

SIRCOMM Joint Powers Board Meeting Minutes November 17, 2015

Those in attendance:

Commissioner Mills (Twin Falls County), Commissioner McConnell (Lincoln County), Commissioner Bolduc (Gooding County), Commissioner Howell (Jerome County), Director Moore-Director SIRCOMM, Kristy Churchman, Deputy Director-SIRCOMM, Sheriff Doug McFall-Jerome, James Pennington-Air St. Luke's, Ch. Deputy Jack Johnson-Jerome Sheriff's Office, Asst. Fire Chief Nathan Fawcett-Buhl Fire & EMS, Fire Chief Jason Keller-Rock Creek Fire, Mariann Schiewe-Admin. SIRCOMM

Commissioner Mills called the meeting to order at 1400 hours.

A motion was made by Commissioner McConnell to amend the agenda by switching item 6 (GIS Position) to item 9 (Staff Reports) due to a scheduling conflict. Commissioner Mills second, all in favor, motion passed.

- Approval of Minutes:
Commissioner Bolduc moved to approve the minutes for October 20th with corrections on the executive session policy number, Commissioner McConnell second. All in favor, motion passed.

Commissioner McConnell moved to approve the minutes for October 27th with corrections on page 15, Commissioner Mill to Commissioner Mills. Commissioner Bolduc second. All in favor, motion passed.

- Public Comment-None
- Correspondence-None
- Open comment-None
- Financial Report:

Director Moore presented the financial/budget report noting that the A budget was finalized and that he would like to close the books on the

2014/2015 fiscal year at the end of the month to prepare for the annual audit.

A discussion entailed regarding the testing and hiring being over budget at the present time, however Director Moore shared that this line item should drop back drastically after the first of the year. It was agreed to close the books at the end of the month, making the necessary adjustments after the audit if necessary.

Commissioner McConnell moved to accept the financial report as stands. Commissioner Bolduc second, all in favor, motion carried.

- **Staff Report:** Deputy Director Churchman shared that there are eleven full time and six part time dispatchers on staff with one trainee that is moving forward extremely well. There are three candidates that passed the background and will move into orientation and then training in the classroom setting on November 30. She noted that this is only the second time the classroom training will be put into play; however she and the trainers feel that it was a very successful tool.

The Deputy Director handed out the call taking statistics for September along with the November SIRCOMM newsletter that was also sent out the local agencies. She will be participating on Saturday with Jerome Sheriff's Office in "Coffee with A Cop" Program down at the Senior Citizens Center and SIRCOMM will also have a table at the "Christmas in Jerome" event on December 12th at North Park.

It was noted that after the last meeting with EIS, Deputy Director Churchman had a list of 16 items she wanted addressed by EIS and once again they came back with the canned responses of "An enhanced request, Known bug or Problem Logged". Nothing has been repaired even with live support twice with Diane. Enhancement request were submitted on the 28th along with the request for quotes on items requested, and we still have had no response back from EIS. Twin Falls City and County asked us to give

EIS two months to clean up the problems as they are now upgrading their EIS System and they would like to be on the same system as SIRCOMM.

Deputy Director Churchman stated that she feels that EIS's track record speaks tons regarding service and communication. Even as SIRCOMM continues to attempt to work with EIS, it is in SIRCOMM's best interest to move forward with a new CAD system.

Chief Deputy Johnson asked if SIRCOMM had submitted a list of the needed software and MDT's for a quote and Deputy Director Churchman stated that Director Moore was working on this project and passed it over to him.

Director Moore shared that he did have pricing and information to move forward with this project and noted that the MDT's and notebooks must be windows compatible and that broadband will not be available, however, these devices have been great for the officers to do their reports.

Director Moore shared that the ILETS audit had proved to be a great tool as they brought it to SIRCOMM's attention that EIS must make it secure for agencies using mobile devices to protect all data. The devices must be agency owned for tracking purposes and that EIS will be given a time frame to come into compliance or the devices will not be available for use. Director Moore stated that EIS is aware of the situation and that it is a great tool if EIS can bring it up to ILETS standards.

Director Moore discussed that he had been approached with the possibility of an interest in the ability to interconnect with all communication systems in our area. This is another reason for concern with SIRCOMM's current CAD System and ability to move forward with technology.

Chief Deputy Newman noted that he felt that it may be more feasible if all agencies in the area could use the same CAD System and MDT's for their units, not only for sharing information but cutting the costs by one third or even one half by not having to pay for fees and upgrades individually

should SIRCOMM decide to go with a new CAD system to which Sheriff McFall added that startup and maintenance fees for the smaller agencies would be extreme.

