## **SIRCOMM Joint Powers Board Special Meeting**

Minutes October 27, 2015

Twin Falls County West Building Commissioner's Office—2<sup>nd</sup> Floor 630 Addison Ave. West Twin Falls, Idaho 83303

## Those in attendance:

Commissioner Mills (Twin Falls County), Commissioner McConnell (Lincoln County), Commissioner Bolduc (Gooding County), Commissioner Howell (Jerome County), Director Moore-Director SIRCOMM, Deputy Director Churchman-SIRCOMM, Mariann Schiewe-Admin. SIRCOMM, Lt. Craig Stotts-TWF PD, Diane Barclay-EIS, Rick Viola-EIS, Chief Deputy Don Newman-TWF Sheriff's Office, Captain Brent Hilliard- TWF Sheriff's Office, Sheriff Tom Carter- TWF Sheriff's Office, Ben Stephenson-IT Tech, Chief Deputy Jack Johnson-Jerome County Sheriff's Office, Sheriff Doug McFall-Jerome County Sheriff's Office

Commissioner Mills called the meeting to order at 1032 hours.

## 1. Discussion on SIRCOMM CAD System

Everyone introduced and identified themselves and the agency they were with.

Director Moore shared with those present, that at the last SIRCOMM Joint Powers Board meeting, he was instructed by the board to aggressively start looking for a new CAD System due to the reoccurring issues SIRCOMM had with their current CAD System. The following day Director Moore, Deputy Director Churchman, Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office, Twin Falls City and EIS met to discuss what was going on in the region. SIRCOMM was asked by the group to consider staying with EIS for compatibility and communication-information sharing purposes and the use of MDT's by the local agencies. Director Moore felt it was best to get it out on the table with all involved.

Commissioner McConnell opened by sharing that the reason his decision was made to move forward with a new CAD System was, he was aware that the dispatchers had struggled with issues that were not or could not be repaired by the EIS technicians and it now has become a heated issue that needs to be taken care of. Commissioner McConnell's sole concern is the safety of all first responders and the dispatchers' ability to understand what they are seeing and to be able to share the correct information when needed. These are not new issue's, but on going issues that the dispatchers have dealt with for the past three years that he has been a part of the SIRCOMM Joint Powers Board.

Mr. Viola, from EIS, stated that EIS had done an upgrade in recent years and that SIRCOMM had not been happy with several of the changes and that they had been working with Deputy Director Churchman to repair 12 of the 14 issues, and that he felt some of the issues had to do with retraining the dispatchers on the upgrade. He sincerely feels they are moving forward with SIRCOMM. Ms. Barclay has been sitting with the SIRCOMM dispatchers addressing the issues as they came up. Mr. Viola was aware that of 14 issues that had been submitted, and Diane Barclay (EIS Technician) had resolved all but one or two. Mr. Viola stated the EIS was completely committed to work with all agencies if that means coming down once or twice a month and sitting on the dispatch floors to get the bugs worked out. It was stated that other agencies using the EIS CAD systems were not encountering any of the problems that SIRCOMM was, and that they were completely satisfied with the system. Address verifications, being one of the main issues, had just been resolved on the dispatch floor yesterday. EIS is still holding out to confirm that it is not a bug that just occasionally presents itself. If they are functionality issues with the applications, they can be addressed. Mr. Viola commented that EIS is completely committed to SIRCOMM's satisfaction with the EIS system.

Mr. Viola stated that he was aware that Deputy Director Churchman had seen presentations from other CAD vendors that offered new and enhanced features not yet available from the EIS system. He asked that if she would submit the information to EIS, that these enhancement requests would could be passed on to the CAD rebuild committee for future consideration this fiscal year and that they should be able to roll something out by the year 2017. He stated that EIS is

looking for new beta sites to work with dispatchers all over to create these new features they want and need. However he cannot guarantee every feature will be added but if they make sense the will attempt to incorporate them into their CAD rebuild.

Commissioner Mills asked if SIRCOMM must wait until 2017 to have the features available from E-Force and Spillman Systems now and was this just a sales pitch from EIS to pull SIRCOMM back and make us think we are working as a team?

Mr. Viola stated he was not trying to sell anything. However, he stated, that he felt that the grass is not always greener on the other side. He has been in SIRCOMM's situation and knows that a timely response is always of the upmost importance. He noted that EIS has customers all over the United States and they are not getting these types of issues from them, and that they rave about the program. However, he feels that EIS is moving forward in their progress with the SIRCOMM issues and that there will be some type of issues with any system SIRCOMM decides to go with.

