

**Hardin County 911 Service Board Meeting.
MINUTES: 04-16-2019 at 1800hrs.**

Hardin County Courthouse, Eldora Iowa

County – Lance Granzow

Ackley - Pat Daggs

Alden - Jeff Fiscus

Buckeye -

Eldora – Dave Dunn

Hubbard –Randy Smuck

Iowa Falls – Wade Harken

Gene Newgaard

New Providence – Terry Beare

Radcliffe - Ben Krause, Taylor Roll

Steamboat Rock –

Union –

Whitten – Bill Lott

County Emergency Management - Dave McDaniel

Board Secretary- Bryce Knudsen

Guests:

Thomas Craighton – Franklin County EMA

Dawn Craighton

Scott Williams – New Providence Fire

Slade Faris – New Providence Fire

Nick Whitmore – HCSO

Darrell Meyer - Hardin County Attorney

Matt Rezab – Times Citizen

Jensen Connor

Item 1:

Meeting to order - Dave McDaniel

Item 2:

Moved to approve agenda – Dave McDaniel

Motion – Terry Beare

Second – Pat Daggs

Voice vote, all ayes, carries.

Item 3:

Moved to approve March 19. 2019 Meeting Minutes – Dave McDaniel

Motion – Jeff Fiscus

Second – Pat Daggs

Voice vote, all ayes, carries.

Item 4:

Public Hearing for the Budget Amendment for the 2018-2019 Budget

Dave McDaniel opened the public hearing.

There were no comments or questions from the public.

Dave McDaniel asked for the motion to close the public hearing.

Motion – Ben Krause

Second – Pat Daggs

Voice vote, all ayes, motion carries.

Item 5:

Request by the New Providence Fire Department to apply for any left-over money from the Emergency Communication Equipment Grants.

Scott Williams approached the Board with a request to make application for left over Emergency Communications Equipment Grant funds for the 2018 – 2019 Budget year. Scott advised that he had quotes from R Comm for over \$3000.00 to replace portable radios and pages for the New Providence Fire Department.

Bryce Knudsen advised that so far in this budget five agencies have applied for the \$1000.00 pager/radio grants and received their grant money. Bryce also advised that the along with the Ackley Police Department applied for the \$1000.00 pager/radio grants and were approved, however have not turned in an invoice for the purchase of any equipment.

Bryce advised that he knows that Union and Hubbard will be applying for the \$1000.00 pager/radio grant in May. Ben Krause also advised that Radcliffe Fire and Radcliffe Ambulance will also be applying in May.

Bryce advised that after the May Meeting there would be a total of nine agencies that would have applied for the \$1000.00 pager/radio grants with a total of \$9000.00 of the \$21,000.00 in grant money applied for.

The Board discussed the request and decided to give the agencies until May to apply for the \$1000.00 pager/radio grants and then open up the remainder funds for agencies to apply for.

Dave McDaniel asked for a motion for a deadline date to apply for any leftover grant funds.

Motion to have applications for the \$1000.00 pager/radio grants in by May to go on the May agenda.

Motion - Lance Granzow

Second – Pat Daggs

Voice vote, all ayes, motion carries.

Item 4 Continued:

Jeff Fiscus asked if a motion needed to be made to formally approve the budget after the Public Hearing was closed.

Dave McDaniel advised that we opened and closed the Public Hearing and going back to Item 4, he would entertain a motion to approve the budget amendment.

Motion – Jeff Fiscus

Second – Ben Krause

Voice vote, all ayes, motion carries.

Item 6:

Request by Nick Whitmore to approach the Board about the Hubbard Radio Tower.

Nick advised that he had received final information from the Hubbard Elevator that the elevator will be torn down in December. Nick advised that our radio equipment is on top of the Hubbard Elevator which is 164-foot-tall and we will need a structure at least that tall to put the radio equipment back up on.

Nick advised that at this time there is not a structure in the Hubbard area that will be tall enough other than building a new structure. Nick advised that it is important to have a tower in Hubbard and with out a tower we will not be able to get pages out and have radio communications in that area.

Nick advised he is taking bids on a new Sabre (?SP) tower which is made in Sioux City, Iowa. Nick advised that he is taking bids on a 160-foot tower and a 200-foot tower which would also include a small building to house the radio equipment and a generator. Nick advised that the 160-foot tower is adequate for just our equipment and the 200-foot tower would allow us extra space to possibly rent space to generate income.

Nick provided the board with some maps for possible locations of the new tower. Nick advised that the Hubbard Elevator owns some land next to the County Maintenance Shed in Hubbard that they may be willing to donate for the new tower site.

Nick advised that he would like to get the board's approval to move forward and get the land for the possible tower site secured. Nick also advised that he would like to get the Boards approval to take steps to get required soil samples of the land and also have the land for the possible tower site examined for artifacts as required.

Nick explained to procedure to move forward to the board.

The board discussed the possibility of the new tower and the possible site location.

A Motion was made by Dave Dunn for Nick to proceed with his request.

Second – Ben Krause

Voice vote, all ayes, motion carries.

Item 7:

Discussion with possible action on new 911 mapping software.

