

**Iowa E911 Communications Council Meeting
Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2015
West Des Moines City Council Chambers
West Des Moines, Iowa**

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

| | Representative | Attendance |
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| Iowa Association of Public Safety Communications Officers (APCO) Secretary | 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) Vice-Chairperson | Bob Seivert | Present |
| alternate | Jo Duckworth | |
| Iowa Department of Public Safety (IDPS) Chairperson | 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 | Excused |
| alternate | Pat Snyder | |
| Iowa Telephone Association >15,000 | Dan Halterman | Excused |
| alternate | Wayne Johnson | Present |
| 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 |
| Staff: | | |
| Blake DeRouchey, E-911 Program Manager | | Present |
| Guests: | | |
| David Gentleman, Pottawattamie Co. 911 Center | Jason Study, Pottawattamie County 911 | |
| Alice Fulk Wisner, Legislative Services Agency | Catherine Engel Iowa Senate Dem. Caucus | |
| Ken Rasing, Chickasaw County 911 | Duane Vos, Racom | |
| Shawn Wagner, ISICSB | James Lundsted, DHS/NPPD/OEC | |
| Amy Olson, Windstream | Tim Malott, Cedar County EMA/911 | |
| Randy Goddard, HSEMD | Craig Allen, SWIC | |
| Terry McClannahan, Dallas Co. Sheriff's Comm. | Rey Freeman, RFCC (Consulting) | |
| Shari Schmitz, Motorola Solutions | Butch Hancock, CenturyLink | |
| Suzanne Smith, IUB | Diane Sefrit, SCI | |
| Connie Hambly, Story County E911 | Dina McKenna, Story County Sheriff's Office | |
| Carol Lund-Smith, ILEA | Scott Schultz, Motorola | |
| Mike Mazzitello, Mazzitello Professional Services | Mike Ehret, Dickinson County E911 | |

Tammy Rodriquez, ICN
 Brent Long, Polk County Sheriff's Office
 Lindsey Mosher, HSEMD

Eric Dau, Clinton County E911
 Samantha Brear, Polk County EMA/E911

Introductions

Chair Steven Ray welcomed everyone. Board members and those in attendance introduced themselves.

Approve the Minutes

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

Approve the Agenda

Motion by Dehnert, seconded by Berger to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion passed.

State of Iowa Administrator Reports (Blake DeRouchey)

911 Program Financial Reports

Mr. DeRouchey distributed a map showing the total wireless carryover grant dollars that each county service board had received for FYE 2015. There were five counties that had not applied for any grant funds. Of the \$11,400,000 available for the FYE 2015 grant cycle, \$9,326,801.74 was expended. Counties with multiple PSAPs are eligible to receive \$100,000 for each PSAP. That is why the map reflects some counties receiving more than \$100,000 in grant funds.

Following is the financial report for Calendar Q2 2015.

| Quarterly Summary | | Carryover Summary | |
|---------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Total Revenue | \$ 7,080,873.71 | SFY 15 Cumulative Revenue | \$ 12,175,628.89 |
| Total Payments | -\$ 4,005,247.22 | SFY 16 Total Grants Obligated | \$ |
| HSEMD Funding | -\$ 62,500.00 | | |
| Q2 Carryover (Surplus) | \$ 3,013,126.49 | Total Funds in Carryover | \$ 19,798,811.21 |
| Q2 Carryover Expenditures | \$ 6,916,684.84 | | |

| Current Total Obligated | Projected | Obligated | Expended |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Catastrophic Network Failure | \$ 3,000,000.00 | \$ 3,000,000.00 | |
| Network Capacity Increase | \$ 2,500,000.00 | \$ 366,560.82 | \$ 89,875.00 |
| Carryover PSAP Projects | \$ 13,225,000.00 | | |
| NG911 GIS Project | \$ 8,275,000.00 | \$ 4,342,384.00 | \$ 232,428.00 |
| Data Center Move | \$ 2,000,000.00 | \$ 1,935,200.00 | \$ 64,800.00 |
| LMR Radio | \$ 4,000,000.00 | \$ 4,000,000.00 | |
| Totals | \$ 33,000,000.00 | \$ 13,644,144.82 | \$ 387,103.00 |

Mr. DeRouchey also distributed the Calendar Q2 2015 PSAP report showing the breakdown of the quarterly wireless surcharge remitted to each county service board.

