

January 8, 2018

BOARD OF FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Location: Franklin County Annex Building Commission Chambers

Chair Renoud called the study session to order at 8:48a.m.

All Commissioners present.

No Public Comment.

Derek Brown, County Administrator, discussed transferring Dispatch out from under the Sheriff's Department to be under the Commissioners as a County Department. There are two large projects that are going on right now that require a lot of time and financial commitment for dispatch. It would be helpful to have more eyes on the projects to make sure all the projects stay on time and budget. The proposed plan would create a savings of nearly \$17,000 annually and would allow for the dispatchers to receive a \$1 per hour raise. It is proposed that Nick Robbins take over the management of the center in addition to his current duties.

Sheriff Richards spoke to the Commission to show his support for the move. He has been in favor of the dispatchers receiving a raise and thinks this will be a beneficial move for all involved. He said he has received all positive feedback from staff and other agencies that would be effected. He said if this is approved, paperwork will need to be submitted to the KBI and KHP for approval that would likely take 4-6 weeks. He will be forwarding a letter of support with the documents if this is approved by the Commission. He said the center is fully staffed and the advisory committee is up and running. The advisory committee is currently working to update policies that are necessary for the new radio system.

Nick Robbins, EMS Chief, discussed what the structure of the dispatch department as planned. A dispatch manager position would be created in addition to the two supervisors. This would create a little more upward movement for staff and help with management of the department and retention of the staff. He said he is excited to take on this new challenge and help implement the changes with the radio system and NextGen 911.

Derek Brown, County Administrator, wrapped up by reiterating that dispatch is currently working with all the other agencies that utilize dispatch to refine policies and come together to create a cohesive system with no perception of favoritism.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:24a.m.

Clerk

Chair