

SIRCOMM JOINT POWERS BOARD

October 25, 2018

SIRCOMM Conf. Room

911 E Ave. H

Jerome, ID 83338

Those in attendance:

Commissioner Jack Johnson, Twin Falls County
Commissioner Mark Bolduc, Gooding County
Commissioner Charlie Howell, Jerome County
Commissioner Rebecca Wood, Lincoln County
Matthew Dorsey, Deputy Director SIRCOMM
Hope Lindsey, Director SIRCOMM
Susan Bolton, Gooding Co
Missy Shurtz, Gooding Co OEM.
Sean Tajkowski-Radio Tech SIRCOMM
Greg Vawson, Rock Creek Fire
Sheriff Renee Rodriguez, Lincoln Co.
Chief Jeremy Presnell, Jerome City Fire
Jackie Frey, TWC OEM
Deputy Chief Mike Harrison, Jerome City Fire
Greg Vawser, Rock Creek Fire
James Pennington, Magic Valley Paramedics
Lori Capps, TWF CO EOM
Angel Hunsaker, SIRCOMM
Ivan McCracken, J-U-B

Meeting called to order 0909 hrs.

1. Public Comment: None

2. Correspondence: Deputy Director Dorsey shared that he had received an email from Jerome City Fire Chief Jeremy Presnell, thanking the SIRCOMM dispatchers who assisted at their pancake breakfast. It was noted that they were extremely warm and welcoming and that he looked forward to doing future events with the SIRCOMM crew.

Commissioner Johnson asked if the event went over well to which Chief Presnell stated that yes, they served 600 to 700 people. He also shared that the SIRCOMM

dispatchers had brought whip cream and sprinkles and every kid there was in their line. He once again thanked them for participating in their event.

Introductions were made around the room and then the meeting continued.

3. Approval of the Minutes from October 11, 2018: After reviewing the minutes with some discussion a motion was made to accept the minutes as stands.

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson to approve the minutes from October 11, 2018. Second by Commissioner Wood, all in favor, motion carried.

The Director shared that the CPA had not prepared a financial report as she was still in the process of closing the last fiscal year, however there were some time sensitive checks presented for payment.

Commissioner Johnson asked to amend the agenda to insert approval of the time sensitive accounts payable that had been presented for payment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson to amend the agenda to add approval of the checks presented for payment. Second by Commissioner Wood, all in favor, motion carried.

After reviewing the checks presented for payments questions were asked regarding several checks written to Century Link and the large fee to Language Line account. The Director stated that normally the Century Link invoices were all on one check and not written individually and that she was following up on the Language line as it was extremely high; however, it was noted that there was at least one call in Spanish that had lasted for over one hour and she was looking into that.

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson to approve payments in the amount of \$55,697.01. Second by Commissioner Wood, all in favor, motion carried.

4. J-U-B, Easement on E Ave: Ivan McCracken from J-U-B shared several handouts regarding the easement property along E Ave H belonging to SIRCOMM and the approximate value of the right of way. He stated the city had recently received an estimate of \$1.50 per sq. ft. for commercial property. He summarized by stating that the estimate for the strip of easement down Tiger Dr. along with the strip on E. Ave H was \$7751.00. The City is asking SIRCOMM if they would consider donating the land or allowing the city to purchase at the estimated value. He also stated that a decision did not need to be made at this time.

Commissioner Johnson stated that the Board would like a formal proposal from the City on both easements before moving forward.

Mr. McCracken stated that it would be helpful if SIRCOMM would share which direction they would be considering before going back to the city for a formal proposal.

A discussion entailed regarding Commissioner Woods inquiry on the surrounding properties/easements and what had decisions had been agreed upon at this time.

Mr. McCracken updated those present on where all properties stood and shared issues that had been incurred with So Central Health Center District being a state agency and the bike path. Also information was shared on property acquired by the city to the south of the SIRCOMM property.