Program Update/NexGen 911 update

Wireless Grant Applications – There has been 41 grant applications received for the 2015-2016 grant cycle. Mr. DeRouchey reminded everyone of the additional information that needs to be attached to the grant application. A paragraph describing the project and a quote from the vendor.

Mr. DeRouchey – We have had questions into our office regarding using surcharge money to pay for personnel. Most are aware that is not allowable unless it is addressing or database management. Those are two things you can use surcharge for. That's wireline, wireless and carryover. There is no other way to fund personnel out of your PSAP. I touched base with the Attorney General. One of the counties asked for that. It is pretty clear cut in 34A.

Mr. DeRouchey – There are three forms of communication that we have you fill out – the normal PSAP contact, wireless contact and service board contact. We maintain all of that in a master spreadsheet. We

have had several requests for that information. I did bring up at a regional PSAP meeting about putting that information on the website. Any possible personal information (i.e. cellphone) would be removed. Otherwise everything else is public information. Are there any concerns in doing that? If none, I will probably post that in the upcoming days.

The job posting for the 911 program planner closed on Aug. 2. We are looking at scheduling interviews before the end of August.

I sent out an updated travel reimbursement form. Our department has changed our accounting software. So there is going to be a new process in place. I will give you the option of each of you getting an online account and fill it out yourself, print it, sign it and send it to me or I can do all of that work, print out the form, send it to you, you sign it and send it back to me.

Mrs. Hall – I think it would be simpler for the council members to each get an online account, complete the process ourselves and then forward the form to Blake.

Mr. DeRouchey – It is pretty simple.

Mr. DeRouchey – I am in the process of putting together an agenda for the 911 training/update on Monday, Oct. 19, 2015, at Prairie Meadows. This is the day before the NENA/APCO conference on October 20-21. If there are any ideas or anything that you really want to discuss, please let me know. This will be a half day.

Mr. Seivert – On the financial report in the projected column, I wonder if you shouldn't show the wireless carryover grant availability to the PSAPs in that column as well because that would reduce the perception of that amount is just sitting there and available for anything.

Mr. DeRouchey – I can easily do that. I have tweaked this since I have taken over. I didn't like the numbers that stayed the same and never went down. So I am trying to reflect when we project something to cost, it could be a multiyear project, showing literally what we have projected and what we have expended.

Mr. Seivert – I like the format better. It is easier to follow.

Mr. DeRouchey – Bob you said you wanted to show the carryover grants.

Mr. Seivert – Yes. Under the projected column. It would be the \$100,000 times the number of PSAPs.

Mr. DeRouchey – It is there listed under Carryover Grant Projects. That includes the traditional and GIS.

Mr. Bryant – So if the projected is \$33 million and we have \$20 million and we are adding \$3 million per quarter...that's \$12 million. That makes \$32 million. So there really isn't any extra money now.

Mr. DeRouchey – Keep in mind this is really hard to show because like the GIS project this is five years. Not all of that is going to be expended this fiscal year.

Mr. Bryant – But the argument could be made that there is no money left for anything else at this point.

Mr. Koppert – Blake I have one question. I guess it has more to do with education. I am concerned that we had six counties on this map that got zero dollars in the carryover grant. Has there been an effort to reach out to those counties individually to let them know this is available. For all intents and purposes it's almost free money. I can't imagine anybody being at zero.

Mr. DeRouchey – We have had discussions in our office all the way up to Director Schouten. Do we want to become the project manager? Go into their county, figure out what is they need and literally draw up the paperwork and work on the project. Honestly we have not had time to do that. Putting this map

together I think goes a long way towards helping that out. Help your neighbor out. I know there are vendors in the room. I am sure you would like some business. So it's plain as day now.

