

Chairman Wally Beversdorf called to order the meeting of the Vilas County Communications Committee at 10:01 a.m., on Thursday, July 31, 2014, in Conference Room #2, at the Vilas County Courthouse, in Eagle River, Wisconsin.

**Present.** The following persons were present: Wally Beversdorf, Kenneth Anderson, Ronald DeBruyne Kim Simac, Sheriff Fath, Emergency Management Director Galloway, Lieutenant Soltow, Corporation Counsel Milanowski, Chief Deputy Collins, Scott Foster, Lake Edwards, and Dave Leack. Not present was Jerry Burkett.

**Approve the agenda.** Ronald DeBruyne made a motion to approve the agenda to be discussed in any order by the Chair. Motion was seconded by Kenneth Anderson. All voting aye. Carried.

**Approve the minutes.** Ronald DeBruyne made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2014 committee meeting. Motion was seconded by Kenneth Anderson. All voting aye. Carried.

**Communications System Presentation.** Emergency Management Director provided a communications system presentation for the committee.

**Fire/EMS Simulcast Project.** Ronald DeBruyne made a motion to accept the bid from DC Communications for \$14,629.00, and the bid from Northway Communications for \$2,850.00, for a total of \$17,479.00 for the Countywide Channel Expansion. Motion was seconded by Kim Simac. Discussion. 6 voted aye. 1 voted no: Kenneth Anderson. Carried. Kenneth Anderson requested the County's procedure for requesting bids be placed on the next committee agenda.

**Committee authorization to put out Request for Bids for Vilas County radio communications monitoring system capable of monitoring all appropriate parameters at each site.** Ronald DeBruyne made a motion to authorize PSC Alliance to put out a request for bids for a Vilas County Radio Communications Monitoring System capable of monitoring all appropriate parameters at each site and to make the cost part of the Fire/EMS Simulcast Project budget. Motion was seconded by Kim Simac. Discussion. 6 voted aye. 1 voted no: Kenneth Anderson. Carried.

**Northland Pines School District Lease – Weber Tower.** Kim Simac made a motion to allow Northland Pines School District to raise their presence on the Weber Tower by placing their equipment at the 300' level, to coincide with the new contract coming up with the Northland Pines School District, and to pay the cost of \$2,850.00 for the move. Motion was seconded by Kenneth Anderson. All voting aye. Carried.

**Heartland Communications Lease – Land O' Lakes Tower.** Kim Simac made a motion to authorize Corporation Counsel, Martha Milanowski to offer Heartland Communications \$750.00 per month for the Land O' Lakes Tower lease. Motion was seconded by Ronald DeBruyne. All voting aye. Carried.

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**Proposed SBA Tower – Land O’ Lakes.** No action taken by the committee.

**Tower Issues.** No discussion.

**Committee Consolidation.** No action taken at this time.

**Review the 2014 budget.** The committee reviewed the 2014 budget.

**Letters and Communications.** No discussion.

**Future meeting date is scheduled for:** The next meeting is scheduled for: Thursday, August 28, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. Meeting date was confirmed.

**Adjournment.** Motion by Kenneth Anderson and seconded by Ronald DeBruyne to adjourn. All voting aye. Carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

Recorded by: Lieutenant Dale Soltow

Submitted by: Carol Krebs, Confidential Secretary