

SIRCOMM JOINT POWERS BOARD

November 17, 2021 1330hrs
2151 Tiger Drive

Jerome Co. Sheriff's Office
Jerome, ID 83338

Those in Attendance:

Commissioner Charlie Howell
Commissioner Jack Johnson
George Oppedyk, JCSO
Brett Reid, SIRCOMM
Gary Taylor, JCSO
Susan Tenney, SIRCOMM CPA
Mathew E. Eden, TFSO
Stan Flint MVP
Tyler Williams, Sircomm Legal(Teleconference)

Commissioner Mark Bolduc
Commissioner Rebecca Wood
Mariann Schiewe, SIRCOMM
Chief Dan Hall, JPD
Aaron Zent, RCFD
Matt West, JCSO
Mychel Mathews, Times News

Meeting called to order 1330hrs The Pledge of Allegiance

1. Public Comment: None

2. Correspondence: None

3. Action Item: Current Fiscal Statement/Invoices Presented for Payment:
Director Reid clarified for Commissioner Johnson that funds paid to Lumen were covered by Grant Funds received and that Lumen is AKA Century Link.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve payment of invoices as presented for the "B" Budget in the amount of \$ 594,398.65 and the "A" Budget in the amount of \$14,294.06. Second by Commissioner Bolduc, all in favor, motion passed.

4. Action Item: Approval of the minutes from October 13, 2021: After reviewing the minutes and acknowledging correct spelling of the company Moetivations:

Commissioner Bolduc made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, second by Commissioner Johnson, all in favor, motion carried.

5. Center/Staff Report: Director Reid

- Dispatch:13 full-time/9 part-time dispatchers
- 1 Part Time Persi (29hrs/wk.) signed off/1 Full time that moved to part time returned to full time/1 out on Covid Leave is back.
- 2 in training with Deputy Director Churchman-both in the classroom & on the floor

- **Training Room Addition:** Still exploring possibility of implementing old plans with necessary upgrades bringing everything up to code. Information still coming in with SIRCOMM Legal to review when available.
- **MVP Tones Added and Operating:** Magic Valley Paramedics added, and will be adding, new units to their force and were sharing tones originally. November 7 new tones were added for the new locations and additional units. The switch over went quickly and was successful.
- **IPSCC Grant Surplus:** Director Reid shared that the new telephone project for the dispatch floor with Lumen came in under what was awarded with the IPSCC Grant and SIRCOMM will be allowed to use excess award monies for additional improvements on the dispatch floor.
- **Skeleton Butte:** The new frequency is now operable. White Cloud has offered to visit each agency involved to program the new frequency into their radios. Once the programming is complete the frequency may be utilized.
- **Dietrich Antenna Repairs:** Recent issues at the tower points to an antenna or line needing replaced. Equipment is 30 days out and has been ordered (along with extra antennas and power units). White Cloud is replacing a line today that has not been replaced since 1996. Tower is functional and will be repaired when parts are available.
- **FCC Approved Blue 13 Move to Bliss Tower:** FCC approved the move of the unassigned/unused Blue 13 frequency at TWF Silo to placement on the Broadband Bliss Tower on the Lower Salmon Dam/Bell Rapids area to improve reception for Gooding/Twin Falls Sheriff's agency. Tower is occupied by White Cloud. No fees at this point in time.
- **MVP Priority Dispatching- Stan Flint:** Magic Valley Paramedics is looking into a program that will assist both dispatch and the paramedics in reserving ambulances to ALS (Advanced Life Support) calls with priority call screening with the assistance of an on call nurse consultant. Only 62% of all calls require EMS/ER assistance. Calls for transport/lift assist can be passed on to QRU and fire when ALS is not needed and a Quick Care Facility may save time/space in the ER. A discussion entailed regarding response time, liability issues, dispatch availability and issues with Medicare refusal of payment for an ambulance not in an emergency situation. The Board asked Mr. Flint to research the program and reach out to counties that have implemented the program and update the Board at the next JPB meeting. The Board also requested SIRCOMM do research as well as to other agencies in the state that may be using this program.
- **SIRCOMM Hiring Process and LEAC: Chief Hall-** the LEAC has requested to be heavily involved with the future hiring of a Director at SIRCOMM when Director Reid retires. LEAC requests to be a part of the interview board and consideration of candidates both internal and external options. LE/Fire/EMS will

assist in referring possible candidates' to the JPB Board for consideration, with the Board making the final decision.

The board asked all entity's, LE/MVP/Fire, to work on an agreeable process and present at the next JPB Meeting as an action item.

7. Action Item: Approval of Movement of Funds: Unnecessary

8. Action Item: Approval of LEAC By-Laws: Chief Hall

The amended and restated LEA By-Laws were presented for review. The Board requested that the signoff sheet be revised to not include proxy members and remove Shoshone City PD, Hagerman PD and Wendell City PD from the committee.

A motion by Commissioner Johnson to repeal the existing SIRCOMM Law Enforcement Advisory Committee Constitution and By-Laws and to adopt the Amended and Restated Bylaws, as amended to reflect in the signature page correct LEAC membership and to remove the proxy signature option. Second by Commissioner Bolduc, all in favor; motion passed.

9. Action Item: Consider Employment Issues Relating to the Director:

Commissioner Johnson a motion that Brett Reid's employment with SIRCOMM be terminated as of end of shift on December 6, 2021, with no expectation of rehire, and that the Assistant Director act as Interim Director until such time as a replacement is hired. Commissioner Wood second, all in favor, motion passed

10. Old Business: None

11. Next Meeting Date: December 15, 2021 1330hrs JCSO

15. Executive Session: None

Adjourned 1432

Commissioner Charlie Howell, Chairman

Charlie Howell

Date 12/15/2021

Kristy Churchman, Dep. Director

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