

**Iowa E911 Communications Council Meeting  
 Tuesday, May 13, 2015  
 West Des Moines City Council Chambers  
 West Des Moines, Iowa**

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steven P. Ray at 9 a.m. A quorum was determined from the roll call as indicated below.

**Roll Call**

	Representative	Attendance
Iowa Association of Public Safety Communications Officers (APCO) <b>Secretary</b>	Sally Hall	Present
	alternate	
	Cara Sorrells	
Iowa Chapter of the National Emergency Number Association (NENA)	Kirk Hundertmark	Excused
	alternate	
	Rob Koppert	Present
Iowa State Sheriffs & Deputies Association (ISSDA)	Robert Rotter	Present
	alternate	
	Dean Kruger	
Iowa Peace Officers Association (IPO)	George Griffith	Present
	alternate	
	Sandy Morris	Present
Iowa Professional Firefighters (IAPFF)	Mike S. Bryant	Present
	alternate	
	Doug Neys	
Iowa Firefighters Association (IFA)	Mark Murphy	Present
	alternate	
	Tom Berger	Present
Iowa Emergency Managers Association (IEMA)		
<b>Vice-Chairperson</b>	Bob Seivert	Present
	alternate	
	Jo Duckworth	
Iowa Department of Public Safety (IDPS)		
<b>Chairperson</b>	Steven P. Ray	Present
	alternate	
	Adam Buck	
Iowa Emergency Medical Services Association (IEMSA)	Rob Dehnert	Present
	alternate	
	Paul Andorf	
Iowa Telephone Association <15,000	Daniel Nichols	Present
	alternate	
	Pat Snyder	
Iowa Telephone Association >15,000	Dan Halterman	Present
	alternate	
	Wayne Johnson	
Cellular Providers	Steve Zimmer	Absent
	alternate	
	Bill Tortoriello	Excused
PCS Providers	David Kaus	Present
	alternate	
	Joe Sargent	
Auditor of the State, Ex-Officio member	Warren Jenkins	Absent
<b>Staff:</b>		
Blake DeRouchey, E-911 Program Manager		Present
<b>Guests:</b>		
Larry Smith, Washington/Keokuk County EMA	Josh Halterman, DOT-TraCS/MACH	
Eric Dau, Clinton County Communications	Duane Vos, Racom	
Randy Frazier, Mahaska County E911	Cheryl Eklofe, Mahaska County E911	
Brent Long, Polk County Sheriff's Office	Amy Olson, Windstream	
Carol Lund-Smith, ILEA	Scott Schultz, Motorola	
Doug McCasland, Warren County E911	Terry McClannahan, Dallas Co. Sheriff's Comm.	
Greg Brooks, Intrado	Suzanne Smith, IUB	
Samantha Brear, Polk County E911	Shawn Wagner, ISICSB FirstNet Outreach	
Randy Goddard, HSEMD		

**Introductions**

Chairperson Steven P. Ray welcomed everyone. Board members and those in attendance introduced themselves. Chair Ray welcomed George Griffith to the council.

**Approve the Minutes**

Motion by Dehnert, seconded Koppert to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2015 meeting. All ayes. Motion passed.

**Approve the Agenda**

Motion by Kaus, seconded by Murphy to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion passed.

**State of Iowa Administrator Reports (Blake DeRouchey)**

**911 Program Financial Reports**

Mr. DeRouchey explained that due to the meeting dates the quarterly report is pushed back a month. The Current Total Obligated section was detailed out more and was included on the back of the quarterly report.