Commissioner Mills stated that the revenue for a new CAD system was set aside a year ago due to the many complaints over the years from the dispatchers and outside agencies regarding the EIS System. He doesn't understand why SIRCOMM has not moved forward with a new system before now if there is a system available to do what they want now. They should not have to wait until 2017. He asked if the concern was due to the ability to interface with other agency should a change occur. He was not clear on the hold up and asked if the other any of the other commissioners could shed some light on the issue.

Mr. Viola did state that interfacing with other agencies could be accomplished but it there would be huge added expense to make it possible, however it could be done. Regionalization is one of the aspects that EIS encourages. He shared EIS has a customer in Oregon that has several agencies that are able to pull information from one server and it has proven to an asset. Commissioner Mills shared his concern over this being a problem with the local agencies however he would like to have state of the art, best lifesaving tools that we can also afford.

Commissioner Bolduc asked if Twin Falls City was using the EIS System. Lt. Stotts shared that the system was currently being upgraded. Commissioner Bolduc asked why SIRCOM has the issues and Twin Falls does not?

Lt. Stotts shared that Twin Falls was in the process of the new installations with RMS and CAD and that in the twelve years that they have had the EIS System, it has never been down. They have had some problems and had to have it tweaked and customized; however it has never been down. Technology changes and six months down the road there will be more updates. He stated that a big part of their decision to stay with EIS was due to the fact that SIRCOMM had just done the big update and staying with EIS would keep the systems compatible.

Commissioner Howell stated that to clarify what Director Moore had stated, SIRCOMM does not necessarily want to change CAD Systems, it is that EIS has several strikes already against them. Lack of service and follow up on issues and lack of repairs that SIRCOMM has had to deal with over the past ten years. If the staff is not happy with it, it comes to the board and the board will do what we have to do to get it fixed. We are not ruling out EIS; however the past speaks for itself. The SIRCOMM Board has just said, enough is enough and it is time for a change.

Mr. Viola reiterated that he feels that a lot of the problems with the EIS System is due to issues of no flexibility in the old system that was being phased out and the upgrade has taken care of many of the issues. Mr. Viola stated that as an advocate for the agencies he is committed to staying on top of the issues to change what has not worked. He has followed through with Twin Falls working with Chief Deputy Newman who was not happy with EIS. It has not been easy, however he is committed to making this work and they have worked hard to get it corrected. Mr. Viola feels that he is doing the same with SIRCOMM. He is committed to change with the new system and fix what is broken and tell you when it cannot be fixed. When he and Ms. Barclay began working with SIRCOMM, they worked tirelessly to get the 14 items on the list addressed and resolved as well as work on the relationship damaged in the past. Ms. Barclay shared that she had been working with Deputy Director Churchman on the list of issues and at this time there are only two open tickets, four bugs to work out and two enhancements. They were not aware of support request until a month and a half ago after meeting with the Deputy Director. Ms. Barclay felt that after yesterday,

sitting with Deputy Director Churchman, a few more items were worked out and that there were eight or nine more items that need to be looked into.

Director Moore intervened and asked Deputy Director Churchman to share some of the background on what has been occurring with the EIS CAD system so everyone would be on the same page.

At this point Commissioner Mills asked Deputy Director Churchman what the two items were that most concerned her that EIS had not addressed. It was noted by Mr. Viola that he believed it was address verification and wide screen monitor resolutions. Deputy Director Churchman and Ms. Barclay discussed the issues and Ms. Barclay stated that in the last three years EIS has been upgrading their systems with the new RMS and the ability for agencies to share information. SIRCOMM is at the point where they can use these systems; however Twin Falls in not there yet. Deputy Director Churchman stated that SIRCOMM had issues from 2009 that had not been resolved and was concerned that in six more years they will be in the same situation. Ms. Barclay asked Deputy Director Churchman what issue from 2009 had not been corrected and after sharing the information Mr. Viola and Ms. Barclay both noted that it was not a repair issue but an enhancement issue to be addressed.

In addressing Lt. Stotts, Deputy Director Churchman stated that in the twelve years that Twin Falls has also had the EIS system, they never had the ability to share information and it was not an issue until now that SIRCOMM is considering a new system. Nothing would change except that now EIS states that information can be shared as part of the new upgrade.

Ms. Barclay stated that as a support team they can send requests for features and by getting more agencies involved the developer will customize items requested.

