

COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD  
Minutes of the May 7, 1997 Meeting  
5:30 PM

The Communications Advisory Board Committee was convened in open and public session on May 7, 1997, at 5:30 PM, in the Sarpy County Board Room. The following members or alternates were present: S. P. Benson, John Stacey, Guy Tramp, Travis Mayer, Les McCubbin, and Dan Hoins.

Absent: Louie Post, Paul Schultz, Mark Stoddard, Pat Thomas, Mark Wayne.

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.

The six members present did not constitute a quorum under Article III, Section 2 of the Amended Bylaws. Therefore, no action was taken regarding the minutes of the April 2, 1997 meeting.

Joe Mastandrea read Dan Peterson's written Director's Report into the record. The report summarizes labor negotiations between the County and the FOP, and the addition of the "Lead Dispatcher" position above the "Senior Dispatcher" position. The new "Lead Dispatcher" positions were previously agreed to during the development of the Interlocal Agreement for consolidation, although it was then termed "Master Dispatcher." Datamaxx installed the Connectivity Network Service that interfaces NCIC with DCAD and MDC. Information Systems has configured three of the six operator consoles to use the new software. Digital upgrade continues to progress, and system "sign-off" is anticipated by the end of the fiscal year.

President Benson asked if there were any questions regarding the proposed communications budgets. Stacey asked for a clarification of the responsibilities of the "Lead Dispatcher," and was answered by Senior Dispatcher Gable and Supervisor Talley. Mayer noted the importance of advancement opportunities for morale and retention in the growing dispatch center. Benson reminded the board of the importance of supporting Director Peterson's budget proposal through the hearing process. Mayer asked about the cost of the proposed time standard solution. Neil Johnson of Motorola explained how existing equipment will be used to reduce the cost of the time stamp solution.

Siren Subcommittee Chairman Stacey reported that Bellevue approved siren consolidation. Johnson reported that the existing infrastructure will transmit simultaneously through the transition period, and that reprogramming the consoles should ease the transition for dispatchers. Steve Betts of Bellevue noted the importance of generating generic specs. LaVista will upgrade their sirens, and has agreed in

principle to consolidation. Papillion and Gretna have agreed in principle. Johnson will develop specs and distribute them before the next meeting.

After determining the agenda for the next meeting, Benson reminded those assembled that no vote to adjourn could be taken, due to lack of quorum. Meeting ended 6:07 PM.