Mr. Koppert – I think I might reach out to Ringgold County. They are closest to me other than Monona and maybe Bob can outreach to Monona. Even if we can't get to the service board at least make their board of supervisors aware that this is out there.

Mr. DeRouche – I think it varies by county, the reason for not applying for them. I think in some counties they think it is a large amount of work and it's really not. As I talked about before it is three pieces of information.

Mr. Koppert – It's five minutes worth of work.

Mr. DeRouche – But I think it could be the perception it's a lot of work. And it could be that there is turnover or illnesses in those counties. I think there are multiple reasons.

Mr. Koppert – I appreciate the map. Thank you very much.

Wireless Carryover Fund PSAP Application Approvals

Chair Ray – Before we start the approval process for the grant applications. We did have a couple of applications that came in where they were asking for moneys to pay on a maintenance contract. Blake, Bob, Sally and Mike...I believe were in some discussions yesterday on email about this. Kind of the thought process we had on it was that if the maintenance contract is requested within the year of the purchase that we would consider that for reimbursement. I believe there are a lot of vendors out there that will notify the customer before that year ends (warranty year) that it's still available to them. Sometimes at a discounted price. Two of the applications – that is the only request they had. One of them we have confirmed does not relate to a recent purchase of equipment. But there is one that has been within the last fiscal go around. I guess I am trying to gauge from the council how you would feel about that within one year of going ahead and approving that. Anything beyond that probably not. I would probably think that the PSAPs should have had enough time within a year to decide whether that's what they want to do. Within a year that equipment is still fairly new.

Mr. Berger – One of them is ours. Every year we pay for all of our equipment to be maintained 24/7 by Racom. My question is with the changes in Chapter 34A, does maintenance contract not meet the grant requirements? It is continually maintained...switching over, so some of it is new and some of it is older. The older has always been under contract. We don't pay for service calls.

Chair Ray – Chapter 34A does not preclude that you could use it but I guess where we are going at is...is it based on something that you had recently purchased with carryover funds?

Mr. Berger – With carryover funds? I don't know. We just did the phone system which is on separate contract. It covers everything with what the phone required, everything at the tower sites, the radios. Some of them would not have been with the carryover funds.

Mr. Seivert – But it was purchased with other 911 local money?

Mr. Berger – Right. Yes through our regular wireline surcharge or what the board gets from the cities it covers.

Mr. Koppert – So as I understand it if it's...so what was the consensus? Was it to not pay after the first year or within the first year?

Chair Ray – The consensus was within the first year of that new purchase it is still relatively new equipment.

Mr. Koppert – We bought a new 911 system and we got a one year maintenance agreement. If it lasts seven years and in six years I want to buy another year's worth of maintenance agreement and it is still a robust system, I don't see the reason not to allow it to be paid for.

Chair Ray – You mean beyond the one year?

Mr. Koppert – Yes, I guess I don't understand why one year.

Chair Ray – We were basing it on that it is part of a new system. It really makes no difference to me. Clearly it is allowable. It's just a matter of we want to make sure we have some consistency here in how we are doing this. We don't want to have one month to another saying no and yes. Clearly the system has to work for the receipt and disposition of the call. That is the bottom line.

Mr. Seivert – Number one I would hate to not see everyone not use the max of \$100,000. The maintenance agreement thing – I guess I agree with what we talked about at the last meeting. If it is equipment purchased and the maintenance agreement and warranty is for a year and then after that you want to extend it I thought we talked about five years maximum that being allowable. But I think the wireless part of Chapter 34A, the grant part, calls for the funds to be spent on system improvements related to the next generation pieces of it. I don't think it was ever intended to supplant anyone's operational budget for maintenance. I guess while you can use the word receipt and disposition of the call and yes, maintenance agreement certainly gets into that, I just wonder if it was the intent for that. I guess Blake has to help clarify that. My opinion is what we talked about at the last meeting and what we have in the minutes.

