Agenda:* There were no additions.

*Today's Agenda:* Motion made by Caris and support by Dunn to approve today's agenda as printed. All in favor and the motion carried.

*Public Comment* was called for. There was no public comment.

December 2016 Minutes: Motion made by Caris and support by Dunn to approve the minutes of the December 2016 Meeting as printed. All in favor and the motion passed.

Calls for Service Dispatched: January 2017 stats were reviewed and discussed. The stats are up 5.15% over one year ago.

SMIPA: The new phone system is in. The transition was smooth. We are operating off the fiber and now have more functionality. We will eventually have a back up to the back up. INdigital was an awesome company to work with.

Miscellaneous:

Jason from C-Comm was present to discuss **radio interference**. He explained that our new phone system bled into the receiving system here and that was an easy fix.

The night interference noise has started again. The output frequency of the towers of weather broadcaster NOAH is coming through and causing interference. It is not coming from Barry Central sites. It is most likely a fire ground and it is only at night or with severe weather changes and could be a band opening. Neither Hastings Fire nor Freeport Fire are having any problems so we need to find out which departments are hearing the squeal or buzz sound.

Potential New Tower Site: The possibility of a new 100 ft. free standing tower on the Johnstown Township site is being considered. C-Comm has been doing testing off their tower. This would allow a higher antenna and better coverage. The current tower at Assyria would be moved to the Johnstown site. All of the back-up equipment and the shelter are already there. We could replace their 45 foot tower or add up to 20 ft. to the current tower without any guy lines. More testing will be done so we have proof that it is going to work. Testing will not be

done until May or June when there is full foliage. Jason feels that just driving around is the best method of testing. It was basically agreed that we would not need to do a whole radio study again.

LEIN Audit: Our audit was done January 26<sup>th</sup> and we did ok. On the technical side we failed in some categories. We already have a solution to 80 per cent of the areas and are working on the other 20%. The Admin side of the audit was great.

Motion made by Caris and support by Dunn to adjourn today's meeting. All in favor and the meeting adjourned at 2:15p.m.