Commissioner Bolduc shared that he felt that keeping the property was not in SIRCOMM's best interest as it belongs to several agencies and an easement will be necessary regardless, with Commissioner Johnson agreeing. Commissioner Wood asked if SIRCOMM could ask for less than market value in order to support the city, to which Commissioner Johnson replied that as a government entity the fair market value is required unless it is an auction process and that giving away government property was also an issue.

Mr. McCracken also stated that the current bike path was on SIRCOMM property with no actual provisions for the path. It is legally SIRCOMM property. Commissioner Bolduc asked if this small area was sold, would access to the remaining SIRCOMM property be granted with an easement for access, to which Mr. McCracken stated that he felt that yes, which had already been addressed regarding other land in the same area. It was noted that a public hearing would be necessary and formal request or motion from the city once a decision from the board on the direction that SIRCOMM wanted to go.

This issue was tabled until the next Board meeting when all Commissioners could be present.

5. Radio & Tower Systems Update: Sean shared that they were in the process of cutting over to the new system when a major system failure occurred due to a recalled memory board not being addressed by the vendor at that time, though five separate recalls had been issued. When the upgrade to the new system began the

recalled memory boards failed, thus a complete shutdown of the system. SIRCOMM reached out to the State & AT&T to borrow systems until SIRCOMM was up and running. The new equipment was overnighed from the east coast to the Tait engineers that were here on site installing the new system. It was also discovered that three maintenance upgrades had not been performed over the past five years adding to the issues of the upgrade. He apologized for all of the static and an issue on the radio's the previous day explaining.

Commissioner Johnson asked if the failed recalled parts were covered under warranty, to which Mr. Tajkowski stated, that yes they were and that the Tait engineers shared the replacements would be covered due to lack of maintenance by the previous vendor. The upgrade has led to a tremendous amount of discovery on the system and has enabled the engineers on site to repair and upgrade the system properly. Everything will be up and running by the end of the day. He also shared that the law channel is being tested and is sounding incredible. He went on to explain that by replacing the bad equipment, cables and wiring eventually everything will be working one hundred percent. When it is confirmed that all is up and running the channel will be released to law enforcement. Mr. Tajkowski also confirmed that there was an issue of a dead spot in the center Lincoln County the will be an easy and inexpensive fix and once all of the big issues are addressed he will then attack these other issues. A discussion continued on what and where change was needed and an estimated cost was covered. The outlook is for Lincoln County is very good and the upgrades have helped tremendously with many of the issues, however a new site for this area may be in the best option of all involved at the cost of forty to fifty thousand as a project in the future. The upgrade has showed exceptional changes in not only coverage but also reception.

Mr. Tajkowski went onto share that all projects were moving forward. The new Avtec System was installed and upgrades completed by their engineers. Everything is moving forward with all of the current carriers on the SIRCOMM towers. The carriers with the largest amount of equipment on our system actually flew out their engineers to access the situation, and are now in the process of correcting all of the infractions.

Commissioner Johnson thanked Sean working so intently on all of these issues and acknowledged the Boards awareness of the fact that there will possibly be more than expected and his diligence is much appreciated.

The Director asked Sean for an update on the frequency/channel change to which he replied that due to the cleanup and revamping along with new discoveries daily, He

and Mr. Hugi are making sure everything is in place and operating up to the proper standards before moving forward with the changes.

Commissioner Bolduc asked the Director where legal was with the lease amendments for the tower sites? She replied that the AT&T leases were in the hands of their legal team and all others were in Naylor & Hales, our legal team. The Commissioner asked if she had received any estimates on the new leases, to which she stated that the only numbers she had seen the fines for AT&T for improperly installing equipment for \$30,000.

Commissioner Bolduc also inquired on the pricing on the consoles to be installed to which the Director explained that the Evans consoles were stainless steel with a lifetime warranty and a five year warranty on all of the electronics and were the only company to offer these features.