Commissioner McConnell stated that the Sheriffs Communications outside shared RMS/CAD was expensive but very helpful. RMS may be down the road, however the contracts won't be up. He agreed that this could be a huge undertaking and it would be good to pull everyone under one umbrella, EMS/Fire/Law for a one year contract. The RMS payments could be spread out for years.

The question was asked if there is a CAD/RMS system available that ILETS approves for use at this time and it was shared that it appears that the Spillman has been approved. Director Moore has spoken with Jackie Frey and officials from Homeland Security regarding grants and funding available to assist agencies in upgrading their systems. Commissioner Mills stated that if this system was not working it requires a change and that could possibly be Spillman, not saying that EIS is out of the picture completely. Commissioner Howell suggested that SIRCOMM push EIS for what dispatch has requested and stay on them until we get answers, with Commissioner McConnell stating, that canned responses to SIRCOMM request are not acceptable. He agreed with Commissioner Howell that it is necessary at this point to put the pressure on EIS to prove themselves or SIRCOMM moves on.

Chief Deputy Newman stated he would be working with Mr. Viola from EIS for the next three days and he volunteered to share the groups concerns and intentions with hopes of resolving the issues. He feels if SIRCOMM does not stay with EIS, Twin Falls will stand to lose a lot and not just money.

Sheriff McFall noted that Spillman was not the only system out there and that if customer support was of the utmost importance, that the Zurcher Group was known for never losing a client and Computer Arts also has a good reputation and should be looked into.

Director Moore assured the group that they would be looking at many and will table the issue at this point and continue with the remaining items on the agenda.

Radio System:

Director Moore shared that at this point there are four primary channels (100 watts) and tac channels (50 Watts) up and working. Beginning next week Teton Communications will be able to monitor the entire system remotely. It was noted that Idaho Power will have the power at the Hagerman Tower Site down for twelve hours, however a generator has been moved up to the site for use while the power is down. Teton is checking out the communication issues in the Eden/Hazelton areas. The PA has been repaired

Connection between City of Twin Falls and SIRCOMM:

Director Moore shared that he felt this item had been discussed previously and SIRCOMM will continue to work with EIS, however, other avenues will also be pursued.

GIS Position at SIRCOMM:

Director Moore shared that SIRCOMM no longer had a full GIS person on staff and he suggested that the GIS projects could possibly be contracted out as there was not enough work for a full time staff member. Commissioner Mills shared that he liked having a full time GIS person on staff and Director Moore stated that it was a struggle to find someone with a GIS background in the area. Sheriff McFall noted it may be to SIRCOMM's advantage to contract it out as an hourly wage and benefits come at a high cost. Commissioner McConnell inquired as who had done the GIS previously and it was noted that Director Moore had taken care of the mapping tasks. Discussion entailed on the growing construction in the area and could the duties be handled by a part time person. Director Moore shared that he would need to take a refresher course to stay current on his GIS skills, but he was willing to do so although he would like to check into job sharing the position with other counties, possibly Lincoln, Gooding, Jerome and others to see if sharing a GIS individual would be an option.

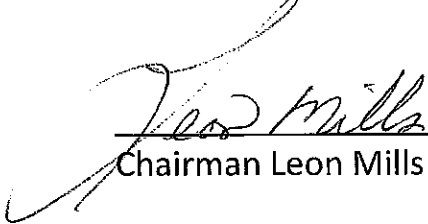
Director Moore will look into the issue and bring back his findings to the next Joint Powers Board meeting.

Sheriff McFall stated at this time that he would like to have the board move the "Open Comment" segment of the meeting to the end so that information brought to the table may be shared and discussed before any decisions are made. Commissioner Mills noted that this could be done in future meetings.

Commissioner McConnell moved that the JPB go into executive session, Idaho Code 74-206(1B) at 1545 hrs. Commissioner Bolduc second, all in favor, motion carried.

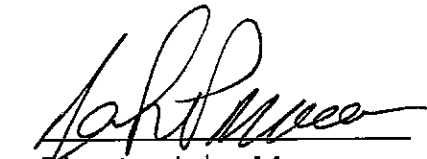
JPB came out of the Executive Session at 1600 hours and Commissioner Bolduc moved to adjourn, Commissioner McConnell second, all in favor, meeting adjourned at 1605 hours.

No meeting in December.



Chairman Leon Mills

Date



Director John Moore
1/19/16

Date