

Minutes of the Meeting

COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD

February 4, 2004

5:30PM

The Communications Advisory Board Committee was convened in open and public session on February 4th, 2004 at 5:30 PM, in the Sarpy County Board Meeting Room. The following members or alternates were present: Len Houloose, Bob Lausten, John Stacey, Steve Betts, Rolly Yost, Tom Koksals and Mark Stevens. 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.

Lausten moved, seconded by Stacey, to approve the minutes of the January 7th, 2004 meeting.

Director's Report: Peterson reported no problems with 800MHz radio system since last meeting. Status of the radio system upgrade was presented. Infrastructure upgrade to occur in March, and radios thereafter. It was emphasized that the upgrade will take approximately four months during which time no digital traffic will be available. Worksheets and diskettes listing assigned radios were distributed for organizations to review for accuracy and for adding information on make/models. Peterson advised that the Sarpy—Douglas audio Tie-Line for interoperability patching was installed and operational on January 23rd. A recommended list of 14 Sarpy talkgroups to be programmed into OPDs helicopters and fixed wing aircraft were presented. Yost moved, seconded by Stacey, to approve the list as submitted. Motion passed unanimously. Peterson noted that the Douglas communications chief conveyed to him support expressed at their January 21st meeting for a metro area communications interoperability group. All present indicated this is consistent with the desires of this advisory board. Peterson was tasked to coordinate with the Douglas communications chief and draft a document outlining the purpose and objectives of such a group. Peterson noted that Douglas expressed today reservations about programming into their radios a Sarpy system in-radio interoperability talkgroup (which Sarpy had previously provided to them—our Event-6). This caused concern and discussion by those present resulting in Stacey moving, with seconding by Yost, to appoint law and fire interoperability subcommittees to pursue this issue. The purpose is to identify Douglas talkgroups that are desired to be in Sarpy radios, and Sarpy talkgroups that the subcommittees recommend to be in Douglas radios. Upon completion, subcommittees are to arrange meetings with Douglas law and fire counterparts to present their recommendations, and discuss and determine mutually the desired level of in-radio interoperability. The Law subcommittee is to be chaired by Yost with Koksals and Young; the Fire subcommittee is to be chaired by Stacey with Archibald and Mayer. Motion passed unanimously. Peterson noted that union contract negotiations for dispatcher pay rates still pending.

President Houloose had no report. There were no further subcommittee reports. After determining the agenda for the March 3rd, 2004 meeting, Stacey moved, seconded by Lausten, to adjourn at 6:50 P.M. Motion passed unanimously.