<b>Quarterly Summary</b>		<b>Carryover Summary</b>	
Total Revenue	\$6,952,744.36	SFY 15 Cumulative	\$ 9,162,502.40
Total Payments	-\$3,905,461.05	SFY Total Obligated	\$ 4,196,038.09
HSEMD Funding	-\$ 62,500.00		
Q1 Carryover (Surplus)	\$2,984,783.31	Total Funds in Carryover	\$ 24, 725,519.79
Q1 Carryover Expenditures	\$2,171,985.18		

<b>Current Total Obligated</b>	<b>Projected</b>	<b>Obligated</b>	<b>Expended</b>
Network Capacity Increase	\$ 3,000,000.00	\$ 3,000,000.00	\$ 165,222.78
Carryover PSAP Projects	\$ 11,500,000.00	\$ 4,196,038.09	\$ 5,394,333.43
NG911 GIS Project	\$ 10,000,000.00	\$ 4,342,384.00	\$ 232,428.00
Data Center Move	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 1,935,200.00	\$ 64,800.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 26,500,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 13,473,622.09</b>	<b>\$ 5,856,784.21</b>

Network Capacity Increase - Part of that is the redundant circuits in 12 PSAPs across the state. Five of the 12 have been completed.

Text to 911 – Five PSAPs are now capable of receiving text to 911 – Fayette County, Oelwein PD, Humboldt County, Cedar County and Buena Vista County. Those five PSAPs are in the process of testing and appropriate training is being provided by TCS. The testing with the carriers has been a little challenging. The carriers have been directed to work with the PSAPs directly.

Future Carryover Projects – The dollar amount is up in the air pending what is going on in the legislature. If everything stays 100 percent status quo, the application will be tweaked a little bit. I have fielded questions about turning in applications now for next fiscal year. At this time, no. Wait until the application is tweaked and more details are known legislatively wise.

We have had three webinars out of the four talking about GIS and the next phase of the NG GIS upgrades. One of the things discussed was a separate carryover grant that will be available starting in July specifically for GIS work. The amount would be between \$10,000-\$15,000, pending what happens with the legislation that is going on right now. It will be pretty much the same application process used right now for the traditional carryover grants but it is specifically for GIS work and data remediation from what you have already done for GeoComm. This grant can be used for contracting with any vendor to do that remediation. If you have a local GIS department person that does that work in your county, that funding can be used to supplement that as well. This does not take money from the traditional carryover grant.

Wireless Carryover Fund PSAP Application Approvals

Chair Ray opened the approval process for any discussion.

Mr. Seivert suggested that the council review the grants applications one at a time.

Taylor County – Mrs. Hall questioned the furniture on this application but upon further discussion it was determined this was a radio console. Mr. Seivert questioned the chairs that were included on the application but were disallowed by Blake and the chairs included on another application and were allowed. There was a large difference in the cost of the chairs but that should not play into this. In past chairs, file cabinets, etc. have not been allowed and the consensus was to not change during a grant cycle. There was also a question about the climate control. This was so the individual dispatcher can control the air flow.

When the grant form is changed for next fiscal year would be the time to give more clarification regarding what is allowed or disallowed.

Motion by Seivert, seconded by Kaus to recommend that to approve the grant application for Taylor County less the cost for the chairs.

Further discussion

Mr. Bryant - Ultimately the council can disallow the chairs but Blake can still approve the chairs, correct?

Chair Ray – Technically, yes.

Sheriff Rotter – On this particular approval the only thing we are considering furniture is the chairs and the rest is console.

Chair Ray – Console related is okay. I will point before we vote that in the past I know that Barb had been told by the State Auditor that it is not a good idea to change things in midstream. Since some were previously denied, I think this is the best route. But they certainly could, in the next grant cycle, apply again for that.

Mr. DeRouchey – My thinking and our office's thinking was based on the last few council meetings to try and find a way to say yes. When I read Chapter 34A I read it as PSAP upgrades and improvements. Chairs being an improvement. I want to take your recommendations and in this case I will take the recommendation of the council not knowing the past history regarding chairs.

Chair Ray – Chairs are important. For the receipt and disposition you have to have someone sitting there. I don't think there is a big argument that they are a necessary.....

Mr. Dehnert – But what concerns me if this board takes action recommending to remove the chairs, we're taking a stance that chairs aren't important.

Chair Ray – I think the only reason you would be doing this is to stay consistent because some have applied and been turned down.

Mr. Koppert – I say we deny this unless we go back through all of this year's grants and anyone that applied for chairs is given the money now. There is precedent already there. I think we should stay with what.....

Mr. Dehnert – Were there any this year with chairs.

Chair Ray – Yes, there were a couple.

