## SIRCOMM JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING

November 15, 2023, 1330 hrs ~ County West, 275 Martin St., Twin Falls 2nd Floor, Commissioner's Conference Room

## In Attendance:

Commissioner Mark Bolduc
Commissioner Charlie Howell
Commissioner Jack Johnson
Commissioner Rebecca Wood
Sheriff Shaun Gough, Gooding County
Kristy Churchman, SIRCOMM
Angel Hunsaker, SIRCOMM
Tyler Williams, SIRCOMM Legal-Call In
Brooke Johnson, SIRCOMM
Carson Darnall, SIRCOMM

Jackie Frey, TF County OEM
Captain Scott Bishop, TF County
Captain Gary Taylor, JRM County
Stan Flint, MVP
Missy Shurtz, GDG County OEM
Desea Lance, JRM County I.T.
Cody Westover, JRM County I.T.
Scott Linsley, ETS
Jacob Johnson, ETS
Chief Jeff Troumbley, Filer PD

- 1. Meeting called to order 1335 hrs./Comm. Johnson-Pledge of Allegiance Deputy Director Hunsaker introduced SIRCOMM's two new-hires who were in attendance, Brooke Johnson and Carson Darnall.
- 2. Public Comment/Correspondence: Director Churchman stated she received one email, but that would be discussed in agenda item #5
- **3. Action Item: Approval of current Fiscal Statements/Invoices:** Commissioner Buldoc questioned Director Churchman about a food receipt; Director Churchman advised that administration bought lunch for the on-duty ECO.

Commissioner Bolduc made a motion to approve payment of invoices as presented in the amount of \$82,478.30 for the "B" Budget; Commissioner Howell second, all in favor, motion passed; Commissioner Buldoc made a motion to approve payment of invoices as presented in the amount of \$10, 983.53 for the "A" Budget; Commissioner Wood second, all in favor, motion passed.

4. Action Item: Approval of the October 11, 2023 JPB minutes.

After a review by the Board, Sheriff Gough made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Commissioner Howell second, all in favor, motion passed.

5. Presentation/Action Item: ETS, Scott Linsley & Jacob Johnson re: Jerome County Project Mr. Linsley & Mr. Johnson presented their current network connectivity project with Jerome County, IRON (Idaho Regional Optical Network), and their company ETS, the purpose for which is to connect all Jerome County buildings on the same network; Jerome County received a 10.8 million dollar grant to assist with this project; direct fiber between Jerome County, Lincoln County, Gooding County, and Camas County was included in the grant; ETS asked the Board for permission for Jerome County to use space on the tower located at SIRCOMM's site at 911 E. Ave. H; this would be a contract directly

between SIRCOMM and Jerome County, the benefits to SIRCOMM being increased bandwidth from SIRCOMM's current 1GB to 10GB for no additional cost, as well as gaining redundancy; a lengthy discussion followed; Commissioners Buldoc and Wood were familiar with the project as their counties already met with ETS; Commissioners Johnson and Howell were unfamiliar with the project and requested further information be researched; Commissioner Wood noted that this is a huge benefit to SIRCOMM and Jerome County alike, and she is looking forward to seeing the project progress; Commissioner Johnson requested that Director Churchman share the project plan with Ben Stephenson for his review and opinion, as well as allow Tyler Williams time to prepare the aforementioned contract for possible tower usage, as SIRCOMM will need to know what kind of equipment, how much, and how heavy the additional load would be on the tower; moving forward ETS will gather necessary information and documents and send them to Director Churchman; ETS advised that the project needs to keep forward momentum, and requested the Board work diligently to possibly have an answer in the next 60-90 days; no action taken at this time.

- **6. Staff Report Deputy Director Hunsaker:** SIRCOMM currently has 11 full-time ECOs, 2 Probationary ECOs in the classroom, and 5 part-time ECOs; after she is finished with classroom training for the Probationary ECOs she will begin the recruitment process again.
- 7. Director's Report Director Churchman: Reviewed the 911 answer times spreadsheet, and the 911 call vs 911 hang up spreadsheet; Notified the Board that LG Heating & Air has made the rounds at all tower sites performing heat tune-ups

## 8. Action Item: Non-emergency line phone tree proposal

Director Churchman shared that she would like to implement an automated system on the SIRCOMM non-emergency lines, leaving one line as a direct call-in line to the dispatch floor; She advised that TFPD implemented such a system a while ago and she has been informed that they have seen a decrease in the amount of calls that reach the dispatch floor; Director Churchman advised that ECOs spend quite a lot of time simply giving out phone numbers to other departments and the hope is that this automated phone system will decrease the amount of those calls; She has consulted with Lumen tech Heath and he advised it is doable on the current system with no additional cost, and she share her purposed phone-tree script with the Board. After a brief discussion, the Board members agreed that since there would be no additional cost, and this is an in-house procedure, no vote was needed and Director Churchman could proceed with pursuing the project.

## 9. Action Item: Approval of 911interpreters.com Service Agreement

Director Churchman stated that the current translation company being used - Propio - is providing less than satisfactory service; she demo'd a couple of other companies and wants to move forward with 911interpreters.com for language translation services; Tyler Williams with legal has reviewed and revised the Service Agreement, and 911intpreters.com agreed to the changes; Director Churchman requested approval to enter into the Agreement.

Sheriff Shaun Gough made a motion to allow Director Churchman to sign to the 911interpreters.com Service Agreement; Commissioners Howell and Buldoc simultaneously second, all in favor, motion passed.

- 10. Action Item: Old Business None
- 11. Next JPB Meeting Date: Thursday, December 14, 2023 1330 hrs @ JCSO Training Room
- 12. Executive Session None

Meeting adjourned at 2:22pm

SIRCOMM IPB Chairman

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SIRCOMM Director

Date