Mr. Stephenson asked if Twin Falls City had the same EIS program as SIRCOMM and Mr. Viola noted that after the upgrade they will be. He also stated that of the many of the features that are requested, it is not a matter of can they be done, but could be done but at an expense and that if more than one agency requests a feature it then becomes feasible and affordable for all of those involved. Ms. Barclay shared that over the last 10 years the current CAD system is the same as it has been first new upgrade for the EIS System since 2007.

Commissioner McConnell asked for clarification purposes if Twin Falls County used the EIS System and in was stated that only the RMS portion of the program was in use. He then asked if Twin Falls County had ever interacted through the EIS System with Twin Falls City where as SIRCOMM had not? Mr. Viola shared that with system going in they will have the ability to interact. Chief Deputy Newman stated that the ability for interaction between the city, county and SIRCOMM was one of the primary deciding factors on their department signing a contract with EIS. He stated that the severity of the issues being shared was not known until now and it is very frustrating as it will throw a wrench into their program and how they will communicate with the city.

Commissioner Mills stated that they would still be able to communicate, however SIRCOMM is going to, in his opinion, a better system.

Chief Deputy Newman stated it would affect the MDT's as they would be on a different platform and it will make a difference.

It was asked what vendor SIRCOMM was going with & Commissioner Mills stated that a decision had not been made. Research was being done and Commissioner Howell and Mills both noted that SIRCOMM wanted to be compatible with both City and Twin Falls County to make this possible. Deputy Director Churchman stated that she had spoken with one of the vendors and was assured that they could build a program that could dump SIRCOMM's data into server and a program could be built to retrieve the information.

The question was asked as to what this would cost and it was noted that the cost was an unknown. This was of great concern to many the table. Funding for another news program was not feasible. Commissioner Mills agreed that cost could be an issue, however, the problems SIRCOMM has had with EIS in the past have not been solved and it is time to move on.

Captain Hilliard stated that the lack of communication between the agencies seems to be the problem and by going to EIS he felt that it would marry the City, County & SIRCOMM in their ability to share information and now that they have signed the contract he finds out that SIRCOMM may not be using the system. Captain Hilliard was assured by Director Moore a year ago that SIRCOMM would

be doing the EIS upgrades and that the direction they were going was with EIS. This information was the deciding factor in Twin Falls County going with EIS and that they were not aware of all of these problems until recently when Director Moore shared that the Joint Powers Board had directed him to find a new CAD System.

Commissioner Mills asked who dropped the ball, to which Chief Deputy Newman stated it was not dropping the ball, but lack of communication that has created this situation. He stated that there has been a lot of money time and energy put into getting everyone moving in the same direction, only to find out SIRCOMM is going in a different direction.

Commission Mills stated that his concern is for the life safety of all involved and that the board wants a state of the art system for the dispatchers to be able to do their job without problems.

Captain Hilliard agreed that if EIS is not providing a service that can keep their guys safe and that the dispatchers can work with, SIRCOMM move forward, or can EIS step up to the plate?

Sherriff McFall voiced that he felt Jerome, Lincoln County and Gooding deputies are not as important as the deputies on the south side even though they have a good working relationship. Sheriff McFall stated that he feels there should be a dispatch center for the south side and one for the north side. His deputies have never had MDT's for their vehicles to tie into the information with SIRCOMM. They cannot afford MDT's even with grants. He has had computer mounts in the vehicles and hand me down mobile computers from that Twin Falls City has generously recycled their way, and now he found out that he has to purchase the EIS program that his county cannot afford. Sheriff McFall shared that the Lincoln County Sheriff cannot use his MDT as it does not work at which time Commissioner McConnell from Lincoln County stated that the just got new MDT's in his county. Sheriff McFall stated that Sheriff Ellis cannot use his. Sheriff McFall also stated that he feels left out of the loop. He would not have known about this meeting today if someone had not mentioned it in passing as there is no sharing information.

Director Moore shared information was shared at the last Joint Powers Board meeting that SIRCOMM was working on a project right now to supply MDT's throughout the valley knowing that Jerome and Lincoln County cannot afford. SIRCOMM has stepped up to the plate to get MDT's installed in all police cars and fire trucks and the Joint Powers Board said get it done. Commissioner Mills stated that there it is not the north or south side. It is a Joint Powers Board and SIRCOMM has invested \$110-\$120k in going to EIS and at that moving in a different direction at this point in time is also in everyone's best interest. It is for the safety of everyone involved.

