



**Gratiot County Central  
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Michigan State Police  
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City of Ithaca  
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Rich Ramereiz

**MINUTES  
1/26/2023 1:30pm Gratiot EOC**

Microsoft Teams

<https://bit.ly/3QqTQ9F>

**Call to order – 1:30pm**

- I. Attendance**
  - a. Chairman Chief Dave Nelson, Vice-Chair Sheriff Mike Morris, Sgt Robert Metivier (MSP), Bob Studt (Ashley), Chief Ramereiz (St Louis), Chief Brendan Weslock (Breckenridge), Rick Koppelerberger (Ithaca), Director Mark Williams (Alma)
  - b. Guest – EMC Deputy Mike Soltis
- II. January 2023 Agenda approval**
  - a. Director Morden asked to update quotes under New business
  - b. Director Morden added item to Old Business – update on debt payment of the MCC 7500e
  - c. Motion to approve agenda as amended: Rich Ramereiz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Studt, All in favor none opposed
- III. August 2022 Minutes approval –**
  - a. Motion to approve: Mike Morris, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Williams, All in favor none opposed
- IV. Presentation: NONE**
- V. New Business**
  - a. Update Policy #351 6.2 Meals (per diem)
    - i. Current maximum is \$27.00
    - ii. After discussion motion made by Mike Morris and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rick Koppelerberger to update Policy #351 6.2; increase per diem to not exceed \$50/day. All in favor none opposed
  - b. Replacement fiber utility locate service
    - i. Blood Hound Underground
    - ii. GPRS
    - iii. Winn Tel
    - iv. Sell/Lease the Fiber to a carrier (PFN)
  - c. PFN has purchased Winn Telecomm
  - d. After discussion board agreed they need more time and information to make a final decision. Sheriff Morris also asked Director Morden to continue to collaborate with IT Director Matt Hewitt on the effort. Director asked for temporary authority to contract with most economical vendor to handle Miss Dig Tickets in the interim.
    - i. Motion by Rich Ramereiz to allow Dir Morden to temporarily select/contract with most economical utility locator vendor up to 6 months. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Morris. All in favor – none opposed.
- VI. Old Business**
  - a. MCC 7500e balance payment plan
    - i. Director Morden met with Chris Oosterhoff earlier in the week – Chris suggested wait to get lenders until June – hope for a recession (reduced interest rates)

**Next GCCDA Board Meeting Scheduled  
April 27<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30pm, Gratiot County EOC**

- ii. GCCDA may be able to pay \$100,000 additional out of Fund Balance and only need to finance \$223,155.00
  
- VII. Director's report attached in board packet
  - a. Director Morden highlighted continued struggles of hiring personnel. He is implementing testing in collaboration with Isabella County 9-1-1 in an effort to improve screening.
  - b. Motion to approve: Brendan Weslock, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rich Ramereiz, all in favor none opposed
  
- VIII. Financial Reports attached in board packet
  - a. Director Morden highlighted we finished well for FY 21/22 largely due to unable to meet maximum staffing levels, but in the end it is helping our fund balance.
  - b. Director Morden drew attention to Overtime line in current budget. Due to staffing it is estimated we will exceed the allotted \$10,000. As of 12/31/2022 we were already at \$10,216.70 (216.70) over budget with nine months left in the fiscal year.
  - c. Chairman Nelson with consensus of the entire board directed Dir Morden to conduct a wage study of similar PSAPs in Michigan for: wage comparison (training, minimum to maximum), number of pay steps, and also similar Director salaries.  
It is the concern of the Board we are not competitive enough with similar PSAPs, and it does take excessively long to reach top pay compared to other public safety organizations even within Gratiot County.
  - d. Motion to approve the financial reports made by Mark Williams, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Morris, all in favor none opposed.
  
- IX. Call to the Public
  - a. Director Morden commented on behalf of EMC Soltis the efforts he has been putting in with the Amateur Radio Club getting select members vetted, interviewed, and credentialed so the County Emergency Management Amateur Radio Equipment located in the EOC can be better utilized and exercised.
  
- X. Adjournment – 2:18pm Motion to adjourn by Mike Morris, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rich Ramereiz – all in favor none opposed.