

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes of Friday, August 28, 2014

Agenda Item #1: Call to Order. The Chairman calls the Vilas County Communications Meeting to Order at 10:07 AM at the Vilas County Courthouse Conference Room 2, 330 Court St, Eagle River, Wisconsin. Wally Beversdorf recognizes a quorum is present.

Committee Members

Present: Wally Beversdorf, Chairman
Ken Anderson, Vice-Chairman
Ron DeBruyne
Joseph Fath, Vilas County Sheriff
James Galloway, Vilas County Emergency Management

Others Present: Mark Collins, Vilas County Chief Deputy
Dave Leack, PSC Alliance
Jeff Nelson, PSC Alliance
Joy Spies, Vilas County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Clerk
Mary Sowinski, Vilas County Corporation Counsel

Agenda Item #2: Approve Agenda to be discussed in any order by the Chair. **Motion by Ken Anderson, seconded by Ron DeBruyne, to approve the agenda in any order to be discussed by the Chair. All say Aye, motion carried.**

Agenda Item #3: Approval of the July 31, 2014 minutes.
Minutes are not available. Carry over to next meeting's agenda.

Agenda Item #4: Fire/EMS Simulcast Project.
Review project budget worksheet provided by James Galloway. General discussion of the ice damaged tower and corresponding expenses.

Agenda Item #5: Vilas County Request for Bids Policy.
Staff has not had an opportunity to meet with Corporation Counsel regarding policy. Carry over to next meeting's agenda.

Agenda Item #6: Heartland Communications Lease-Land O'Lakes Tower.
Mary Sowinski states that there is correspondence regarding lease negotiations and recommends considering a closed session to discuss the lease and history of the tower which would be allowed under Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(1)(e). **Motion by Ken Anderson, seconded by Ron DeBruyne, to have the Communications Committee set a special meeting for discussion of the Heartland Communications Lease on the Land O'Lakes Tower in closed session. All say Aye, motion carried.** The date and time of the Communications Committee meeting which will have a closed session is September 10, 2014 at 1:00 PM.

Agenda Item #7: Review of 2015 Communications Budget.
Discussion of 2015 budget. James Galloway presents spreadsheets prepared by Dale Soltow and reviewed by Jason Hilger of the 2015 Communications Budget. James Galloway gives explanations for many of the line items listed and expenses are discussed. **Motion by Ron DeBruyne, seconded by Ken Anderson, to forward the 2015 Communications Budget to the Finance Committee. All say Aye, motion carried.**

Agenda Item #8: AT&T Weber Tower Lease.
The lease has been received but not reviewed. No action at this time. Carry over to next meeting's agenda.

Agenda Item #9: Tower Issues.

James Galloway discusses the need to seek alternatives to leasing space on the Land O'Lakes tower with possibilities on SBA tower. Jeff Nelson outlines the requirements for the equipment needed and presents preliminary cost estimates for co-locating on a tower. Ken Anderson discusses study for a Land O'Lakes tower owned by Vilas County and on Vilas County land. Discussion of zoning regulations regarding towers. General agreement to add to the next meeting's agenda an item for the discussion and possible action on county tower alternatives in the Land O'Lakes area to be included in the 2015 budget. Joseph Fath suggests inviting Finance Manager Jason Hilger to the meeting to discuss the financial impact and budgeting options. Jeff Nelson states that he will have some information that would be helpful to the discussion.

Agenda Item #10: 2014 Communications Budget.

Nothing to report.

Agenda Item #11: Letters and Communications.

Nothing to report.

Agenda Item #12: Schedule Next Meeting.

September 10, 2014

1:00 PM

Vilas County Courthouse

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Agenda Item #13: Adjournment.

Chairman Wally Beversdorf adjourned the meeting at 11:00 AM.