

911 COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
January 19, 2011

Chief Liggett called the meeting of the 911 Commission to order at 1:31 p.m. on January 19, 2011.

Members present. Chief Jim Jensen, Janesville Fire Department; Chief Norm Jacobs, Beloit Police Department; Chief Brad Liggett, Beloit Fire Department; Chief Dave Moore, Janesville Police Department; Chief Deputy Barb Barrington-Tillman, Rock County Sheriff's Office (Alternate); Chief Loren Lippincott, Milton Fire Department; Chief Rich LeFeber, Town of Turtle Police Department; Lt. Jay Koehler, Evansville Police Department; Chief John Rindfleisch, Clinton Fire Department

Members Not Present: N/A

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

1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda
2. Minutes – December 1, 2010
Motion to accept as written by Lippincott. Second by Jacobs. Approved
3. Comments from the Public – No Public Present
4. Election of 911 Commission Chairman and Vice-Chairman
Sleeter provided a quick background on the history of the 911 Commission Chairman and Vice-Chairman positions. This will be the first changeover of Chairman since the Commission's inception. Sleeter's suggestion was to appoint a Chair to a two-year term and a Vice-Chair to a one-year term, with re-election for Vice-Chair at that time to a two-year term. This would stagger re-election years. How does the Commission feel about this? None opposed.

The floor opened to nominations for a two-year term of 911 Commission Chairman. (Barrington-Tillman noted that Sheriff Spoden would agree to a Vice-Chair nomination.) Lippincott nominated Liggett for Chairman. Tillman Seconded. All in favor. Chief Liggett was appointed to 911 Commission Chairman.

The floor opened to nominations for a one-year term of 911 Commission Vice-Chairman. LeFeber nominated Spoden. Second by Lippincott. All in favor. Sheriff Spoden was appointed to 911 Commission Vice-Chair.

5. Analog to Digital Radio Conversion Presentation

Sleeter stated a Request For Qualifications went out for the radio conversion engineering consultant. There were three bidders who were all over the amount was budgeted and were looking to project manage, which was not needed.

Sleeter stated the plan for the infrastructure is to use a lot of the old analog equipment (base stations, repeaters, voters) and modify it to go digital. This would result in approximately one million in savings by doing it this way. He hopes to be able to call an additional Commission meeting in a few weeks to kick-off the project.

6. SCIP Update

Sleeter learned at the last SCIP meeting that 29 of the 73 WISCOM sites are up and running.

7. Policy Changes

8. Informational Items & Updates

I: Activity Update

Sleeter discussed some of the highlights of the latest Activity Update. The County Board approved funding the infrastructure costs of switching from analog to digital. An RFQ has been sent out for an engineering consultant to assist with the process.

II: CAD

The plan is to go ahead with the new Motorola CAD system. Sukus stated the way it works is pretty much the same as the current CAD system, but the IT side of things will be different.

III: Public Safety Systems Personnel

The County Board approved adding a Public Safety Systems Technician position. Sleeter states that his hopes are that support will be more proactive instead of reactive with this additional position.

IV: Commission Appointment Rotation

During the most recent turnover of Commission members, it was discovered that the Town of Fulton PD and Town of Milton PD have never been included in the rotation. Commission members felt they should be offered the chance to serve on the Commission and will be added into the rotation.

V: Communications Center

Sleeter noted that the public education billboards have been put up around Janesville and has been hearing positive feedback on them.

Jillian Peterson was promoted from Lead Telecommunicator to Shift Supervisor. Two new telecommunicators have been in training recently and recruitment is in the process to fill one more opening.

9. Next Meeting – January 19, 2011

10. Adjournment – Motion Spoden, Second Jacobs, Meeting Adjourned at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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