Mr. DeRouchey – In the application we tried to clarify what's allowable and what's not. It is not an all-inclusive list. We brainstormed – what can be used, what has been asked, what had been the pitfalls in the past – socialized to the council and everyone thought it was a good list. On that list is hardware and software maintenance thinking that was going to be incorporated with the purchase of CPE. Not ever thinking it could be used for...all of your radio equipment as you pay for it in the past. This is charting new territory with the change in the law and I don't want to make that decision in fact either. So I am looking for input and I think all of our brains together are a whole lot better on this issue. I know Tim has a comment on this issue as well. I don't know of the two counties this applies for on this month's applications – maybe it's a good idea to get an AG's opinion on this before we do one way or the other. Before we set precedence on this for the rest of the year.

Mr. Malott – My idea would be to limit to the first year. As I upgrade my system, I add all of this new equipment. The maintenance agreement is what keeps that going. That's the piece that updates as I take equipment off and put equipment on. I think the maintenance agreement, especially in the first couple of years, it is under the warranty and you don't use it as much but when it extends past that. The maintenance agreement has saved me quite a bit especially when you get lightning strikes on your towers or PSAP. One of the radios on top of that tower is \$25,000.

Chair Ray – And as what we discussed in the email yesterday that this very well could be the only thing that PSAP needs at that particular year in the grant fund. So should we turn them away because it's a maintenance agreement too? That should be considered too.

Mr. Bryant – I was included in the email and I didn't weigh in on it. I did read them all. I didn't disagree with anything from the motion that we had last month that I seconded. But as I continue to think about it, I personally have no problem with any maintenance agreement. If you got equipment and the maintenance agreement keeps it working, then why would we...That seems to be a more responsible process of a good maintenance upgrade. But the AG may not see it the same way as we do.

Chair Ray – There's some valid concerns on both sides. Rob has a very good point about if you keep it up it is still benefitting your system. It may come down maybe the maintenance agreement because what the funds are might only be allowable for the 911 equipment and not necessarily for anything else. The two that we have today, if we did what we suggested, one is going to get approved and the other is not because the county has confirmed it is not for a recent purchase they have made.

Mr. Bryant – My question for those two counties that are here, if we are going to go this route to get the AG's opinion, does it create great hardship for either of you if a decision is delayed.

Pottawattamie County – I have already received a bill from Motorola so they are waiting for a check. That's the kind of hardship for us. The way we looked at it was...I heard a comment that it's for next generation. What about the counties that have already purchased next generation? Is that telling the counties that have stepped up and spent the money to do the next generation upgrade that we can't apply for \$100,000 because we have already got that?

Chair Ray – And go back to the same thing I mentioned. This may be the only thing that you really need help on this fiscal year.

Mr. DeRouche – Or could it be approved pending an AG's opinion?

Chair Ray – We could do that and then all it takes is for you to say, yes go ahead.

Mr. Malott – I don't have a problem with that but I have another question to follow along with that. That is why I came to today. I haven't submitted a grant yet because I wanted to come here and ask you prior to submitting it. I have completed an update of all my NextGen systems and the amount of dollars I have to invest in my backroom and the dispatch center. It has now come to the point where I need to change the fire suppression system in my dispatch center. So I would like to apply for a grant to go to a fire suppression system that would reduce the costs if we had a catastrophic problem in the PSAP and back room. At the same time my console is over 20 years old and my new NextGen and all of the stuff we have to put on it has outgrown. I want to purchase one of those and I would like to use the \$100,000 for those two-three projects I have. It would be the fire suppression system in the PSAP and the backroom. If I had a fire it could be possibly \$2 to \$3 million to replace everything. For the consoles itself, getting bids, for me it is going to be around \$60,000 to \$70,000 to replace three positions. So I am asking before I get all of the paperwork and get all of the stuff done, is this going to be allowable. Because it is for the improvement of Next Generation.