Sheriff Rotter – That is not to say that there weren't people who would have put in for chairs had they thought they could.

Mr. Halterman – Starting in the July timeframe we are going to start to allow those. Those that we are rejecting today could reapply then.

Chair Ray – Technically, we could recommend the ones that were not approved prior to this – they could get it but quite honestly that is a lot of work for Blake at the end of the fiscal year.

Mr. DeRouchey – I did not search through every single application this year. I spot checked a few and none of them listed chairs. My thought is exactly what you were saying. A lot of them removed the chairs before they submitted the final application.

Chair Ray – The one I'm aware of did inquire before and they were told that wouldn't be allowed so they just submitted without the chairs.

Mr. Dehnert – If we approve this without the chairs is it appropriate for this body to make a recommendation of this starting July first to begin accepting chairs.

Chair Ray – That is somewhat implied in Bob's motion but I think when we are done we can also make a recommendation in a motion based solely on that separately if that is the desire of the council.

Mr. Koppert – I think the chairs should be eligible but since there is already a precedent set this year that they were disallowed we can't in this fiscal year consciously do that. Certainly next year. We said we need chairs.

Taylor County Vote – All ayes. Passed.

Union County – Also had chairs. Two in the amount of \$898.00. Motion by Koppert, seconded by Rotter to recommend approval without the chairs. All ayes. Passed.

Clarke County – The application was reviewed by the council line by line. There were several office supply items, furniture items, etc. that are not allowable expenditures. \$3217.78 was removed from the application leaving \$20187.12 of allowable expenditures. Motion by Kaus, seconded by Seivert to recommend \$20187.12 for approval. All ayes. Passed.

Adams County – The repeater is located at the PSAP. Motion by Seivert, seconded by Kaus to recommend approval.

Further discussion.

Mr. Koppert – I question the phone system as this is almost exactly the same system we put into our courthouse. What made me question this was the number of endpoint licenses. When I inquired on ours that is the number of phone sets that system can use. I questioned whether their PSAP has 50 phones. Is this part of the whole courthouse system or what?

Mr. DeRouchey – Rob, I saw your email and I questioned them. Their reply was as follows: It would only be hooked up down to the PSAP. If the phone system goes down upstairs for some reason we would be able to hook up our system to the backup to get our phones working. This would not hookup the phones at the courthouse and other offices.

Adams County vote: All ayes. Passed.

Lyon County – Site/Structure Address Point Data Layer and ShieldWare CAD Communications Suite. Grant request of \$20,700. Motion by Hall, seconded by Kaus to recommend for approval.

Further discussion.

Mr. Seivert – I did get an email from Eldon and I think he sent one to Blake that he is going to request an amendment to include five years of support at \$900 a year. Evidently you (Blake) must not have received that yet.

Mr. DeRouchey – He sent me the email. I need the paperwork as soon as possible if he were to go down this route.

Mr. Seivert – I will make a motion to make a recommendation to amend this application in the amount of \$4,500 based on that email. Motion was seconded by Kaus. All ayes. Passed.

Polk County – PSAP computer equipment, telephone equipment and GPS Master Clock. Grant request of \$67,517.61.

Mr. Kaus – Do you have a GPS a receiver at your location?

Sandy Morris – What is this in reference to?

Mr. Kaus – In your application, your using it for synchronization.

Ms. Morris – The NET clock? It is to synchronize all of our equipment. The times on the CAD, the phone, the recorder are all synced together.

Mr. Kaus – That is why I asked – Do you have a GPS receiver rather than using whatever you are going to use?

Mr. Koppert – We have the same system. The ESE NET clock. It gets it time sync through GPS. We have an external GPS antenna on our tower at the PSAP.

Mr. Kaus – How do you get that GPS signal? You have a GPS receiver?

Mr. Koppert – It is actually in the NET clock box.

Mr. Halterman – It is part of the equipment.

Motion by Kaus, seconded by Halterman to recommend for approval. All ayes. Passed.

Wapello County – Ottumwa Police Department – 911 position update for call taking and radio equipment. Console housing for 911 communications and radio equipment. Grant request of \$79,505.00.

