

JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING – JANUARY 21ST 2013

Attendance:

Gooding County Commissioner, Tom Faulkner;
Lincoln County Commissioner Cresley McConnell;
Jerome County Commissioner, Charles Howell
SIRCOMM Director, John Moore
SIRCOMM Supervisor Angel Hunsaker
Charles Ritter

Meeting called to order at 1513 hours.

Public Comment: None

Correspondence: None

Financial Report: A State Refund of \$160.00 was put into SIRCOMM's Fee Fund. We are 25% of the way through the year. At this time, The A Budget stands at 24% for revenue, and approximately 23% for expenses. The B Budget stands at approximately 12%. Landline fees are only ½ of what they should be. Income is at approximately 12%, but expenses are at approximately 10%, so although Landline fees are down, we are still ahead. Explanation of A Budget versus B budget was given to Commissioner Cresley. Commissioner Faulkner moved to approve the budget; Commissioner McConnell seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

GIS Position and Interview Date(s): Commissioner McConnell was briefed in on the history of the GIS program. We need to set up interview for the 4 qualified individuals who are interested. Tentatively, interviews will be February 22nd, 2013, following the JPB meeting that is scheduled at 1100 hours. Meetings will be approximately 30 minutes long, with a short break in between. Commissioner Faulkner moved to approve the date; Commissioner McConnell seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Howell arrived from a previously scheduled appointment.

AT&T Contract Amendments:

Part 1: AT&T is requesting to install a fiber optic line to the tower facility. There would be no monthly income for SIRCOMM from this, just a one-time flat fee of \$1,500.00 for SIRCOMM. Commissioner Faulkner motioned to approve the request, Commissioner Howell seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Part 2: AT&T is also requesting to take 6 of their current dishes off of the Dietrich tower site, and replace them with 3 dishes. This will use about 5% more of the tower capacity. Director Moore is suggesting a 5% increase in the rental fees for the Dietrich site. Director Moore will bring the amendment for signatures to the next meeting as well as follow up the AT&T and begin the process for installation at the Dietrich site.

Century Link: The contract for upgrade with CenturyLink was approved and signed, the upgrade/installation will start in April. Commissioner Faulkner motioned to approve the contract for upgrade with CenturyLink; Commissioner Howell seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Approval of minutes for November 2012 meeting: Commissioner Faulkner moved to approve the minutes as amended; Commissioner Howell seconded, no discussion, motion passed.

Emergency Notification System Update: For the next couple of months, there will be several vendors coming SIRCOMM to show their Emergency Notification System. Director Moore and the Disaster Services Directors from each county will attend the demonstrations. An Emergency Alert System will allow us to notify the public in the event of a large event/emergency and provide instructions. Twin Falls County and Gooding County have set aside funds to be used for this and Jerome County will contribute an amount yet to be decided. There has been no response from Lincoln County Disaster Services.

Surplus Equipment: Director Moore advised that there is a scrap metal vendor willing to give \$2,500.00 scrap price for the old microwave system.

Employee Benefits:

Life Insurance: There are problematic issues with the current life insurance company, such as sending monthly letters saying SIRCOMM is behind on payments. The new life insurance company has better coverage & the price for additional coverage goes down.

Staff Report: The salesman and a V.P. for Tate Radio stopped by SIRCOMM to check on our equipment. Director Moore notified them of the issues we have been having, they offered to send engineers to look at the equipment for no charge. If there is a problem, and the amount is more than \$40,000, then they would pay the additional amount. Tait will contact Director Moore for more information and a time later this year to be onsite.

The install for the new radio consoles will begin February 4th, 2013.

Staffing issues: Last week, prior to the meeting, we were at full staff (not all fully trained), and this week, we are down 2 employees. One was deployed and the other moved due to family issues.

Project Wood River will possibly be starting in October. We are currently waiting for the draft contract. This will include Sun Valley, Hailey, and Bellevue SIRCOMM will receive and dispatch all non-emergency phone calls (except 911 calls), 24 hours a day.

Nokia Map request: Four years ago, a company requested mapping information. They were declined, due to propriety information. The company is now offering to pay money for the information. Commissioner Faulkner advised that it would be okay to negotiate an amount and if it benefitted the citizens. Director Moore will contact the company and see what they are willing to offer, and then bring the results back to the board.

Next JPB meeting is set for February 22nd, 2013 at 1100 hours. After the meeting, the GIS interviews will take place.

Meeting entered executive session, considering personnel matters, 67-2345 (1) (a) and (b), at 1622 hours.

Meeting adjourned at 1652 hours.

Charles M Howell
Chairman SIRCOMM JPB

2/22/13
Date

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Director SIRCOMM

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