

JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING 04/26/2011

ATTENDANCE: Commissioner Ritter, Commissioner Mills, Commissioner Faulkner, Gooding Police Chief Jeff Perry, Buhl Fire Chief Mark Korsen, SIRCOMM Director John Moore, SIRCOMM Technical Coordinator Jerry Gonterman, SIRCOMM Dispatcher Karen Urie

Meeting Called to order at 1311 hrs.

Public Comment: none

Correspondence: As of March 2011 Magic Valley Bank Loan has been paid off

Approval of minutes for January 2011 meeting: Commissioner Mills moved and Commissioner Faulkner seconded. All in favor. Minutes approved.

Approval of financial report: Commissioner Ritter told Director Moore he has been doing a good job and has been conservative with the money. The board asked that all electronic payments be included on the monthly check register for approval. Commissioner Faulkner moved to approve the financial report; Commissioner Mills seconded; all in favor and approved. As of today, Director Moore has ordered five more repeaters for the law enforcement channels costing \$38,000. There are still funds to take care of other equipment

Staff Reports: The Strategic Planning Committee was involved in a meeting on radio consol presentations Friday since our Orbacom system is 16 years old. The Orbacom system no longer exists and there are not any other spare parts than what we already have. Chief Perry said it was a likable system. The training for dispatchers would be about 30 minutes for the system that was reviewed. Fire Chief Korsen sent over Assistant Chief Nathan Fawcett and he was impressed with the system and in favor of it. The quote given on Friday was around \$250,000. After Sam Walker left Twin Falls County there is not a Chairperson for the Strategic Planning Committee. They are looking to get another administrator from Twin Falls County to join. Fire Chief Korsen suggested getting someone from the EMS side to join. Commissioner Faulkner said to get someone they wanted on the committee and bring names to the next meeting.

Jerry advised that by May 13th we should have a full report from ADCOMM. We have until September 1st to have all microwave construction finished. He stated we are going to keep the current dishes up so the old ones will be working while the new ones come online. Valley emergency voters were also installed yesterday. Director Moore advised that he has been in contact with BHS and they were asking about the microwave project as they have issue any payments. Director Moore advised that we are moving along, we just haven't spent the money yet. ADCOMM has been contacted several times and has assured SIRCOMM, that the September deadline for the PSIC grant will be met.

Staffing - Director Moore stated we had a new employee start about 3 weeks ago and we have another one that is in the hearing/vision process. The interview committee had 3 qualified applicants that are in the background check phase of the process.

St Luke's Medical Center - In December, the new facility contacted SIRCOMM about radio coverage inside the new building. In February, they stated it would cost about \$26,000. They requested that SIRCOMM pay this amount to have coverage inside the building. This is to provide radio coverage for law enforcement officers. Director Moore has had several conversations with St. Luke's on this issue. The board agreed that SIRCOMM is not funding a private business for radio coverage. Director Moore also stated that on May 5th they will be doing a walk through in the new hospital facility to test and see if the radios do work inside the building.

AT&T Moblie. On December 27, 2010 the Joint Power Board approved a lease contract with AT&T. Director Moore advised that all the contracts have been signed and that he has been in contact with AT&T to make sure that the correct rental amounts are being remitted. Tower rentals are up 50 percent due to increases with AT&T, T-Mobile, and Syringa.

Jerry has been working on the radio issues in Lincoln County and Shoshone city. A lot of the issues has been with bad antennas and wiring. There is still a lack of coverage still but most of it is cured. Jerry advised that SIRCOMM will be installing a man gate on the north side of the Dietrich tower site for better access because during the wintertime the snow builds up and makes it hard to get into the tower site. The Dietrich Tower Site building will also be repainted this summer. Monitoring of the tower sites and security was also discussed.

Web Impact Contract: There is no current software to update our web site and Director Moore suggested we use the same company that Jerome City uses, it'll cost around \$1200-1300 to switch over and redo the website and make it more user friendly. Commissioner Mills motioned to move ahead with the change and Commissioner Faulkner seconded. All in favor.

Preliminary 2011/2012 Budget Discussion: Director Moore provided a copy of the proposed budgets for 2011/2012. There will be no increase in the A budget. It will remain the same as last year and no proposed raises for this year until the economy recovers. There has been a decrease in the amount of remittance from the service provides for the 911 remittance. The B budget will be very conservative.

Employee Benefits-Insurance: Director Moore recommend that SIRCOMM stay Blue Cross and Delta Dental as insurance providers but would like to switch from Balanced Rock Insurance to Premier Insurance. Commissioner Faulkner moved to switch to Premier and Commissioner Mills seconded the motion. All in favor.

SIRCOMM Resolution and Joint Power Board Bylaws---Discussion was held on the current JPB By-laws and Director Moore will provide the Commissioners with a draft copy for the next meeting. The resolution on the formula for funding the A budget will be presented for approval at the next meeting.

Next meeting: Third Monday still working well for everyone, the afternoon works better for Commissioners; next meeting will be May 16th at 1500 hrs

Entered Executive Session: Commissioner Faulkner made the motion to enter into executive

session under Idaho Code 67-2345 A and E. Commissioner Mills seconded. Roll call vote taken. All in favor.

Joint Power Board reconvened at 1427 hrs and meeting was adjourned.

Charles Ritter
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5/16/2011
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