Mr. Halterman – Are Wapello County and Ottumwa PD in same building?

Chair Ray – I believe they are.

Mr. Koppert – I looked them up yesterday. They have their own terminal listings but they are in the same building. They are two separate PSAPs but they share equipment.

Chair Ray – It is not all the uncommon in other parts of the country to see that. They are still separate entities.

Motion by Seivert, seconded by Koppert to recommend approval. All ayes. Passed.

Wapello County – Wapello County Sheriff – 911 position update for call taking and radio equipment. Console housing for 911 communications and radio equipment. Grant request of \$51,482.50. Motion by Seivert, seconded by Koppert to recommend approval. All ayes. Passed.

Henry County – Astro 25/MCC 7500 Motorola Solution. Grant request of \$100,000. Motion by Seivert, seconded by Kaus to recommend approval. All ayes. Passed.

Lee County – LeeComm – Additional CAD licenses, laptop, radio equipment, UPS battery backups, printers with five year service contract and headsets. Grant request of \$60,279.59. Question about the printers. These are multifunction machines. Motion by Koppert, seconded by Nichols to recommend approval. All ayes. Passed.

Motion by Dehnert, seconded by Seivert to recommend that the Iowa E911 Program Manager consider allowing the expenditure of wireless carryover funds for the purchase of seating devices for telecommunicators in communications centers. The Iowa E911 Communications Council recognizes that telecommunicators should be allowed to assume a sitting position on a seating device for their health and welfare while receiving and processing 911 calls. All ayes. Passed.

Mr. Bryant – Are we going to allow the purchase of office supplies starting next fiscal year.

Mr. Koppert – The question that comes up is what the legislature does with their...if they allow the expenditure of the money for the receipt and disposition of a 911 call. Equalizing what the money can be used for in the wireline, wireless and carryover funds. Then probably we would allow that because we keep things in binders in our center and stuff like that that is used for the receipt and disposition.

Mr. Dehnert – Aren't consumables excluded somewhere?

Mr. Bryant – I didn't think what the legislators are considering doing changes anything within the PSAP. I think it is only for the carryover funds to be used outside the PSAP. But maybe I am incorrect.

Chair Ray – That would include outside the PSAP for the receipt and disposition of the call.

Mr. Bryant – What they are considering now is standardizing the language doesn't change inside or does it?

Mr. Seivert – It doesn't change what's eligible. There is nothing in the legislation that changes eligibility of items.

Mr. Bryant – It's just the location. At least that is my understanding.

Chair Ray – That doesn't preclude the council from making a recommendation to exclude.

Motion by Kaus that all consumables not be an allowable expenditure of the wireless carryover fund.

Mr. Koppert – I would second that Dave but the caveat is – what is the definition of consumables? Would a binder be a consumable? Because it could sit there for five years. You are not actually consuming anything out of it. Whereas a toner cartridge you are actually consuming the toner.

Mrs. Hall – We are making this a lot harder than it needs to be. Office supplies – no.

Chair Ray – In my twenty-seven years in government office supplies are a general fund item and I have worked at all levels. To buy toner, a binder, an eraser, paper clips, etc. are general fund items. They might be used in the comm center.

Mr. Smith – I would recommend that you come up with an authorized equipment list by July first. You could have a subcommittee and say these are the items that are going to be considered. We at emergency management go by this authorized equipment listing and if it doesn't fall in that our stuff is not eligible.

Mr. Dau – I always thought the intent of this was to help you pay for things that you don't normally budget. Office supplies you usually budget. However with that being said in order to make this a lot easier on everybody maybe an option of setting a dollar limit. Amount needs to be over \$1,000 for a single item. That way you are eliminating – "Hey I need a binder."

Sheriff Rotter – Until you buy several cases of binders.

Mr. Koppert – I appreciate Steven's comment about office supplies being a general fund item. In fact in my county whatever office needs something you buy it out of your budget. It doesn't come out of the general fund.

Chair Ray – What I mean is it may come out of your fund but it's still what's been given to you from the general fund.

