

911 COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
June 7, 2010

(Rescheduled from May 26, 2010)

Chief Larry Grorud called the meeting of the 911 Commission to order at 1:35 p.m. on June 7, 2010.

Members present. Chief Larry Grorud, Janesville Fire Department; Chief Dave Moore, Janesville Police Department; Chief Tom Klubertanz, Edgerton Police Department; Chief Loren Lippincott, Milton Fire Department; Chief Norm Jacobs, Beloit Police Department

Members Not Present: Sheriff Bob Spoden, Rock County Sheriff's Office; Chief John Wilson, Town of Beloit Police Department; Chief Brad Liggett, Beloit Fire Department; Chief John Rindfleisch, Clinton Police Department

Others present. David Sleeter/Kathy Sukus, Rock County Communications Center; Dara Mosley, Rock County I.T.

1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda
2. Minutes – March 17, 2010
Motion to accept as written by Moore. Second by Klubertanz. Approved
3. Comments from the Public – No comments
4. New 911 Commission Members
Grorud formally welcomed Chief Loren Lippincott to the 911 Commission and noted that the other new member, Chief John Rindfleisch, was unable to attend.
5. Mutual Aid Frequency Coordinating Group (MFCG) Response
Sleeter stated he received a letter from the chairman of the Mutual Aid Frequency Coordinating Group. This letter accuses Rock County EMS personnel of interfering with Illinois DNR radio traffic on the MARC Repeater by overusing the channel. After further research, Sleeter determined Rock County had used only 57 minutes of available airtime between 1/1/10-4/6/10. These 57 minutes were used for a water rescue, airport alert, and paramedic intercepts. After consulting with Grorud, Sleeter responded to the letter with his findings.

Sleeter stated he will be attending a meeting with the MFCG tomorrow in Madison. Grorud stated Sleeter will be attending on behalf of the Rock County 911 Commission. Sleeter questioned what stance the Commission wanted to take on this. Grorud felt we should work with them but not at the expense of our

system. Moore and Lippincott agreed that this was the appropriate response.

6. Countywide Communications System - Update

Sleeter stated the application for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant has been submitted. The grant was submitted prematurely by mistake, but Sleeter stated they were able to send an attached email that would explain any missing/updated information. Grorud mentioned applying as a region will put us ahead of the game. This grant would cover some costs for Fire/EMS mobile and portable radios. Sleeter said the next step will be to find a source of funds for the proposed public safety radio system infrastructure costs. Sleeter stated it was also discovered that the quote of 2.7 million for Option #2 (digital radio system) did not include infrastructure costs for Janesville or Beloit, and that this could be another ½ million. Grorud asked about the status of earmarks – Kohl declined to move forward, Baldwin will still attempt to earmark.

Moore made a motion that the 911 Commission recommend that County Administration organize a meeting with city/municipality officials and representatives of fire protection districts to discuss countywide interoperability options and budgetary implications. Motion seconded by Lippincott. Motion Approved.

7. Policy Changes-Rules of Conduct

Sukus noted that the Rules of Conduct needed to be updated to include policy on social networking sites due to recent interpersonal events at the Communications Center. She stated the Union agreed to the changes, and Corp Counsel, who tweaked it further, also reviewed it. A motion was made by Jacobs to approve the policy changes. Second by Lippincott. Motion Approved.

8. 1st Quarter Quality Assurance

Sleeter was impressed with the rate of return on the Quality Assurance Cards, as it was a higher response rate than usual – 40%. There was one “F” for quality of service related to officer response, and this was passed on to the responding agency.

9. Informational Items & Updates

I: 911 Commission Alternates

The County Board approved Deputy Chief Tom Dunkin as Chief Norm Jacobs' alternate.

li: Backup Site

Sleeter said the new backup site is very close to completion and could be used now if needed. Sleeter noted that a three-sentence memorandum was signed with Dane County that they would pick-up our 911 calls should a major

disaster hit our area, and vice versa. A suggestion was made to hold the next 911 Commission meeting at the new backup site.

iii: Next 911 Commission Meeting

Sleeter noted that he has a conflict with the next 911 Commission meeting scheduled for July 21, 2010. The Commission agreed to reschedule the meeting for July 26, 2010. Grorud stated the next meeting should be held at the new backup site. Sukus will check with Chief Ahrens to see if it will be completed by then.

iv: Hotspots

Mosley stated they are still working on getting all the hotspots running. They have started letting fire trucks connect.

There will be a mobile data/CAD demo on June 22, 2010 presented by Motorola at the Health Care Center.

Mosley said starting next Monday, they will require password changes every 90 days for mobile data system users. Sukus stated they would need to get instructions for the Communications Center Shift Supervisors for changing passwords as needed.

V: Aircards

Mosley noted that progress on aircards is temporarily halted. He stated they are in favor of them, but have asked Kathleen to focus on hotspots until they are done and will then move forward with the aircards.

10. Next Meeting – July 26, 2010

11. Adjournment – Motion Lippincott, Second Klubertanz, Meeting Adjourned at approximately 2:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tara Hanley
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