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Minutes of the Meeting
COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD
July 9, 2008

The Communications Advisory Board Committee was convened in open and public session on July 9, 2008 at 5:04 pm, in the Sarpy County Board Room. The following members or alternates were present: Travis Mayer, Rod Buethe, Jeff Strawn, Rolly Yost, Rich Uhl, Mark Wayne, John Stacey, Steve Betts, and Bob Lausten.

Buethe moved, seconded by Yost to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2008 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Election of Officers: For President, Mayer nominated Betts, seconded by Wayne. No other nominations, nominations closed, motion carried unanimously.

For Vice President, Uhl nominated Bowes, seconded by Wayne. No other nominations, nominations closed, motion carried unanimously.

For Secretary, Mayer nominated Wayne, seconded by Yost. Stacey moved to close vote by acclamation. Motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report: Lavelle reported one dispatch vacancy at this time.

Rebanding project is ongoing. Final RFA has been submitted. Conference call next week with hopes agreement will be in place soon. Talk group layouts are being discussed with Cass, Saunders, and Sarpy counties. The City of Ashland is planning on putting a transmitter on Iron Horse Golf Course that would assist with operability in that party of the region.

Fire needs were addressed on last grant to assist with growth of Papillion and Gretna Fire Departments. Lavelle talked to the State in regards to reallocation of money.

Papio Natural Resource District radios are accounted for on rebanding project. They are interested in coming onto the system full time. Stacey made motion to allow access with certain restrictions. Seconded by Lausten, motion carried.

Final preparation of Interlocal Agreement is being completed for Sarpy Legal Department to review.

Stacey requested to know the status of the budget. Lavelle advised will know more tomorrow as budgets are coming back from budget committee.

Grants: PSIC Grant. Approximately \$700,000.00 approved for high performance data modems, installation, software licensing, ATM mapping, GPS, and antennas.

There is another \$500,000.00 for assistance to Sarpy to move forward on the "SmartX" for the 800 MHz system. The required matching funds are provided by the State. Lavelle reported that he has been in contact with the State, Bob Wilhelm, in regards to grant award. The State will be coordinating a workshop to address the requirements placed upon the grant funds.

Motorola's "Smart X" demo coming soon. Neil Johnson has been asked to assist with State of Nebraska radio project. Neil advised Smart X will replace the master site and will continue to support the analog radios.

Betts expressed concern in regards to tie to Douglas County system. Neil advised that each possible situation should be examined before decision made on what way to go with next generation radio system. He suggested a working group or committee to address the needs of the Sarpy County users. Mayer stated he felt the group should have control of their own destiny.

Stacey stated that group should stay away from Douglas County and that the committee Neil recommended should involve users as well as technical staff. Stacey made motion that decision making process that impacts our system not be held hostage by Douglas County but wants interoperability. Seconded by Buethe. Discussion following: Lavelle advised have had a valid working contract with Douglas County for CAD since 1999 with no problems. Lausten expressed concern in regards to this issue as a whole. Stacey called for question. Roll call vote on his motion: 6 yes, 2 no, 1 abstain. Motion carried.

Stacey made motion to form Radio System Future subcommittee. Seconded by Mayer. Neil was asked how long this process should take. He indicated probably 6 months would be appropriate. Volunteers for this committee were Yost, Mayer, Pat Archibald, Neil Johnson, Jim Tracy, Steven Wisniesky, Steve Betts, and one dispatcher. Betts will be calling the meetings.

Subcommittee Reports: None.

General Reports:

John Prince: Currently have connectivity with Midlands Hospital with FRMS.

Codespear project has two small issues to clear up and should be ready to go in about two weeks.

Hired Report Writer, Jeff Gillespie, started June 1st.

Neil Johnson: Working on connections from CAD to LEO pager so it will interact with Codespear.

The first 3 Quantar radios have been received so work may continue on the upgrade to the fire paging system.

Emergency Management:

Lavelle advised that the county administration has given the go ahead to pursue \$1 million grant for brick and mortar project for EOC/911 Center. Larry has contacted the state in regards to this grant and has advised they are going to assist Sarpy County in the attempt to gain this funding.

FEMA has been in the area to assess damage from the two recent storms. The Individual Assistance workers are operating out of the Millard Fire Station.

Lavelle also asked group to track their radio purchases by department in case of an audit due to grant funding.

Motion made by Mayer, seconded by Uhl to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 pm.