

COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of the February 5, 1997 Meeting
5:30 PM

The Communications Advisory Board Committee was convened in open and public session on February 5, 1997, at 5:30 PM, in the Sarpy County Board Room. The following members or alternates were present: Louie Post, John Stacey, Travis Mayer, Bob Wollenburg, Dan Hoins, S. P. Benson, Tom Koksall, Les McCubbin, John Strawn, Rolly Yost..

Absent: Mark Wayne, Mark Stoddard.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in the Bellevue Leader and the Papillion Times. Copies of the Proofs of Publication are on file in the Sarpy County Clerk's Office. All proceedings were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Stoddard moved, seconded by Yost to approve the minutes of the January 8, 1997 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

S. P. Benson corrected the January 8, 1997 minutes to reflect that John Strawn was present as the Papillion primary member. Mayer moved, seconded by Stacey to approve the minutes of the January 8, 1997 meeting as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Dan Peterson presented the Director's Report. MDC programming is progressing well. A teleconference with Datamaxx is scheduled for Friday to arrange installation. Another server needs to be procured. The bisync line problems have been resolved. The ATIA technical integration issues are now solved, and progress is expected next month. Report any digital system problems to Steve, Carl, Neil or Peterson. Motorola is fine tuning the digital system. The dispatcher in training is making good progress.

Chairman Benson had no report.

Peterson presented the Siren Subcommittee report. The technical approach will be to use UHF signaling to eliminate present low band problems. The report outlines transition to the County on a nominal timeline. Cities are asked to approve the concept by the April meeting to allow inclusion in FY98 budgets. Feedback is welcome. Benson distributed copies of NIRMA's letter, commenting that the last page refers positively to the current TV policy letter and suggests a review by the County Attorney's office. A meeting will be arranged with dispatchers, the subcommittee, and the County Attorney's office.

Mayer requested activation of emergency alert tones when rebroadcasting fire calls on FD East and West. He stressed this would be a uniform policy countywide. Marilyn Gable, a Senior Dispatcher, noted the complexities of Fire Dispatch, due to lack of

standardization. The proposal will be discussed at the February 7 Senior Dispatchers' Meeting, along with reinstitution of regular meetings with LE and FD representatives.

Mike Dineen presented communications difficulties with the Nebraska Fire Marshall arson investigator. He proposed that fire departments cost share a portable for the arson investigator. Strawn moved to allow Fire Marshall use of talk groups in the same manner we have provided other mutual aid participants. Seconded by Mayer. Motion passed unanimously. Peterson will prepare the standard user agreement. Millard FD will loan a radio to the arson investigator until a radio is purchased.

Stacey presented a letter from the FBI requesting approval of a maximum of 10 radios on the Sarpy County 800 MHz system for mutual aid use with all county law enforcement agencies. Post moved, seconded by Yost, to allow FBI access as outlined in the OSI user agreement.

Strawn voiced personal concern over purported letters from Bellevue and LaVista to Mayor Goodman relating to problems among Sarpy County fire departments. Benson said that he would furnish a copy of Mayor Boyd's letter to Strawn and stated that the mayor's letter contained no reference to Sarpy County fire departments. McCubbin indicated that he would investigate whether any such letter originated in LaVista and advise Strawn accordingly.

After determining the agenda for the March 5, 1997 meeting, Mayer moved, seconded by Stoddard, to adjourn at 6:20 P.M. Motion passed unanimously.