

COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of the December 3, 1997 Meeting

The Communications Advisory Board Committee was convened in open and public session on December 3, 1997, at 5:30 PM, in the Sarpy County Board Room. The following members or alternates were present: S. P. Benson, Guy Tramp, Dan Gable, Steve Betts, Stu DeLaCastro, Travis Mayer, Tom Koksall, Dan Hoins. Absent: Les McCubbin, Louie Post, Mark Stoddard, 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.

Mayer moved, seconded by Betts to approve the minutes of the October 1, 1997 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Dan Peterson gave the Director's Report: MDC/ATIA Status: The deadline associated with the County Attorney's "failure to perform" letter passed on October 7th without reply. AMT proposed a new vendor to accomplish MDC, and sent specs on November 18. Personnel: The four new dispatcher trainees are progressing satisfactorily in their training, which should be completed next month. One more dispatcher will be hired in mid-January. Omaha PD Helicopter: Lt. Donaghy of the Air Support Unit is acquiring a new radio cost estimate. Director will contact law enforcement agencies when new cost estimate is provided. Statewide 800 MHz Communication: Senator Tyson held a hearing exploring the utility and feasibility of a statewide 800 MHz system. Participants felt that such a system would be beneficial. (Benson noted that Technical and Political subcommittees were formed.) Monopole: Peterson concluded the Director's report by informing Board members that Sarpy County is exploring the possibility of placing a microwave dish on the Courthouse tower for high speed data communications with the Highway Department. Such operation would occur on a non-interference basis with the current system. A Federal agency (DEA) has also expressed interest in using our tower.

President Benson noted that the Board changed meeting frequency in the hopes of increasing attendance. He encouraged maximum attendance at future meetings.

Hoins moved, seconded by Benson, to approve the NSP request for an additional 800 MHz radio. Motion passed unanimously. Mayer asked that a subcommittee be appointed to address NSP - 800 MHz communication procedures. Benson appointed Betts and DeLaCastro to the subcommittee, with Mayer serving as chairman.

Hoins moved, seconded by DeLaCastro, to approve the Ralston Police operation of two portable 800 MHz radios in support of STOP team operations. Motion passed unanimously.

Director Peterson reported on a hearing he attended on October 15 at the Capitol addressing FCC requirements for implementation of enhanced 9-1-1 wireless service. He will keep the Board advised of developments as they occur.

After determining the agenda for the February 4, 1998 meeting, Hoins moved, seconded by Betts, to adjourn at 5:55 P.M. Motion passed unanimously.