Mr. Koppert – The previous program manager asked kind of the same question. When we were building our new comm. center we were looking at is there a way we can use 911 surcharge dollars for air conditioning for the data center and the dispatch floor. She thought about and thought about and as long as it wasn't for the offices, just for the dispatch floor and just the data center she was ok with it. My opinion if it is just for the center and the support room, I would say it is ok. Based on what the previous program manager allowed us to do.

Mr. DeRouche – I would agree that the consoles would be OK. I think I would be in the same boat as Barb and would have to think about fire suppression type issues. How you described it, I don't see any problem.

Mr. Mallot – People may not realize this but when we added equipment to the backroom, the raise in temperature was significant.

Mr. Koppert – Our data center is 220 square feet. We have two six-ton air conditioners to cool that room. One six-ton would not cool 880 square feet. It is a tremendous amount of heat that is produced.

Chair Ray – I think clearly there is going to be some uniqueness in everything that a PSAP is going to be requesting money for.

Motion by Seivert, seconded by Bryant that maintenance agreements that are related to the receipt and disposition of the 911 call shall be considered an allowable expenditure when applying for the wireless carryover grant funds.

Discussion: Mr. Koppert – You are talking any maintenance agreement for any time period beyond when the equipment was put in.

Chair Ray – Dave did you have a question?

Mr. Kaus – No I just wondered what the motion was.

Mr. Seivert – Do you want me to specify it. Just as long as it is related to the receipt and disposition of the call.

Mr. Bryant – Kind of expanded the motion of last month.

Chair Ray – Yes.

Vote – All ayes. Motion passed.

Chair Ray – We have 41 grant applications. There is some conflict of interest on some of the applications so the following applications are being pulled out to be voted on separately: Boone County GIS, Cass County, Cherokee County, Dubuque County, Dubuque County GIS, Iowa County, Iowa County GIS, Polk County GIS and Polk County SO.

Allamakee County – ProQA software for medical and police dispatch. Grant request of \$87,132.

Bremer County – Radio communication project to improve county fire paging, county fire reception and county mutual aid and a portion on the NG9-1-1 GIS updates project. Grant request of \$100,000.

Bremer County GIS – NG9-1-1 GIS Data Update. Grant request of \$15,000.

Chickasaw County – Portion of the NG9-1-1 GIS updates and local call routing upgrade project. Grant request of \$76,032.

Chickasaw County GIS – NG9-1-1 GIS updates and local call routing upgrade project. Grant request of \$15,000.

Clay County GIS – Updating GIS data-site/structure point layer development. Grant request of \$10,175.

Clayton County GIS – Address point layer field verification services. Grant request of \$15,000.

Crawford County GIS – NG9-1-1 GIS Data update services. Grant request of \$15,000.

Dallas County – Perry PD – Eventide Logging Recorder. Grant request of \$42,780.

Dallas County Sheriff's Office – Eventide Logging Recorder, Priority Dispatch EFD, Pro QA, Monitor Mounts and iPad (2). Grant request of \$97,658.63.

Dickinson County – Shieldware CAD system and three workstations. Grant request of \$61,789.12.

Fayette County Oelwein PD – One half of 120' Self-supporting communications tower and related equipment project. Grant request of \$28,580.90.

Fayette County Sheriff's Office – One half of 120' Self-supporting communications tower and related equipment project. Grant request of \$28,581.

Floyd County GIS – Remediating and maintaining GIS mapping. Grant request of \$15,000.

Fremont County – Moving and replacing communications equipment including 911 telephone system. Grant request of \$100,000.

Fremont County GIS – NG9-1-1 Address Point Layer Development Project. Grant request of \$9,736.

Greene County – Eventide Logging Recorder. Grant request of \$39,150.

Howard County – Modify and update the Zetron and video equipment at each dispatch console, purchase new UPS and new Netclock time synchronization system. Grant request of \$75,349.

