

**Hardin County 911 Service Board Meeting.
MINUTES: 03-19-2019 at 1800hrs.**

Hardin County Courthouse, Eldora Iowa

County – B.J. Hoffman

Ackley - Pat Daggs

Alden - Jeff Fiscus

Buckeye -

Eldora – Aaron Budwig

Hubbard –Randy Smuck

Iowa Falls – Wade Harken

Gene Newgaard

New Providence – Terry Beare

Radcliffe -

Steamboat Rock –

Union – Cynthia Knight

Whitten – Bill Lott

County Emergency Management - Dave McDaniel

Board Secretary- Bryce Knudsen

**Guests: Nick Whitmore - HCSO
Katti Wilcox - HCSO**

Item 1:

Meeting to order - Dave McDaniel

Item 2:

Moved to approve agenda – Dave McDaniel

Dave McDaniel advised that he would like to switch item number four and item number five around if there is no objection.

No objections were made.

Dave McDaniel entertained a motion to approve the agenda.

Motion – Randy Smuck

Second – Terry Beare

Voice vote, all ayes, carries.

Item 3:

Moved to approve February 2019 Meeting Minutes – Dave McDaniel

Motion – Aaron Budwig

Second – Jeff Fiscus

Voice vote, all ayes, carries.

Item 4:

Chief Harken to address the Service Board Members and their decision not to replace a piece of Emergency Communication Equipment, ie: TIP Radio, at the Iowa Falls PSAP.

Wade Harken advised that he would like to explain a couple of things as he had read the minutes from the previous meeting and was not able to be at the February Meeting. Wade advised that in January we brought this before the board and it was the consensus to replace the TIP Radio. Wade advised he had received a quote and he had signed it and turned it back in. Wade advised that when the February meeting came there was a five to four vote not to replace the TIP radio.

Wade advised that the TIP radio in Iowa Falls is our primary way of paging. Wade explained the function of the TIP radio. Wade advised that Iowa Falls' secondary paging is the tower system which is the county's primary paging system. Wade advised that Iowa Falls can page everyone on the secondary paging or the county's primary paging system. Wade advised that the TIP radio pages Iowa Falls Fire, Iowa Falls EMS, Alden First Responders, Alden Fire, Buckeye Fire and Buckeye First Responders. Wade advised that Ackley Fire and Ackley EMS had previously been on the TIP radio and somewhere in the tower project Ackley Fire and Ackley EMS were removed off the TIP radio. Wade advised that when the TIP radio is replaced Ackley Fire and Ackley EMS will be added. Wade also advised that he will also have Electronic Engineering test Hubbard Fire, Hubbard Ambulance and Radcliffe to see if we can reach them from Iowa Falls' current 100-foot tower. Wade advised that he is attempting to have a backup system for the county that will be able to page the same things.

Wade advised that if the county tower would lose power or if the generator did not work that system would not work any more and the county would have to switch to secondary paging. Wade advised that if Iowa Falls' TIP paging went down, we can switch over to the county tower and page.

Wade advised in the previous meeting there were comments made that it only effects Iowa Falls. Wade advised he had printed out some maps indicating EMS, Fire and ALS districts in Hardin County. (Wade passed out the maps to the board members). Wade explained the districts that the TIP paging radio would cover both inside and outside of Iowa Falls. Wade also explained the districts that he was going to attempt to add to the TIP paging radio. Wade advised that eventually he would like to have the equipment put on the State ISICS Tower going from a 100-foot tower to a 300-foot tower the paging should go farther out.

Wade advised in January it seemed in consensus that the board was going to replace the radio. He was not able to be here in February and it was voted on a five to four vote not to replace the radio. Wade advised he has already signed the quote and sent it back. Wade advised that we are going to replace the radio one way or the other. Wade advised that he owes it to the people that live in the area to try and get them the fastest response to an emergency as possible. Wade advised that once the TIP radio is replaced, and in previous meeting minutes there has been mention of true redundancy, that is my goal. Wade advised that he can currently page all agencies off of the tower (county) and he wants to be able to page all of the agencies off of the TIP radio. Wade advised whether it can do it at the 100-foot tower or with an amount of time he can switch it to the ISICS Tower which is 360-foot. Wade advised that his goal is to be able to hit Union and Whitten from the TIP radio incase the simulcast ends up going down we will have a completely different system that can page out the same agencies.

Wade advised that he did not ask for this to be put back on the agenda or to be brought back up for a vote by the board. Wade advised that he felt it was explained in January, he was not able to be there in February and it was voted down. Wade advised he was not going to put it back on the agenda to be voted on again when it was already voted down once. Wade advised if after his explanation, a member of the board wants to bring it back to next months agenda, that would be fantastic but he is not going to as it was voted no on by the board.

There was some further questions and discussion on the TIP radio and no action was taken by the board.

Item 5:

Discuss Budget Amendment for 2018-2019 Budget.

Bryce Knudsen presented the board with the proposed budget amendment, current budget figures and proposed expenditures to the end of the fiscal year. Bryce advised the board that the current budget is \$190,936.00 with proposed expenditures for the year of approximately \$294,000.00. Bryce advised that the shortfall was due to a lower than expected budget in the areas of Equipment Repair and Maintenance and PSAP Equipment. Bryce proposed that the budget be increased in Equipment repair and Maintenance from \$14,235 to \$60,000 which would be a \$45,765 increase and an increase in PSAP Equipment from \$37,000 to \$95,000 which would be a \$58,000 increase. Bryce advised that this would require a budget amendment of \$103,765.

After some discussion on the matter a motion was made by B.J. Hoffman to set a budget amendment hearing for the Hardin County 911 Service Board for April 16 at 6:02 p.m. in the large Conference Room at the Hardin County Courthouse.

Motion was seconded by Gene Newgaard.

Dave McDaniel asked for a voice vote.

Voice vote, all ayes, motion carries.

Item 6:

Other Business to come before the board.

Nick advised that Rick from the CO-OP in Hubbard contacted him last week about the elevator there. All of our equipment is on top of the elevator. We met with him today along with radio service and they have plans to take that elevator down sometime. Nick advised that there is no time line and that they are talking about insurance coverage options as they can't get insured. Nick advised that it could be as early as this winter after they move the grain that was harvested or it could be two or three years. Nick advised that whatever happens they are not going to make any repairs.

Nick advised some of the options that have been discussed including the option of building a new 200-foot tower to cover the Hubbard area.

Nick advised he was bringing this to our attention and he will probably be talking about this every month leading up to this winter about what we think might be options for the tower. Nick advised that the fact

is we have to have it, if one of those towers goes down it is miserable communications, we know that and we are going to try to explore different options on what would be more economical for use.

Nick also advised that the Iowa Falls resider is still out for the county and we had repair people there. On Monday that thought it was fixed and did some tests, however it is not fixed for the Hardin County side and Iowa Falls is not getting quality pages. Nick advised that we have been leaning on Iowa Falls to make some of our pages. Nick advised that we are on the back up system and the Iowa Falls tower is still down.

Item 7:

Set next meeting date. – Dave McDaniel

Next meeting date April 16, 2019 at 6 p.m. with public hearing.

Item 8:

Adjourn. – Dave McDaniel

Motion to adjourn – Aaron Budwig

Second – Pat Daggs

Voice vote, all ayes, carries.