

911 COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
January 15, 2020

Members present: Interim Chief Gene Wright, Clinton Fire Department; Sheriff Troy Knudson, Rock County Sheriff's Office; Chief David Moore, Janesville Police Department; Chief David Zibolski, Beloit Police Department; Chief Rich LeFeber, Turtle Police Department; Chief Ernie Rhodes, Janesville Fire Department

Members Not Present: Interim Chief Dan Pease, Beloit Fire Department; Deputy Chief Chris Lukas, Milton Fire Department; Interim Chief Patrick Reese, Evansville Police Department

Others present: Chief Deputy Craig Strouse, Rock County Sheriff's Office; Kathy Sukus & Brian Becker, Rock County Communications Center; Heather Butler & Dara Mosley, Rock County IT

1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

Chief Rhodes called the meeting of the 911 Communications Commission to order at 2:04pm. Motion to approve the agenda by Knudson. Second by Zibolski. All approved.

2. Minutes – May 15, 2019

Motion by Zibolski to approve minutes as written. Second by Wright. All approved. May 15, 2019 minutes approved as written. *Minutes for the 9/18/19 and 11/20/19 meetings were provided as informational only as there was no quorum at those meetings.*

3. Comments from the Public

None

4. 9-1-1 Commission Vice Chair – Nominations/Appointment

A new term for Vice-Chair begins January 2020. Chief Rhodes is the current Vice-Chair. Rhodes was nominated by Zibolski to continue as Vice-Chair. Second by Moore. Rhodes accepted. There were no other nominations. Motion by Zibolski to appoint Rhodes as Vice-Chair for another term. Second by LeFeber. All approved.

5. Commission meeting date change

Sukus discussed the problem with not having a quorum at the meetings due to all of the other meetings that members have to attend. She suggested that the commission may want to consider switching from bimonthly meetings to quarterly meetings. Moore questioned if a special meeting could be called if there was an urgent matter. Sukus advised that as long as there was enough notice to post it on the County website, that would not be a problem. Knudson made a motion to change the 911 Communications Meetings from bimonthly to quarterly (the next meeting would be on April 15, 2020). Wright second. All approved.

6. Information Technology – Updates

- a. Web access on laptops – Discussion on whether to continue to limit laptops to certain websites or to open up to Internet Basic web filter

package. Motion to allow laptop access to county's Internet Basic package by Zibolski. Second by Knudson. All approved.

7. Policy – Updates

a. S1 – Severe Weather Warning System

Changes made to policy in reference to using WISCOM talk group RCALL11 to monitor for weather warnings and to reflect that Rock County dispatch no longer is required to notify Green County of weather alerts. Motion to approve policy changes as written by Knudson. Second by Wright. All approved.

8. Informational Items & Updates

a. AVL Dispatch – Becker explained that Beloit Fire, Town of Beloit Fire, Janesville Fire and Milton Fire have all been configured in CAD for AVL dispatching within the past week. Becker also mentioned that other county fire departments may be interested in joining in the future.

b. Sukes asked that when agencies purchase new radios that they remember to contact her to get the guidelines for some of the programming that is required to be on the system. There are certain timers and features that need to be programmed correctly so the system works for everyone.

c. Zibolski brought up the need for law agencies that come into another jurisdiction to switch to that jurisdiction's frequency. There has been some miscommunication recently when a unit needs assistance and the primary jurisdiction is not immediately aware of their location. This issue will be on the next workgroup agenda on 1/23/2020 for discussion.

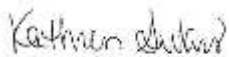
d. Windows 7 – Windows 7 is no longer supported by Microsoft. Heather Butler has been in communications with all departments to work with them on getting their laptops that are still running Windows 7 upgraded or replaced. County-wide this is a big project that is taking up considerable time.

9. Adjournment

Zibolski moved to adjourn the 911 Communications Commission meeting at 2:27 pm. Knudson second. All in favor.

Next Meeting – April 15, 2020 @ 2pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Kathy Sukes
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