

COMMUNICATONS COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes of Monday, November 18, 2013

Agenda Item #1: Call to order. The Chairman calls the Communications Committee Meeting to Order at 10:00 AM at the Vilas County Courthouse Conference Rooms 1 and 2, 330 Court St. Eagle River, Wisconsin. Chris Mayer recognizes there is a quorum present.

Committee Members Present: Chris Mayer, Chairman
Ron DeBruyne
Mark Rogacki
Kathleen Rushlow
Sig Hjemvick
Steve Favorite

Others Present: Sheriff Joseph A. Fath
Chief Deputy Mark Collins
Lt. Dale Soltow
Jason Hilgers
Jeff Nelson
Dave Leack
Ken Anderson
Joe VanDeLaarschot
Martha Milanowski
Adam Holroyd

Agenda Item #2: Approve Agenda: **Motion by Kathleen Rushlow, seconded by Sig Hjemvick, to approve the agenda in any order to be discussed by the Chair. All say Aye, motion carried.**

Agenda Item #3: Approval of the previous minutes: **Motion by Mark Rogacki to approve the previous meetings minutes, seconded by Ron DeBruyne, All say Aye, motion carried.**

Agenda Item #4: Discussion with Sonic Net representative about Weber Tower Lease Renewal:

Adam Holroyd from Sonic Net had brought to the committee a proposal to renew the collocation lease for the Weber Tower. The committee discussed the new terms and options. Jeff Nelson from PSC Alliance discussed the fact that charging \$1.00 to \$2.00 per foot, per antenna, in regards to the tower height of the equipment was not unreasonable. Additional costs also generally apply to commercial entities for use of shelter space and power/generator protected power. Sig Hjemvick questioned language in regards to frequencies in the proposed amendments. Jeff Nelson stated that he felt the language was not in the counties best interests and that PSC had submitted similar feedback to the owners of the Eagle River water tank when they asked for a review of Sonic Net's renewal provisions. Adam Holroyd explained that the language was to protect his company from someone else going on the tower and purposely causing interference with his equipment. **Motion made by Steve Favorite to approve a 5 year lease with a provision for the rental clause to be reviewed in 3 years and if the number of customers exceeds 100 per month at that time that it be adjusted accordingly at \$2.00 per month per customer, also subject to legal review of the lease and the amended provisions of this by our Corporation Counsel, seconded by Kathleen Rushlow, All say Aye, motion carried.**

Agenda Item #5 Fire/EMS Simulcast Project:

Lt. Soltow advised that the fire simulcast radio equipment is installed at all of the tower sites. The equipment should be ready to be turned on sometime between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Agenda Item #6 System operation report: This agenda item was never discussed.

Agenda Item #7 Tower issues: This agenda item was never discussed.

Agenda Item #8 2013 Communications Budget Report: Lt. Soltow explained that the 2013 Communications Budget is still in good shape. There was a Miscellaneous Line charge of \$165.00 for tree removal from the Musky Tower Site. Chris Meyer explained that he would like to see charges like that in a different budget line.

Agenda Item #9 Communications Budget Report: Jeff Nelson provided the committee with a copy of a Fire Simulcast Spending & Budget Recap sheet. The report showed the project to be well under budget.

Agenda Item #10 It is anticipated that a motion will be made and seconded to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. sec. 19.85(1)(g) for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the committee regarding litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved (2012CV000222, Heartland Communications Group, LLC v. Thomas A. Rohlf).

Motion made by Sig Hjemvick to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. sec. 19.85(1)(g) for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the committee regarding litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved (2012CV000222, Heartland Communications Group, LLC v. Thomas A. Rohlf), seconded by Steve Favorite, roll call vote, all say Aye, motion carried at 10:53 AM.

Agenda Item #11 Adjourn closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. sec. 19.85(1)(g). **Motion by Steve Favorite to adjourn closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. sec. 19.85(1)(g), seconded by Ron DeBruyne, all say Aye, motion carried at 12:00 PM.**

Agenda Item #12 Committee may take action on matters discussed in closed session. **Motion by Steve Favorite to direct Corporation Counsel to research options available to Vilas County to protect the county's interest in regards to the Land O' Lakes Tower, seconded by Kathleen Rushlow, all say Aye, motion carried.**

Agenda Item #13 Letters and Communications: Nothing discussed.

Agenda Item #14 Set next meeting date and time: The next meeting of the Communications Committee was set for December 17, 2013 at 10:00 AM.

Agenda Item # 15 Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 12:04 PM.