Ida County – NG9-1-1 GIS Updates and GIS Software Call Mapping Software Project. Grant request of \$50,575.

Ida County GIS – Site/Structure Address Point Layer Development and NG9-1-1 GIS Data Update Services. Grant request of \$15,000.

Jasper County – Upgrade Motorola console. Grant request of \$100,000.

Jasper County GIS – Updating GIS data to comply with the State of Iowa NG9-1-1 Standards. Grant request of \$14,038.

Jones County – Eventide NG9-1-1 compliant Data Recorder System. Grant request of \$40,000.

Marion County GIS – Marion County Sheriff's Office and Pella Police Department – Address Point Layer Assessment and Update Services. Grant request of \$18,766.

Muscatine County – GeoLynx Server Dispatch Mapping System. Grant request of \$99,568.40.

Muscatine County GIS – GIS Data Creation, Remediation and Maintenance Services. Grant request of \$15,000.

Palo Alto GIS – Site/Structure Point Layer Development and Maintenance. Grant request of \$15,000.

Pottawattamie County – Motorola Solutions Maintenance Agreement. Grant request of \$100,000.

Pottawattamie County GIS – Development of the GIS Data to support the statewide Next Generation 911 initiative. Grant request of \$15,000.

Poweshiek County – Two position Zetron MAX Dispatch Radio Console. Grant request of \$100,000.

Poweshiek County GIS – NG9-1-1 GIS Updates Project. Grant request of \$14,232.

Van Buren County – Eventide Logging Recorder. Grant request of \$37,118.

Motion by Kaus, seconded by Koppert to recommend for approval all of the above applications. All ayes. Motion passed.

Mr. Bryant – Was that for the two counties in question based on the rule Blake will get from the AG's Office?

Chair Ray – Yes.

Boone County GIS – Research and reconciliation of GIS data, database and address layers. Grant request of \$15,000. Motion by Koppert, seconded by Kaus to recommend for approval. All ayes except Steven Ray abstained. Motion Passed.

Cass County – One Watson Mercury dispatch console, GIS Mapping Software, Uninterruptible Power Supply dispatch center server room, lamResponding services, Uninterruptible Power Supply radio building. Grant request of \$88,339.90. Motion by Kaus, seconded by Dehnert to recommend for approval. All ayes except Rob Koppert abstained. Motion passed.

Cherokee County – Server equipment move and upgrade. Grant request of \$53,528.04. Motion by Kaus, seconded by Koppert to recommend for approval. All ayes except Wayne Johnson abstained. Motion passed.

Dubuque County – Racom Communications Maintenance Contract. Grant request of \$100,000.

Dubuque County GIS – Remediating and maintaining GIS mapping. Grant request of \$15,000. Motion by Koppert, seconded by Seivert to recommend both applications for approval. All ayes except Tom Berger abstained. Motion passed.

Iowa County – GIS Software, Mapping Server, two microwave radios, radio tower alarms, 911 PBX integration with Avaya IP phone system, additional licenses keys for the logging recorder and PageGate Software. Grant request of \$100,000.

Iowa County GIS – NG9-1-1 GIS Data update services. Grant request of \$15,000. Motion by Berger, seconded by Koppert to recommend both applications for approval. All ayes except Robert Rotter and Sally Hall abstained. Motion passed.

Polk County GIS – Des Moines Police Department, Polk County Sheriff's Office and Westcom – GIS NextGen 911 Data Preparation Project. Grant request of \$22,000.

Polk County Sheriff's Office – Purchase of a Harris Network First Interoperability Gateway. Grant request of \$100,000.

Motion by Koppert, seconded by Seivert to recommend both applications for approval. All ayes except Rob Dehnert abstained. Motion passed.

Reports of Officers, Boards and Standing Committees

Technical Advisory – Dave Kaus

None

Legislative Updates – Vice Chair Bob Seivert

Nothing to report at this time.