Sheriff McFall stated that he has not does not receive notifications on meeting in the area and feels they have been left out of the loop. Director Moore shared that notification on all meetings goes out via email. He noted that he will check into the problem.

Any information to assist any this information was shared at the last Joint Powers Board meeting that was open to the public

Mr. Viola asked Sheriff McFall how many units he needed for his deputies. Sheriff McFall stated he needed 12 but 20 would cover everyone. Mr. Viola stated he would look into what the cost would truly be.

Sheriff McFall stated that being able to pull up the CAD on their I-phones. Director Moore stated this was a feature he requested from EIS two years ago and MDT's in vehicles are not the issue for this meeting.

Commissioner Howell stated that whether SIRCOMM decides to go to a new CAD Vendor or stay with EIS has become an issue with Twin Falls, and he understands that they are not happy with the choice. He shared that the question now, is does SIRCOMM go to a new system, or can EIS step up and make this system work. Everyone is concerned with money; however, Commissioner Howell reiterated that the Board had put the heat on the dispatch staff to do what had to be done to take care of the issues and complaints they are receiving from the agencies they serve. After talking with Deputy Director Churchman, it is not clear if the problems they are encountering are because of the EIS upgrade, bugs in the system or enhancements needed that EIS cannot provide.

What the Board wants, is the best program for the SIRCOMM dispatchers to do the best job possible whatever it costs? Of course cost is a concern, but a concern we can budget for. What is clear right now is that after ten years, EIS has not fixed many of the problems or addressed the issues that the dispatchers have with their system and the Board feels it is time to move forward.

Mr. Viola stated that he personally would be willing to step up to the plate for EIS and be willing to meet with SIRCOMM on a monthly basis and do whatever it takes to make the program work. Anytime anything happens, please get the information to EIS so that he can get into the system and get changes made. He can update everyone where EIS is on issues at hand and that Deputy Director Churchman can contact Ms. Barclay when an issue comes up.

Deputy Director Churchman then stated that this is what happens when she communicates with EIS. Take a screen shot send it up to EIS and the reply she received was "This feature will be considered for possible inclusion in future product release. Not supported at this time."

Ms. Barclay noted that she had brought this issue up to Mr. Viola the previous day and that this message is a canned response that needs to be changed. It was shared with the group that there are three groups that request fall into that they respond to. That would be an active support that they can work on from the office, an active enhancement is a request that must go to a higher level for a response or a bug that is the ultimate "I AM" and will be repaired with the next update.

Deputy Director Churchman pointed out that the times do not show up on chronologies and this was an issue. Ms. Barclay shared this has been an issue since 2006-2007 with EIS, at which time Director Moore asked why had it not been fixed and Ms. Barclay acknowledge she did not know why. Director Moore stated that this is part of the frustration that SIRCOMM has issues with. It took ten years to get the address verifications issue repaired. Why when it was a simple coding issue. SIRCOMM need to get a reasonable response or what would it cost to get these repairs taken care of? Request can be taken to the board for these changes. We need things done in a timely manner. What does it take with EIS to get what we need accomplished. Ms. Barclay explained all of the steps and issues involved before changes could be applied in another upgrade to the EIS

System. Deputy Director Churchman then asked if EIS collects information from many of their clients for changes and request, however, if only one client such as SIRCOMM has a request, this change may not happen?

Mr. Viola stated that many of the changes were very expensive and upgrades of multiple enhancement request. It goes much deeper and that Dave, one of the co-owners will be here to work on the system and get things fixed.

Commissioner Mills asked why SIRCOMM should wait for EIS to develop programs that other CAD vendors already have available and EIS still may not have available in 2017.

Mr. Viola added that what looks good on the surface may not be feasible for all and many of the enhancements requested may be very expensive to undertake.

Commissioner Bolduc asked if EIS could give SIRCOMM the costs to do what they had asked for and let the Board decide what they wanted to do.

Mr. Viola stated that he could get SIRCOMM a quote for any request they had and the time it may take.

Commissioner Mills asked Deputy Director Churchman what else it would take from EIS to consider staying with them and she stated follow up

Commissioner Howell affirmed with Mr. Viola, "So I hear you say that you can do what we ask. If we say, here is what we want, why are you concerned with the cost. The cost is not the main issue here. The issue is about the safety of these officers and what it will take to get it what we need."

Ms. Barclay stated that maybe they should take it back and find out what it will cost.

