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Minutes of the Meeting
COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD
March 2, 2011

The Communications Advisory Board Committee was convened in open and public session on March 2, 2011 at 5:05 pm, in the Sarpy County Administrative Conference Room. The following members or alternates were present: Rich Uhl, Joe Soucie, Jeff Jones, Ed Monnier, and Bob Lausten.

Quorum requirements were not met.

Director's Report:

STAFFING: The two full time positions have been filled. The candidates began their training on Monday, February 28th. We do have one candidate for the part-time position and plan on starting that person later this year.

800 MHz Upgrade: We have met twice with the Motorola Project Manager and the Motorola Engineer who designed the system since the last 800 MHz Advisory Board Meeting. The equipment lists and timelines are being finalized. At this time, we understand the staging will take place in late June.

PSIC: Installation of the first parts of the PSIC HPD project is underway. 8 of the Trimble modems have been installed in certain law enforcement vehicles. There are a total of 104 Trimble and Motorola units to be installed. Lavelle advised will be pushing for mandatory use of the mobile data computers, etc. in all fire and police vehicles once all the installations are complete.

The other PSIC project is the SmartX. The SmartX is part of the 800MHz upgrade which has been engineered into the new master site extending the life of certain radios currently in use.

FACILITY: We continue to work with Administration on a back up facility. The initial cost estimates for the new LEC as a temporary back up were between \$265,000 and \$300,000. Initial estimates for the site at LaVista have been in the range of \$165,000. We have not eliminated the opportunity on the facility at 1819 Farnam in Omaha. The improvement plans submitted to the Administration to refurbish the current center and adjoining space in the basement were not accepted. We continue to work with Facility Management, Ross Richard's staff, to refine the proposal for both the communications center and the adjoining space to use during the actual radio upgrade.

We have met again with Qwest regarding the new upgrade to the 9-1-1 system. We are hoping to time that 9-1-1 upgrade to the radio upgrade.

INTERLOCAL: No update.

REBANDING: Neil and Jim continue to work with the Transition Authority, Sprint/Nextel, and Motorola to accomplish this seemingly never ending task. The project appears to be nearly 70% complete. Jim Tracy advised that the Maxtrax radios will cease to function after rebanding. Departments holding them should plan to replace them as soon as possible. Jim and Neil can provide accurate records of these radios. Lausten advised that Kevin Pokorny has taken inventory of all radios in Lavista to see where they are and what they need to buy. He suggested that all agencies should be doing the same.

INTER-OPERABILITY: The area group continues to meet. The last meeting was held February 10th with a very good turn out. After the large group met, the area fire departments met for further discussions on the "Fire Block" talk group concept. Captain Tom Wheeler of the Douglas County Sheriff's office heads this group and has not scheduled the next meeting date.

SUBCOMITTEES: None.

REPORTS AND GENERAL UPDATES:

John Prince: John advised that of the 8 Trimble modems installed, five are in Sheriff's units, two in Papillion's units, the remaining one in LaVista. These units already had HPD modems installed.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

Plans continue for the full scale exercise scheduled for April 2nd. All fire agencies will take part. Several other agencies will be a part of this exercise.

Siren testing will take place this weekend weather permitting. Local Emergency Managers have been contacted and a press release will be sent out reminding the public that testing season has begun. Severe weather week will be observed the week of March 14th – 18th with the tornado warning drill on the 16th at 1010 hrs.

Meeting adjourned at 1736 hrs.