Mr. Bryant – I wasn't trying to make it complicated. I guess it seemed to be the other half of things we were talking about. I understand the concept of spending the money I really don't think we are going to nickel and dime on office supplies. The amount of money is not going to have much impact on this. Again, we are just giving Blake direction because he is in the process whether he wants to or name a committee. I look at it...we are asking the legislators to not take our millions of dollars....We need to use common sense.

Sheriff Rotter – Another concern that I would have would be, not that this could possibly happen in government, you could see an opening for abuse. You could start filling all your office supplies needs through grant funds.

Mr. Bryant – How do you keep tabs on where it ends up?

Chair Ray – I will only tell you that please don't let anyone here mistake the fact that there are other people beyond this room that are looking at where this money is being spent. So just keep that in mind. Keep that in mind when you are deciding to what allow and not allow. Blake is going to redo the grant application so perhaps there are a couple of people here that would be willing to volunteer to bend his ear a little bit when he is doing that to put in there what could be excluded?

Bob Seivert, Rob Koppert and George Griffith volunteered to be on committee to give guidance to Blake on determining allowable expenditures.

Note: Mr. Kaus' motion died for the lack of a second.

Mr. Griffith – I think we are on a slippery slope

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Murphy for committee of Seivert, Koppert and Griffith to work with Blake on determining wireless carryover grant fund allowable expenditures.

Discussion-

Mr. Dehnert – Is that committee's recommendation coming back here for us to recommend to the program manager?

Chair Ray – I would say that would be the way to do it.

Mr. Dehnert – I think working with them to come up with what will then be our formal recommendation is or are they working directly and he just does it?

Chair Ray – That is up to the council. Do you want it brought back to you?

Mr. Halterman – This is what we are looking at for starting in the July cycle right? So we would need to see it in June.

Mr. DeRouchey – What happens if the group works with me and in June we come up with an application to present to the council and you guys approve it.

Chair Ray – I think that is a fair way to do it.

Mr. DeRouche – There is still that month after the meeting.

Vote on the motion. All ayes. Passed.

Mr. Seivert – Regarding these, could we do a clarification. You are just talking about the application process right? Blake what this committee is going to do is help you with that form that you send out?

Mr. DeRouche – That first page of the grant application.

Mr. Seivert – Some of the applicants have included maintenance agreements in their applications like the recorders. Five years is generally what has been approved by the program manager in past. I don't think a lot of people know that they can include that five year maintenance on their projects. So I would like to put it in the record that the council supports and recommends that the program manager approve initial five year maintenance agreements for projects. If you are in a maintenance agreement now for something that you purchased last year that's not eligible either.

Mr. Koppert – What if someone put something new in this year and is under their first year warranty and did not get the five-year maintenance. The next year can they apply for that five-year maintenance if the item is still under that first year warranty?

Mr. Kaus – If the vendor says it is eligible, I would say yes.

????? – Additional years funding.

Chair Ray – Yes. Because they may not be able to afford that five year even with what we gave them the first time. I would think that would be acceptable. That is just my opinion.

Motion by Seivert, seconded by Bryant to recommend including five year maintenance agreements as an allowable expenditure. All ayes. Passed.

Mr. Brooks – I would just like to add that there are different types of maintenance agreements. Where sometimes software updates are provided. That should be considered as well.

Mrs. Hall – I think that all kind of runs together because hardware/software or software/hardware. Whatever way it is.

Mr. Halterman – In some environments, the software assurance agreements are separate from the maintenance agreements.

Mr. Seivert – My intent with the motion was to include that. Yes. Does it need a clarification?

Mr. Griffith – In the Code it says hardware updates / software updates.

### **Reports of Officers, Boards and Standing Committees**

#### **Technical Advisory – Dave Kaus**

Driverless vehicles. The article I saw said there were 50 self-driving vehicles on the road testing in California and out of those 50 there have been four accidents. Two of them with drivers in command and two of them with software in command.

FirstNet – It seems as though the Senator from South Dakota that is chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee asked the GAO for an opinion on the cost of FirstNet. It says nationwide LTE networks have been deployed but they haven't been designed to public safety standards. As far as resilience, availability and they certainly have cost more than the \$7 billion that Congress has set aside for FirstNet. So if anybody is thinking that FirstNet is going to be paid for by the Feds, you better start thinking again.