6. Center Report: The Director shared that it had been extremely busy at SIRCOMM this week with the AVTEC engineers on site. She noted that bringing the engineers to SIRCOMM had proven of great value as these classes were \$3500 per person and were only held in Lexington, Ky. Both Sean and Ben along with three of the dispatch staff have sat thru the training so that when Sean is no longer on site they can assist when issues arise.

Floor Supervisor, Angel Hunsaker, shared that the engineers had actually gone onto the dispatch floor to work with the dispatchers introducing features that have been available to them, just not utilized on the system and have proven to be a great advantage. She also shared that with the previous version when toning out the proper agency there had always been room for error and that with the new version this was not an issue.

The Director went on to state that the current entry system at the center is at its end of life service and the Avtec engineers were also able to assist us in a workaround to our entry access equipment thru the Avtec System for a savings of about \$4000. So the money spent bringing them out to SIRCOMM to SIRCOMM has been very beneficial and that TAIT was on site this week.

Director Lindsey shared that she had been doing the personnel evaluations and that they had been timely, however they are going well.

Commissioner Bolduc asked for an update on the portable building that SIRCOMM was looking at. She replied that the modular they were quoted was a refurbished

1994 model. The original cost was \$78K and with the finance option it would be \$18K down and \$1500 a month. The second option was \$20K for three months and after talking to the technical team, realistically it will be four to five months for the move over. She also shared that the quote Lincoln County had received for their modular was much less and following up on that, it was found that it was a single size and not a double, with no heating or air conditioning which will be necessary with all of the computers and equipment. The discussion continued regarding a temporary versus a permanent building and costs of setting up and taking down. Commissioner Wood asked if something that big was necessary to which the Director stated yes and that all quotes included the heat/air and no plumbing. Commissioner Wood volunteered to do some research on this and get back to the Director. Jackie Frey asked if the Director had checked into a military vendor as there are tents the military brings in for emergency services and she would get the numbers for the Director. The Director shared that the time frame was now the issue as vendors have been brought in to get ready for the switch over. Cables have already begun to be pulled and plans made to begin.

Commissioner Johnson asked if the garage was a feasible solution to which the Director shared that not only is it full of equipment but it is not properly heated or cooled and that it leaks. He also asked what amount had been budgeted for the building, to which the Director replied \$20K. The questions also were raised as to required permits to which it was stated that those issues had not been addressed.

The Commissioners stated that it may be necessary to meet early next week to finalize this issue even if it was by conference line. The Director was asked to gather all of the information necessary for the board to make an informed decision before next week and move forward from there.

Commissioner Johnson asked if checking with Bish's RV was an option and Jackie Frey asked if the Twin Falls Sheriff's ELC's could be an option, to which Commissioner Johnson replied that 5-6 months may be out of the question and would require a state requisition. Ms. Frey also shared that ISP had a Comm. Unit that is incredible however the 5-6 months is still an issue. The question of construction/use permits arose along with zoning restrictions and requirements for temporary usage. Mr. McCracken volunteered to look into what would be required and get back to the Director.

The emergency meeting will be held on Wednesday October 31st at 1100hrs on site or via conference line.

Next Meeting: November 8, 2018 0900hrs

Greg Vawser from Rock Creek Fire stated that he had an issue with the TAC Channel to which the Director asked when and what channels or calls were involved and it was noted that he did not have an example; however he would keep track and document times and events.

The Commissioners thanked all present for being patient with all that was going on and it is great to see a light at the end of the tunnel.

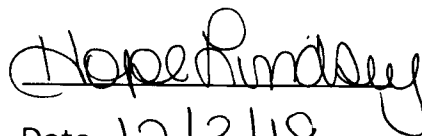
8. Executive Session- Idaho Code 74-206 (1)(a) & (b) Personnel

Roll Call Vote:

Chairman Mark Bolduc

Director Hope Lindsey





Date 12/8/18

Date 12/13/18