

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes of Monday, July 16, 2012

Agenda Item #1: Call to Order. The Chairman calls the Communications Meeting to Order at 1:01 PM at the Vilas County Justice Center Conference Room, 330 Court St, Eagle River, Wisconsin.

People Present: Gary Peske, Chairman
Mark Rogacki
Jeff Nelson
Dave Leack
Jim Galloway
Ron De Bruyne
Steve Beil
Jim Behling
Steve Favorite
Dale Soltow
Joe VanDeLaarschot
Sheriff Frank Tomlanovich
Joy Spies - Records

Agenda Item #2: Approve Agenda. **Motion by Jim Behling, seconded by Mark Rogacki, to approve the agenda in any order to be discussed by the Chair. All say Aye, motion carried.**

Agenda Item #3: Approve May 10, 2012, minutes. **Motion by Mark Rogacki, seconded by Jim Behling, to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2012, meeting. All say Aye, motion carried.**

Agenda Item #4: Contract Approval.

- A. Motorola Solutions
- B. PSC Alliance

General discussion of contracts and minor changes in the language. General agreement that there should be an updated timeline for the project, and definite penalties should be outlined in the contracts if reasonable deadlines are not met by Motorola and PSC Alliance. It was noted that time tables for outside approvals, such as from the FAA, are difficult to measure and not within the total control of Motorola or PSC Alliance. **Motion by Ron DeBruyne to refresh the dates on the project timeline provided and then add it to the contracts as appendix 1, seconded by Mark Rogaki. All say Aye, motion carried.**

Discussion with Corporate Counsel about contractual consequences for missing deadlines and possible language. Corporate Counsel will provide examples to choose from. **Motion by Jim Behling to approve the changes suggested for penalties if contract milestones are not met, seconded by Ron DeBruyne. All say Aye, motion carried.**

Motion by Jim Behling to approve the contract as amended by the previous motions, seconded by Mark Rogaki. All say Aye, motion carried.

Motion by Jim Behling for Dale Soltow and Jim Galloway to be contacts for Motorola Solutions and PSC Alliance, seconded by Ron DeBruyne. All say Aye, motion carried.

Agenda Item #5: System Operation Report. General discussion of system failures. Firemen occasionally notify Ron DeBruyne of a page failure. Sheriff Frank Tomlanovich mentioned that sometimes the tones will transmit, but there will be no voice transmission. It was recommended that fire departments should notify communications directly of any transmission failure. Radio Transmission Problem forms exist and should be utilized so that the reason for the failures can be determined.

Agenda Item #6: Tower Issues.

A. Land O Lakes tower

Dale Soltow reported that Northway notified him that the Land O Lakes tower had some battery problems. The batteries are past their life cycle and should be replaced. The need for a preventative maintenance plan was discussed. **Motion by Jim Behling to replace the Uninterruptible Power Source batteries using the Professional Services line item, seconded by Ron DeBruyne. All say Aye, motion carried.**

General discussion of the status of the Land O Lakes tower. A communications company may be buying out the leases so there would be no space available for revenue if Vilas County was to purchase the tower. The tower is approximately 40 years old and may not be able to support newer, heavier equipment. The location of the tower is unique and advantageous. Vilas County's \$1000.00 per year rent contract is coming to an end.

Agenda Item #7: Communications Committee Budget Report. Nothing at this time.

Agenda Item #8: Letters and Communications. Nothing at this time.

Agenda Item #9: Set next meeting date and time.

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Agenda Item #10: Adjournment.

Motion by Steve Favorite to adjourn meeting, seconded by Jim Behling. All say Aye, motion carried.
Chairman Gary Peske adjourned the meeting at 2:40 PM.