#### Legislative Updates – Vice Chair Bob Seivert

HF651 was passed by the House and moved onto the Senate. It changed the percent coming back to the PSAP from 46 percent to 53 percent. Changed the wording to allow the grant money to be used for.....and Blake had a comment I need to check on. Equipment for the receipt and disposition of calls is, I believe, the wording recommendation. You take that equipment word out of there and use it for the receipt and disposition of calls. That does change the perception of eligible items. We will need to check on that. The wireless carrier reimbursement was extended for another 10 years but they did reduce it from 13 percent to 10 percent and they are only using two percent. So I don't understand that, but I think that supports our local smaller wireless carriers. The other thing \$100,000 the council asked for to be used for public service announcements, expenses of council – which currently come out of the stipend from Homeland Security and Emergency Management – and there is wording in there that was intended to be used to train our PSAP managers on the new technology that is out there. Not line dispatcher/communicator training but training for people that manage the network and the data that go into your PSAP. So that survived. It went to the Senate. In the Senate it was assigned to an appropriation subcommittee. That subcommittee hasn't met. There's been a lot of discussion and you have seen the emails come out encouraging you to contact your legislators regarding the 700MHz funding. The first \$4 million payment was initially put into the RIF budget and that portion of the budget did pass but the \$4 million was stripped out of it. So currently that first payment of \$4 million is not secured anywhere from any particular pot. So the word that you need to move to your senators and particularly the Democratic side is, if you don't support that 700 MHz funding coming from the wireless surcharge fund then you need to tell them that. In those few hours remaining of session, many things happen in the smoky dark rooms of the Capitol and that is where this will get resolved. There is no question that is where this will get resolved. So the funding for 700 MHz, I don't think anybody really questions that. The radio for the State Patrol, fine. Fund it. But don't take it from the wireless surcharge money. When you contact your senator tell them that. Be persistent through the end of the session. That is really about the best we can do. Other than that Mr. Chair I would anticipate next year there is going to be a continuing battle with the percent coming back to the PSAP. The two year study will be out and ready.

Mr. Bryant – Rep. Worthan, I felt was as or more attentive to listening than by far the majority of the legislators that are there. Initially I didn't think we had much of a chance and I can tell you that he gave me pretty much all the time I wanted and really took the time to learn about our position. In fact to the point that I have put his name in to be recognized as Legislator of the Year in our organization – the Iowa Professional Firefighters – because of his patience of trying to understand our position. There were amends, as the House Bill went through, to raise the percentage amount that goes back to the PSAPs but it boils down to....listening to Rep. Worthan talk he wants the information from the two-year study and there is also an incentive for consolidation. If two counties went together there is a 25 percent bonus on top of what you would normally receive for three years. Why this number was picked I don't know. I personally don't think it is enough. Time will tell. He's open for that to change, whether it will. His words were something like – In theory we can do it with one PSAP. Do we need 117? No. I think in their mind they have a nice round number of about half the PSAPs that we have now is the number I have heard. And 25 percent probably isn't going to do it. There was an incentive rather than a mandate to start that direction and look at it but there will be a discussion in the future. The bottom line question is how much is based on surcharge to run the PSAP and how much is based on local property tax. Which is what this whole thing is about – local property tax relief. So that discussion, as Bob said, will be coming up regardless where this lands at for year one. I don't think you're going to see a ten year plan come out in the Governor's bill but everything is open and on the table. I think you will probably see a band aid for the first year and it is going to be right back in the hopper six months from now. Again that is just my opinion. The main message here is everyone needs to contact the Senate and telling them not to use the surcharge money. This is just getting started. Don't rest on the fact that the House passed something that looked favorable for us. If that is how you feel.

#### Interoperability Governance Board – Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System Board (ISICSB) – Craig Allen

Chair Ray reported that SWIC Allen is at the National Council of SWICS. He did want me to pass on to everybody a reminder of the SCIP planning session with the E911 Council and the ISICSB on June 9-10 here in West Des Moines. We will start on the ninth. DHS will attend both the Council and Board meetings

on the tenth and we will finish up in the afternoon after the meetings and a lunch break. Mr. Allen will be sending a calendar invite to me and I will forward that to all of the council members.

