

London-Laurel 911 board addresses Corbin annexation, dispatch procedures

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LONDON — The Laurel County 911 Board discussed last week how emergency calls should be handled following the City of Corbin’s recent annexation of the Walmart property and King’s Truck Stop area near Exit 29.

911 Director Larry Walls told the board he had been contacted by Corbin Fire Department Battalion Chief Chad Jackson, who requested that Corbin emergency services be notified of EMS calls received from the newly annexed areas.

Walls said the board’s current practice has been to wait until an annexation is officially posted on the Kentucky Secretary of State’s website before changing dispatch procedures. As of Aug. 14, the annexation had not yet appeared on the website, so Corbin had not been automatically dispatched to those areas.

Jackson explained that Corbin officials had been advised that the annexation became effective once it was published in the newspaper, with the Secretary of State later recording the action.

“The biggest discrepancy is whether or not we do service it before the Secretary of State posts it or not,” Jackson said.

Jackson said Corbin’s police department was already responding to calls at Walmart and asked that the 911 Center begin notifying Corbin directly rather than routing calls through other agencies.

“We’re just asking to be

notified,” Jackson said. “We don’t care who else shows up.”

Board Chair David Williams said the issue creates additional complications for dispatchers because 911 calls from the annexed property still enter the Laurel County 911 Center.

“The 911 call from the Walmart or any other property that’s annexed down there comes into our center, and then we’ve got to hand it down,” Williams said.

Board members also discussed the need to ensure Laurel County law enforcement agencies are still notified of serious incidents occurring in the area.

Laurel County Sheriff John Root said he did not have an issue with Corbin responding to calls in the annexed area but wanted the Laurel County Sheriff’s Office to remain informed of major incidents.

“If it’s a shooting or a robbery, you know, we’ll respond, because it is within Laurel County,” Root said.

Sheriff Root noted that deputies could already be nearby and that serious calls should not be overlooked simply because another agency is responding.

The board also discussed whether the 911 center should automatically transfer calls to Corbin or continue manually determining which agencies should be notified. Members agreed that a written protocol would be beneficial as annexations continue to expand.

County Attorney J.L. Al-

bright said he would review the matter if Corbin officials provided information showing that the annexation becomes official at a point other than when it is recorded by the Secretary of State.

The board ultimately agreed to maintain its current practice of waiting for the annexation to be officially reflected on the Secretary of State’s records while working to establish a written policy for future annexations and dispatching procedures.

Members also agreed that, regardless of jurisdiction, Laurel County agencies should continue to be notified of serious incidents occurring within the county.

The amendment was approved unanimously and will be submitted to auditors as part of the board’s year-end financial records.

A new mutual aid agreement between Ambulance Inc. and the London Fire Department was approved by the Laurel County 911 Board as officials discussed changes to how the agencies will respond to emergency calls.

The discussion comes after the London City Council decision to rescind the fire department’s Certificate of Need (CON).

Under the new agreement, London Fire will not automatically respond to every ambulance call within the city. Instead, the agreement outlines specific types of calls that would warrant a fire department response.

911 officials discussed concerns about dispatchers being responsible for determining whether an injury or other emergency is severe enough to require additional fire department assistance.

Board members agreed that dispatchers should continue following established dispatch protocols, while ambulance personnel can request fire department assistance when they

determine it is necessary.

Walls noted that the change will be an adjustment for dispatchers who have traditionally been instructed to send London Fire on all applicable calls.

“There probably will be some hiccups here and there — some calls missed, maybe some sent on calls that they shouldn’t have been and vice versa,” said Walls.

The board also discussed placing the new procedure into its written policies so dispatchers and emergency personnel have a clear protocol to follow.

Jamey Mills, Paramedic/Director of EMS operations at Ambulance Inc., abstained from the vote under advisement from board attorney Al-bright.

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