Commissioner Howell reiterated that if EIS is saying that they could and would do what SIRCOMM wanted done in a timely fashion, that the board needs is for EIS bring back the information of what it would cost and let the board will decide if

that is the road they want to pursue or it they need to find another solution. Just telling SIRCOMM that they cannot afford to have EIS fix the problem it is not going to work. It is up to the board to decide what they can afford not EIS.

Ms. Barclay stated that is not what they stated. Commissioner Howell said that is what he heard. She then stated that she knows that the 5<sup>th</sup> agency box is important and that she has taken it to those above her for the last two weeks. Now she may need to push the issue further regarding time and costs. So the new approach may need to be, they want it done. What will it cost.

Commissioner Mills shared his concern that this may not be fixed by 2017. We need it before then. And then what happens if we get to 2017 and it still is not fixed? He does not want to wait until 2017.

Mr. Viola shared that he could not give a date as to when request would be filled as the people working on the system had a time frame for each level of changes to be completed and the CAD update was just finishing up. RMS, JMS and the CAD were to be worked on in that order. However, if SIRCOMM wants a quote on each item that comes up, he will surely get that done. The new CAD update for 2017 was just an estimate taking into consideration the many steps being taken to upgrade the EIS system. He stated that he would be happy to get quotes on any request that SIRCOMM may have will follow up with SIRCOMM on how they want to proceed. EIS is expanding in service areas and that may be one of the problems with customer service. Dave Hieb, one of the owners, has work with SIRCOMM in the past and also Twin Falls County, however he cannot be here all of the time but with his phone he can keep Dave in the loop.

Commissioner Bolduc stated that the board is cost conscience however, safety is the issue and the board will budget for what is need.

Commissioner Howell shared that there were two of the Commissioners that were volunteer fire fighters and that they listened to dispatch on a regular basis.

Commissioner Mills asked Deputy Director Churchman if there was anything else she wanted to add.

Deputy Director Churchman shared that almost everything had been said. Her concerns were still unavailable enhancements she had asked for and the time frame of the issues and bugs being taken care of. Send in request, tickets get closed and go away with problems not getting fixed. She noted that a feature taken away with the last update gave the dispatchers the ability to see previous information ran by officers. So when asked by an officer if a person's information had been requested, they have to tell them they are not able to see this.

Ms. Barclay stated that she did not know why or who took that feature away but that there was a program they could use to find this information.

Deputy Director Churchman stated that they need the information on the screen now when they ask. Does this guy have a warrant-we have to tell them we cannot do that. This is a feature was used on a daily basis.

Commissioner McConnell stated that this was a safety issue in his mind and asked if that is not what others felt. Many in the room agreed with him, however some felt it could be a privacy issue also.

Director Moore shared that he needs to know what direction the Joint Powers Board are going to direct him to take.

Commissioner McConnell inquired what the quotes were for that were presented at the last JPB meeting and Director Moore shared that they were for starting points for MDTs and some training that Deputy Director Churchman had requested, at which time she shared that she was excited about the possibility of sharing information with everyone. That being neighbors we should be able to see what was going on and it would an asset to all of the agencies involved.

Commissioner Howell and the Chairman stated that the Board was not ruling out EIS and Director Moore stated that last year he started talking with Twin Falls about joining forces and working together getting quotes for the MDT's and moving towards regionalization.

Lt. Stotts affirmed that approximately a year ago he met with Director Moore to discuss the possibility of Twin Falls going to the EIS CAD system. Lt. Stotts felt that

by moving to EIS that information received in Twin Falls City necessary on medical calls could be shared and not have the delay of shipping the call to SIRCOMM where they have to start from the beginning with the caller and be joining forces that the issues that SIRCOMM had encountered would force EIS to improve their service and support. Both Director Moore and Lt. Stotts felt and that with regionalization of the system would be in the best interest of everyone and was the main factor in Twin Falls choosing to go with EIS and is now very disappointed to hear that SIRCOMM is considering a new system a month ago. He would like to see if the problems can be worked out.

Mr. Viola stated that they system could be tested now, however the MDT's were not ready and that Lt. Barnhill had asked to wait until the system was up and running and that February 7<sup>th</sup> was the date that CAD systems in Twin Falls is set to roll out. The county will follow shortly and CAD to CAD will be available.

Lt. Stotts requested that SIRCOMM consider giving EIS and Twin Falls two to three months as EIS rolls out their system, to see if things can be worked out before they invest in a new system.

The Commissioners confirmed that they would consider waiting and Commissioner McConnell stated that this meeting was very informative as he was not aware of how information was shared throughout the valley.

