

SIRCOMM JOINT POWERS BOARD

April 14, 2021
2151 Tiger Drive

Jerome Co. Sheriff's Office
Jerome, ID 83338

Those in Attendance:

Commissioner Charlie Howell
Commissioner Jack Johnson
Brett Reid, SIRCOMM
Mariann Schiewe, SIRCOMM
Sue Spain, SIRCOMM
Don Newman, TFSO
Susan Tenney, CPA
Missy Shurtz, Gooding OEM

Commissioner Mark Bolduc
Chief Dan Hall, JPD
Kristy Churchman, SIRCOMM
Tyler Williams, Sircomm Legal-Phone In
Destry Orth-SIRCOMM
Gary Taylor, JCSO
Scott Hunsaker, Auditor
Aaron Zent RCFD

Meeting called to order 1315hrs.

- 1. Public Comment:** Director Reid shared the positive feedback he has received from the agencies on the story he and Deputy Director Churchman did with KMVT.
- 2. Correspondence:** Kudo's to the crew on an amazing job assisting all those involved with the rescue in the Malad Gorge Incident!
- 3. Action Item:** Current Fiscal Statement/Invoices Presented for Payment: A short discussion entailed regarding the Stencil Software being purchased. The Director shared that it was for recording on the new lines being added, Green 16, TWF Mutual Aid Line and the two new stations on the dispatch floor.

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson to approve payment of invoices as presented for the "B" Budget in the amount of \$140,860.37. Second by Commissioner Bolduc, all in favor, motion passed. A second motion was made by Commissioner Johnson to approve payment of invoices from the "A" Budget in the amount of \$18,233.40 Commissioner Bolduc second, all in favor, motion carried.

- 4. Action Item: Approval of the minutes from March 10 and March 24, 2021:** After reviewing the minutes,

Commissioner Bolduc made a motion to accept the minutes as presented from March 10th and March 24th 2021 as presented. second by Commissioner Johnson, all in favor, motion carried.

5. Center/Staff Report: Deputy Director Churchman

- Dispatch has 14 full-time/4 part-time
- The three trainees have resigned. The hiring process will be reopened
- Ashlee Luna and Tami Mulliner are celebrating their employment anniversaries this month. Together they have a combined total of 21 years, 8 months and 12 days of Emergency Communications Officer Experience.
- Brett, Kristy, Shannon and Tracy will be attending the ILETS Conference in Boise April 26-28th in Boise.
- Celebrating National Telecommunicator Week. Thank you to all of the agencies & local businesses along with Commissioner Johnson (cooked tri-tip for the crew) for all of the recognition and support.

6. Director's Update:

- **Auditor's Report-Scott Hunsaker; Mahlke Hunsaker & Co PLLC, Certified Public Accountants:**
 - a) Accountant reported approval of internal controls and transparency.
 - b) Approved of outside accountant
 - c) Income and expenditures in line with budget
- **Budget Planning:** Calls for service and data calculations were sent out to all counties to assist in preparation for their upcoming budget planning sessions. It was noted that a small increase in health benefits is expected.
- **Phone Upgrade:** Lumen has projected the end of June for completion
- **Dispatch Station Upgrade:** Ben has the monitors/computers/radios in place.
- **Dispatch PERSI Rule of Retirement:** A bill is before congress to reclassify Emergency Communication Specialists/Operators as first responders and not administration personnel. In 2017 Captain Haight assisted in an effort to reduce "Rule of 90" to "Rule of 80" for Emergency Communications Officers. The Idaho Sheriff's Association supported the proposal; however, it never gained traction. The Director will add this to next month's agenda to gauge the Boards support for reducing "Rule of 90" to "Rule of 80" for EOC's.
- **American Rescue Act Funds: SIRCOMM Training Room Expansion:** Possible grant funding for this project. It was suggested putting this project on hold pending ongoing research

- **Twin Falls Mutual Channels:** White Cloud has made this a priority project and SIRCOMM is putting the Stencil recorded lines in place for the new channels.
- **Filer Green 16:** Project nearing completion.
- **Skeleton Butte:** In negotiations with White Cloud regarding equipment, cost and reserving space on the SIRCOMM Dietrich Tower requested by White Cloud. Reviewing list of added equipment from White Cloud to be added to the Dietrich Tower, forwarding to SIRCOMM for review.
- **WEB Site Design/MOU:** MOU was signed and payment sent for the SIRCOMM web site to be revamped.

7. Action item: NONE

8. Old Business:

- ILETS Audit went well. Kudo's for a job well done by Shannon and Tracy for going above and beyond in preparing for this audit with ISP.
- CSI Dispatch Classes on hold due to low enrollment
- The JPB Board asked if CSI interested in offering a certified Communications Specialist Class-Brett will pursue.

9. Next Meeting Date: May 12, 2021 1315hrs

10. Executive Session: None

Adjourned: 1423hrs

Commissioner Charlie Howell, Chairman

Charlie M Howell

Date 5/13/2021

Brett Reid, Director

Brett Reid

Date 5.17.21