

Carroll County E-911 Service Board Meeting

October 18th, 2007

Carroll County Courthouse, Ground Floor Meeting Room

Roll call was taken and the following individuals were present:

Emergency Management Agency: Derek White

Board Members: Bob Ehlers (Manning), Jeff Cayler (Carroll), Dave Schwaller (Templeton), Stan Hoffman (Lidderdale), Ken Haubrich (Glidden), Jeff Hachmeister (Coon Rapids), Glenn Dentlinger (Halbur), Wes Bierl (Arcadia), Mark Davis (Lanesboro), Tony Derner (Dedham), Randy Huegerich (Willey), Chris Young (Breda), and Neil Trobak (Carroll County).

Visitors Present: Bob Genzen (Carroll County EMS), Rich Weiss (Electronic Engineering), Doug Bass (Carroll County Sheriff), and Cindy Forgy (Carroll Communications Center)

No representation from Ralston was present.

- 1) Commencement: Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M by Chairman Cayler.
- 2) Minutes of July 19th, 2007 Meeting: Motion to approve made by Young and seconded by Haubrich. All ayes—approved.
- 3) Agenda: Agenda was accepted without amendments or objections.
- 4) New Representative from Arcadia: Bierl notified the commission that he would be the new appointed representative for the City of Arcadia. No discussion or objections.
- 5) Election of Vice Chairperson for Remainder of Term: White announced that since Carl Noble (the former representative from the City of Arcadia) resigned, an election was necessary for someone to be Vice Chairperson until the next election in January. Cayler asked members of the commission if anyone was interested in running for the office. Bass stated that he would. No other members offered nominations. Cayler asked for a vote and all members voted to approve Bass as the Vice Chairperson for the remainder of the term. *[It was determined after the meeting that Bass was not a member of the E-911 Board and cannot serve as an officer. Another vote will be taken at the December meeting.]*
- 6) Discussion of Equipment Issues: Rich Weiss from Electronic Engineering discussed some long-term issues that the E-911 Board should consider. Among those issues included the replacement of some repeaters and the overhaul of dispatching systems in the Communications Center. He also mentioned that White had informed him of several

departments having issues with their Minitor 5 pagers and he said that he would start looking into it.

Bierl and Young stated that Arcadia and Breda departments were having difficulties receiving radio and pager traffic across the county line into Crawford County. Dentlinger and Schwaller stated that Halbur and Templeton departments sometimes did not receive any pages at all near their towns. Weiss discussed looking at the Halbur repeater and even possibly asking the dispatchers to page departments differently. Cayler advised against that notion, stating that it would be too difficult for dispatchers to remember different towers for different departments.

Weiss then noted that it may be possible to replace the Halbur repeater with a larger repeater and take the old one and place it in Arcadia to provide better coverage across the county line. There was also discussion among members about prices and designs of various radios and pagers. No action taken.

7) Discussion of Countywide Equipment Needs for FY2008: Cayler and White presented the list of items that had been sent to Weiss for pricing. White added that the list did not include Dedham and Lanesboro, but he noted both of those departments had been waiting for pagers for about two years and were in desperate need of at least a few. Cayler asked which departments could hold off on some equipment for the meantime in order to keep down the overall costs and so that Dedham and Lanesboro could get a few pagers. Young and Bass said that Breda and the Sheriff Office could wait and Hachmeister said that Coon Rapids could deduct ten from their order of 26. Davis motioned to approve the purchase of radios and pagers for emergency response agencies and Derner seconded. Dentlinger added he was for the pagers and radios but that he would like to see the Halbur repeater replaced at some point in the near future. All ayes on the motion—approved.

8) Update on Communications Center Grant: Cayler stated that the state provided around \$4,000 for each dispatch center in the state in order to pay for upgrades. Cayler said the money went to pay for most of the costs for upgrading the Communications Center's computer server. White added that this grant was the result of work he and other emergency managers did along with the Iowa State Association of Counties during the last legislative session in response to a bill that would have taken money away from wireless E-911 funds and given those funds to the state's 211 information phone system. No action taken.

9) Other New Business: Cayler advised the other members to start thinking about purchases for next year. Haubrich mentioned that he was told by someone who tried to call 911 on their cell phone near Glidden that they have reached the Greene County and their dispatcher had hung up the phone on him. Schwaller announced that Mark Bauer would be the new representative for the City of Templeton starting in December.

10) Old business: None presented.

11) Approval to Adjourn: Hachmeister motioned to adjourn and Schwaller seconded. All ayes--approved. Meeting ended at 8:23 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Derek White
E911 Administrator