Sheriff McFall added that whatever direction SIRCOMM takes, that he needs the information from that the dispatchers have to show up on the MDTs and that is not happening. All of the fields need to be filled in and all law enforcement officers need to be treated the same. If it will work on their cell phones they need it to go to the MDT's, and if EIS, E-Force or any other vendor cannot give SIRCOMM dispatchers the ability to do that they need to find someone who can. A discussion entailed regarding the importance of the ability to share information. That if his officers pulled someone over in Jerome this week, that there is a good chance that they may have been pulled over in Buhl last week and that his officers need to know this for their own safety.

Director Moore assured Sheriff McFall that this request had been sent to EIS and that a quote had been received for what was called a central data dump, where all information was entered into and each agency could go in and retrieve

information as needed. He assured Sheriff McFall it was in the works and would be available to his officers. This was the However, the question arose of whose responsibility it was to provide this service and at what cost? Does SIRCOMM pay to be on the same system or does each agency pay to be compatible with SIRCOMM. Captain Hilliard responded that his agency had just invested twelve thousand dollars to have the capability for his GMS and RMS to interact with each other. The element is available but at a cost.

Commissioner Mills confirmed that the money had been set aside in the SIRCOMM budget for 2014/2015 to get a new CAD system and felt that it was time to move forward being that the issues with the EIS System had not been resolved. He was very glad we were now all on the same page. EIS was never excluded how and he stated that Director Moore would get with EIS and work things as we do want a system that is compatible the other agencies and work for some and not others. He shared that his goal and the goal at SIRCOMM, is to find the best system that is available out there and better service.

It was questioned as to what it would take to give all agencies in the valley the ability to communicate and interact on their MDT's and the response was that everyone would have to be set up on the same system and a user group would have to be established. To make this happen would be extremely expensive. Each individual agency would have to give up their system and where would the money come from for the changes.

Mr. Viola shared that EIS was working on a group system in another county to go to one system to save money in the county and be able to communicate. It was his desire to pull Twin Falls However, if an agency went to another vendor, a program could still be written for the agency to interface with each other, however at a cost. It would be a two sided cost.

Sheriff McFall shared that if the four counties could share the RMS, MDT's, jail records and CAD with a regional dispatch center that maybe they should all move in the same direction and hold someone accountable as issues come up. It may work out best for everyone. There are many vendors out there and each one has something different to offer.

Mr. Viola responded by sharing that Twin Falls is now going through a preinstall with new RMS system training the core team to use and try to break the system, sort of a test drive, so that when they go live in two or three months they will have all of the bugs worked out and will then when it go into the train of the other employees. He acknowledged that EIS still has a few things that need to be worked out but that the system will be up and running by February 7<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Mills asked if there were any more questions and with none being asked, he stated that the SIRCOMM Board would meet and discuss what direction they will be going and that he was very glad to have had this meeting and feels that no major harm will be done if a new vendor was selected as all the systems could be modified to become compatible with other systems.

Commissioner McConnell asked how many agencies that SIRCOMM dispatched for were on the EIS system. Director Moore stated that 90% of the LE Agencies have MDT's that are a part of the EIS System. He was not sure on the RMS as SIRCOMM does not have access to this subject matter. Sheriff McFall noted that Gooding County and City as well as his jail were not with the EIS System and he did have issues with the system he was with.

Commissioner Mills shared that the five years he has been a part of this that he sees the state moving in the direction of regionalization. SIRCOMM had been approached regarding dispatching for Minidoka, Cassia, Blaine and some other counties. This seems to be the direction the state is moving in his opinion and that is the direction they will be granting.

Captain Hilliard asked that since this decision does affect so many agencies, could they commit to meeting once a month for the next two to three months to work things out as it has been lack of communication that has created this situation. Commissioner Mills stated that the SIRCOMM Boards meets the third Tuesday of each month and they could meet at the same time.

Deputy Director Churchman suggested that it be a separate meeting at which time Commissioner Mills stated that the LE Agency met one hour before the Joint Powers Board Meetings and that could be a possibility. Director Moore intervened that the LE Agency does not meet every month; however, it could be scheduled for this group meet at that time. Everyone agreed to meet an hour

before the Joint Powers Board Meeting and Director Moore would make the arrangements and notify all involved.

Captain Hilliard reiterated that by meeting once a month something could possibly be worked out. EIS is aware of the situation and what needs to happen on their part and that the ball was in their court.

The meeting was adjourned at 1150 hours.

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