

SIRCOMM Joint Powers Board Meeting Minutes August 20, 2013

Those in attendance; Commissioner Faulkner, Commissioner McConnell, Commissioner Mills, Director Moore, Barbra Shaffer, Jerome County Lt. Kennedy.

Meeting called to order at 1410 hours on August 20, 2013.

There was no public comment.

Correspondence received: SIRCOMM received an email from Sheriff McFall, this letter shall be addressed under Staff Updates.

Commissioner Faulkner moved to approve the minutes of the July 2013 meeting. Commissioner McConnell 2nd, all in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner Faulkner moved to approve the financial report. Commissioner McConnell 2nd, all in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion on the Dietrich Tower that AT&T would like to place 2 each 6 ft. dishes on. Director Moore stated that this would max the capacity of the tower due to the percentage of unused space that would be set aside for SIRCOMM use. Commissioner McConnell asked if the tower could be increased in size and space and after discussion among board members it was decided that it would be a good idea. Director Moore will notify AT&T and work out a lease agreement.

Commissioner Faulkner stated that he had received 8 employee surveys back and discussion on these would take place during the executive session.

Director Moore presented board members a copy of the email received from Sheriff McFall to board members. He questioned on how best to respond to this email. Letter questioned concerns on the amount of traffic on the primary radio channel and the difficulty of deputies trying to clear a call or respond to a call. He suggests that a North and South Channel be created for separate dispatching. Commissioner McConnell questioned the why primary channel was saturated. Lt. Kennedy stated that the deputies were not able to access the primary channel at times due to the amount of radio traffic. Discussion followed on changing channels. Lt. Kennedy stated in his opinion the use of the primary channel was a departmental/agency supervisory issue and that agencies need to remind officers to control the amount of time spent on the channel. Commissioner Faulkner questioned why not have 2 different channels for North and South instead of 1 for all areas. Director Moore said that if there were more, then more dispatchers would be needed to man the radio. Lt. Kennedy brought up the use of mobile data terminals being used and better use the resources we currently have. Commissioner Faulkner asked what it would take to have someone from the outside to come in to monitor and report the outcome. Maybe check with other agencies (larger than ours) to see how they handle the radio traffic. Director Moore will check into having this done.

A discussion on Twin Falls Tower was held. Director Moore stated that the Twin Falls site survey has been complete and that the silo is structurally sound, also has received the ok from the Twin Falls Historical Committee, will move forward with moving the tower once the report is received in writing. It has been advised that we cannot add temporary support to the tower on the Twin Falls Court House.

Commissioner Mills asked about the equipment that was approved to be given to Valley County and Director Moore stated that the equipment was picked up less than a week after the last meeting.

Commissioner Mills moved to enter into executive session per Idaho Code 67-2345 1 A and B, Lt. Kennedy and Barbara Shaffer were excused and the session began at 1445 hrs. Session ended at 1540 hours. Barbara Shaffer returned to meeting.

Next meeting will be on September 16, 2013 at 1400 hours

Meeting adjourned at 1543 hrs.

Charles M. Howell

Chairman Charles Howell

10/21/13

Date

John Moore

Director John Moore

10/21/13

Date