Mr. Seivert – Do we need preapproval to spend the night on council time?

Chair Ray – No, I don't believe so because it is an expected expense from the meeting. You can turn in your travel to Blake's office.

**Items for Discussion**

None

**Unfinished Business**

None

**New Business**

None

**Travel Requests**

None

**Business from the Floor / 911 Issues at the PSAPs**

Shawn Wagner – I had something on Craig Allen's behalf. As of yesterday I've been to 95 counties on the FirstNet outreach efforts. Hopefully you are all receiving positive input of what is going on. Craig wanted me to stress to you, as the council, that you are getting everything you need from us about the FirstNet outreach effort as well as how we can improve to make sure that you are involved as much as possible. If anyone from the Council would like to continue to be involved in the outreach that is not already involved in it please let us know. We are going to continue on to phase two. Our last outreach presentation is June 3. Iowa is the first state if not the only state to have gone and visited each county.

Mr. Bryant – Is it possible to see where the meetings are around me instead of having to click on every date to see where the meeting is going to be held?

Mr. Wagner – What is left is Fremont, Hardin, Muscatine and.....Round two will be on a regional basis. It will be in each Homeland Security Region and what we are doing is if anyone wanted to be involved in the committees they will be involved in a one day full session where we will run actual scenarios on how you would use this type of technology. We are working actively to determine, who you define as public safety. Are they on an operational basis or are they on a full time basis. For example Red Cross, polling companies, public works. All these places you might think.....but in an operational situation where you have a major accident and you need the roadways cleared as quickly as possible, you may say they may not need to be considered for public safety on an operational basis. So we are going to looking for a lot more input on your definitions and who would be involved in different situations and how all that stuff would work and the types of technology devices you would be using. So that is what will be part of phase two and that will be coming very quickly.

Mr. Bryant – That will be easier because there are only six regions. So that will be a lot easier to track.

I might have been a bit harsh on a group in North Central Iowa – Andy Buffington. I know there has been some emails that went back and forth. I was invited to their meeting by Andy and my local Sheriff in Wright County and I did attend that in Cerro Gordo County. I think it was a good meeting for me to go to. I learned a lot. Craig was there as well. I don't necessarily agree with everything but didn't expect to. I will say that it has opened a line of communications by them inviting me to the meeting and I think they kind of understand my position and I kind of understand theirs. Most of the stuff we agreed on. I just want that for the record.

The other topic is the legislation. There has been an unprecedented amount of attendance. So talking to a lot of people from around the state, I think maybe a topic on the agenda....I know we just changed our meetings to the second Wednesday of the month. But there is a desire, I feel, for us to go back on the

road. I ask that the discussion be held....when we have our meetings with the Interop Board here most of the time that's fine. I can tell you from my years of experience on this council, when we had meetings on the road we moved them to a Thursday evening and accommodated those people in most of the far outreaches so they could come in the evening and they were well attended and that seemed to be something that is desirable in the outside world for those people that don't live in the Des Moines Metro area. I would ask that we consider three or four times a year of doing some sort of outreach from the council.

Chair Ray – We will put this on the next meeting's agenda for discussion.

Mr. DeRouche – I mentioned before that we are contracting an uninterested third party to write the report from the data collected over the past two years. I will be involved and I would like four or five of the council members to work with me and contractor in writing that report. We were supposed to have an informal kick off meeting yesterday but it was postponed. The informal kick off meeting will be within the next week and then meet after that.

Chair Ray – Would you need to meet with anybody from the council prior to the next meeting?

Mr. DeRouche – That would be great.

Chair Ray – The following volunteered to be on this committee: Rob Koppert, Bob Seivert, Rob Dehnert, Rob Rotter and Sally Hall.

Mr. DeRouche – I don't anticipated a lot of meetings.

#### **Announcements**

Next meeting date – Wednesday, June 10 at 9 a.m. in the West Des Moines City Council Chambers.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chair Ray adjourned the meeting at 10:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Hall, Secretary