Bryce Knudsen advised the Board that the 911 Mapping Software at the Iowa Falls Police Dept. is outdated and needs to be updated. Bryce advised that when the new mapping system was put in Hardin County it was a server-based system and had a microwave link between Iowa Falls and Hardin County. Bryce advised that this system did not work as the microwave system was too slow to route the information. Bryce advised that the Iowa Falls Police Dept. went back to a workstation based mapping station.

GeoComm no longer supports or maintains software and software updates for the workstation based Iowa Falls 911 Mapping System. Bryce advised that Micah from Hardin County maintains and updates the maps for the Hardin County 911 system, however she is unable to update and maintain the maps for the Iowa Falls Mapping System as the updates for that system are no longer available.

Bryce advised that at the July 2018 Meeting he approached the Board with a request for a second 911 mapping station for the second 911 dispatch console at Iowa Falls Police Department. Bryce advised that the Board tabled the request until quotes could be obtained from GeoComm.

Bryce advised that he did obtain quotes which were presented at the August meeting to update a virtual server at the Iowa Falls Police Dept. to be able to install mapping 1 and 2. These quotes were approved by the Board for \$8073.78 to update the virtual server to prepare for the new server-based mapping.

Bryce advised that in the November 2018 meeting he presented the Board with quotes from GeoComm for the new server-based mapping software at a cost of \$23,000. The Board discussed the new 911 mapping system for Iowa Falls PSAP and Board decided to table until they could determine if they wanted to do an amendment to the 2018-2019 budget or place into the 2019-2020 budget.

Bryce advised since then he has received a new quote from GeoComm for the server-based mapping at a cost of approximately 20,000. Copies of the quotes were distributed to the Board Members. Bryce advised that the cost will cover the new server-based mapping software, installation and training. Bryce also advised that this new software would put Iowa Falls and Hardin County on the same 911 mapping software.

Bryce advised that the money for the 911 Mapping System is in the current budget amendment for the 2018-2019 Budget or can be paid for out of the 2019-2020 Budget. Bryce advised that he just needs a motion from the Board on if they wished to proceed with the purchase of the software for the new mapping system.

A motion was made by Ben Krause to purchase the new 911 mapping software.

Second – Jeff Fiscus

Voice vote, all ayes, motion carries.

Item 8:

Request to have the replacement of the Iowa Falls Police Department TIP Radio discussed by the Board. Wade Harken advised that last month he explained what the TIP Radio was. Wade advised that

Secretary Knudsen received a request from a Board Member to discussion on the replacement of the TIP Radio placed on the agenda and determine if the Board was willing to pay for the replacement of the TIP Radio.

Wade asked if the funds for the replacement of the TIP Radio were in the budget amendment. Secretary Knudsen advised that it was.

Dave McDaniel advised since the initial discussion of the replacement of the TIP Radio there have been some questions raised about the radio's capabilities.

Wade advised that approximately three weeks ago he had a technician from Electronic Engineering and a technician from R C Systems at the Iowa Falls Dispatch Center to figure out what the issues were with the TIP Radio and the paging system. Wade advised that when the new County wide radio system was put in some of the frequencies installed at the Iowa Falls Police Dept. were off.

Wade advised that the adjustments to the frequencies were made on the TIP Radio and the Simulcast Paging System and all of the frequencies were tested with a county wide pager test and were able to successfully page out all agencies in the county.

Bryce Knudsen advised that we were contacted by the agencies in Hardin County during the pager test and they advised that they did get tone and voice during the pager test. Bryce advised that the only agency we never heard back from was Hubbard. Bryce advised that Electronic Engineering and R C Systems also installed all of the emergency tornado sirens (for the communities that have them) into the radios at the Iowa Falls Police Department.

Bryce also advised that he spoke with both technicians from Electronic Engineering and R C Systems about moving our paging system from our current 100-foot tower to the 360-foot State Tower. Bryce advised that both technicians felt that by moving our paging system from our current tower to the State Tower we should have no problem in paging out all emergency services in Hardin County.

Bryce advised that once our new State Radio arrives and is installed the State has asked about doing some distance testing and hopefully, we will be able to get some better information of the coverage area from the new State tower.

Wade further discussed the replacement of the TIP Radio and advised that he has to replace the TIP Radio and it has already been ordered. Wade advised that there was a request from a Board member to have the discussion on the TIP Radio place on the agenda and the only at this time we can do is if someone wants to entertain a motion from the board to replace the TIP Radio.

There was further discussion on the replacement of the TIP Radio and a motion was made by Ben Krause to purchase the new TIP radio.

Second – Terry Beare

Voice Vote, 8-ayes, 1-Na, motion carries.

Item 9:

Discussion on if the Board would like to have Blake DeRouchey from State 911 attend a future meeting.

Dave McDaniel advised we had one board member that requested Blake DeRouchev attend a 911 Board Meeting. Dave advised that he had discussed the request with Bryce and asked that Blake not be invited until the Board had a chance to discuss why we want him here. Dave advised he did not want to get into the practice individuals inviting people to speak at the meetings without agreement from the board.

The matter was discussed by the Board and no action was taken

Item 10:

Other business to come before the board.

No additional business

Item 11:

Set next meeting date. – Dave McDaniel

Next meeting date May 21, 2019 at 6 p.m.

Motion – Ben Krause

Second – Jeff Fiscus

Voice vote, all ayes, motion carries.

Item 12:

Motion to adjourn – Jeff Fiscus

Second – Gene Newgaard.

Voice vote, all ayes, carries.