



# MEETING MINUTES

## Kalamazoo County Consolidated Dispatch Authority TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE February 2, 2026 – Special Meeting

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### ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER

The Special Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee was called to order by Chief Scott Merlo at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 2, 2026, in the Chief Switalski Meeting Room at Kalamazoo County Consolidated Dispatch Authority, 7040 Stadium Drive, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

### ITEM 2 –ROLL CALL

Members Present: Scott Ernstes (MSP), Scott Merlo (WMUPD), Matt Huber (KDPS), Scott Jackson (KTPD), Bryan Mayhew (PDPS), Mike Bentley (KCMCA), Chip Everett (KCFCA)

Others Present: Ryan McGregor, Steve Stryd, Jairus Baird, Steve Stryd, Scott Smith, Scott Fuller, Greg McComb, Brian Klok, Thomas Proffitt, Jason Kruger, Ken Chapman, Josh Mastenbrook, Mindy Sienko, Rick Hochstedler, Jeff Troyer, Torie Rose, Jon Moored, Marty Ftacek, Tyler Rairigh, and Chris McComb

### ITEM 3 – CITIZENS TIME

There was none.

### ITEM 4 – FOR CONSIDERATION

#### A. Old Business

There was none.

#### B. New Business

##### 1. Radio Readiness Program Guidelines (Version 3) and Various Funding Options

Mr. Troyer stated that at the January TAC meeting the committee reviewed Version 2 of the guidelines. Version 3 presented a third funding option and was in the packet. The first item in the packet was new radio cost estimates. Prices were not guaranteed but he did talk to multiple vendors. The pricing was not manufacturer or model specific, and each agency would need to work directly with their vendor. Portables were much more costly than originally thought and no radios quoted were not public safety grade.

Mr. Troyer reviewed the draft program guidelines, noting it was very similar to a one-time grant program. No agency had to participate; the program was completely optional. There was \$4 million allotted for 2026, and possibly an additional \$4 million to be considered by the Board for next year. The program was specific to public safety radios included in the agency survey or that had been purchased since but were included in the survey. Radios that were not in service and radio caches are not eligible. Devices on MPSCS end of life list will not be eligible for reimbursement, they must be replaced.

Mr. Troyer presented a review of funding options. He noted that only one would be selected by the committee to go to the Board for approval. He reviewed options and examples of police and fire breakdowns. He clarified that funds would go directly to the agency, not the vendor. Funding was only available until December 31, 2027, as listed in the program guidelines. If funding runs out prior to that date, the program will end.

The Committee decided to vote on options at their next regular meeting on March 4.

Mr. Ernstes polled the committee and determined due to lack of interest, that option one could be removed. He encouraged everyone to reach out to their committee representative if they had any items for discussion at the March meeting.

#### **ITEM 5 – OTHER ITEMS**

##### **C. Announcements and Member Comments**

There was none.

##### **D. Next Meeting**

The next regular scheduled Technical Advisory Committee meeting will be Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at 10:00 am, and will be held in the Chief Switalski Meeting Room at KCCDA, 7040 Stadium Drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49009.

#### **ITEM 6 - ADJOURNMENT**

##### **E. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:54 a.m.