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

During this legislative session the ISICS Board was increased from 15 to 19. This added the Office of the CIO, representative from the training board, representative from EMS and a representative from EMA. Two of those would be appointed by the governor: EMS and EMA. The EMS representative will be Linda Frederickson and the EMA representative will be Samantha Brear.

The SCIP review will not be this month but will be scheduled for October.

The Board is working on a couple of policy statements – defining public safety grade. There has been some resistance. Membership in telecommunications industry association, TR8, P25. Those have been amalgamated into one standards making body. The Board has been asked of their interest in being a user group representative. Good opportunity for the technology committee.

The training committee has applied for five technical assistance grants from DHS. One of those was NG911 training. Anyone that has a real interest in this is to send Mr. Allen an email.

Jim Lundstead – The request for the NG911 training was from earlier this year and we are trying to get it committed.

Items for Discussion

None

Unfinished Business

None

Travel Requests

None

Business from the Floor / 911 Issues at the PSAPs

Shawn Wagner – I just want to make sure the Council received the invitation for Region 1 Regional Interoperability Committee Workshop. This is just for Region 1 to establish the Chair and Vice Chair of these Regional Interoperability Committees. The upcoming schedule of meetings is as follows (regions are based on the Homeland Security Regions):

Region 1 – Aug. 18 at the Polk County EOC

Region 6 – Sept. 17 at Hawkeye Community College in Waterloo

Region 5 – Sept. 30 at Indian Hills Community College in Ottumwa

Region 4 – Oct. 13 at Southwestern Community College in Osceola

Region 3 – Oct. 29 at Western Iowa Tech Community College in Sioux City

Region 2 – Nov. 10 at the Mason City Library

The meetings start at 9 a.m. and conclude by 5 p.m. The invitations for all of the regions have not been sent yet. The 911 Council will receive all of the invitations for each of the regions. There is a conflict with the International APCO Conference on Nov. 10. The committee was not aware of that when setting the regional meetings.

The workshops will consist of talking about FirstNet, data collection (will have actual examples of the data that we are collecting), point of contact data collection. Will go through the NDST survey (radio and data information). After that we will do scenario analysis. This will be a very intense workshop.

Mr. Seivert – Who is going to be your intended audience and the maximum size of the workshop?

Mr. Wagner – The invitation has been sent to over 100 people including numerous disciplines. We are looking for people who want to be heavily involved with the future of interoperability in their region. Communications is an essential component. The information coming out will be from the County to the RIC to the ISICS Board and vice versa.

Chair Ray – I encourage that anyone from the Council that wants to go, to please attend and those of you who are from other parts of the state.

Mr. Wagner – You can attend whichever meeting that you want. Just understand you will not be to vote for the Chair and Vice Chair if you are not from that region.

Mr. Seivert – Blake would you talk on the progress of the data collection assessment report.

Mr. DeRouchey – This is in regards to the cost study on effectiveness of the \$1.00 surcharge. The audit window was the end of July for a two-week period. I fielded several questions from the State Auditor's Office. I don't know if anyone out in the field was contacted by the auditors. We will probably be signing a contract at the end of this week for the writing of this report. Multiple times in the last few months, Bob has weighed in with information that he thinks should be included and discussed in that report. There is a whole lot of data and analysis that you provided that we are going to try and use in the analytics behind that question. It is not a simple yes, no, maybe report. We will be looking at some various cost-saving measures in that report. We will be getting started on that in January.

Mr. Koppert – I think there needs to be something upfront in the document that says, a lot of the PSAPs...meaning these two years were prior to a lot of these upgrades, the \$100,000, etc. A lot of PSAPs held some money back. An example is I saved about \$180,000 from those years to do some PSAP grades this past year. That needs to be said in there so that they are not seeing that we didn't spend that money. So we are obviously not using that money. We are saving it to use in another year. I know that data is not going to be captured until the next report but they need to know about it now so the Legislature doesn't make any rash decisions. That is my concern.

Announcements

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

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Ray adjourned the meeting at 10:01 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Hall, Secretary