

Wireless 911 Advisory Board Meeting

July 14, 2021, at 1000 AM at
1200 N Street 300 the Atrium
Lincoln, NE 68509
PSC Hearing Room

<https://psc.nebraska.gov/911DeptStream>

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to Order: Statement regarding Open Meetings Act (*posted on the wall in the hearing room*) by Chair Reeves at 1000 a.m.

Roll Call: Taken as follows Higgins is excused, Holzerland – present, Miller – excused, Muldoon- present, Petersen – present, Reeves – present, and Thompson – excused (joined meeting at 1007 a.m.).

Consideration of minutes: from the March 31, 2021 meeting motion to accept the minutes made by Muldoon, seconded by Holzerland. Votes as follows Holzerland – yes, Miller – excused, Muldoon – yes, Petersen – yes, Reeves – yes, Thompson – excused, and Higgins – excused. Voting results four yes and three excused. Motion carries.

Old Business: Director Sankey – Updates

- Regionalization – Map shown – SCP region is expecting Chadron, City of Alliance, and Scotts Bluff to be cutting over to the region prior to the fall ESINet connection. NC region is all connected now. SE is complete and Mid Rivers is still working to get legacy issues resolved. The Metro region is complete. Burt County has connected to the Mid-East region, and then Cuming County will be connecting. There is a proposal for the board review today for Knox County to join the NE region.
- ECaTS – Almost complete, working to have it completed in the next few months. Douglas County still needs to switch from Power Metrics to the State ECaTS system. Burt County will get hooked up after they are connected to the Mid-East region. Working to get City of Alliance and Mid Rivers their RDDM boxes. Chadron is going through some leadership changes and they will get hooked up when that is resolved.
- NG 911 Deployment – SCP will be the first hosts to connect to the ESINet in October with each of their PSAPs to follow. Metro region will be the second to connect. NC region after the first of the year, with EC region, Mid-East region, NE region, and then the SE region last.
Orders will be coming out before deployment, one on legacy to NG funding, and then a training standard order.

New Business:

- FCC Update – Matt Effken – Handout - The FCC has put out an order addressing diversion of 911 fees, what that is and a more specific defining of what will be considered diversion of 911 surcharge funds. Also included is a statement of what eligible costs are. Some things of concern are that they are including wireline fees as well as wireless fees, with an inclusion of any future technical 911 surcharge fees that may be implemented later. Which means that even though in Nebraska the wireline 911 surcharge goes directly to and is handled by local authorities if it is proven that those funds have been diverted the State is held responsible and will be considered as diverting funds. If Nebraska is found to be a diverter of 911 surcharge funds, the state will then not be eligible for any workshop or board positions and can be denied grant funding. A couple of the unacceptable uses of 911 surcharge fees are putting them in general funds, and the use of fees to pay for the development of cellular network or building cell towers. The PSC is opening a docket to explore the how, when and if we should be providing funding to wireless carriers in the future. Public safety radio systems have been previously excluded, the FCC has developed a work group to determine if radios will be considered a diversion or not. We are waiting to hear what their determination on this will be.

PSAP funding Requests:

Chase County – Logging Recorder – eligible cost based from 911 call usage percentage – Motion to recommend approval by Muldoon. Seconded by Thompson. Votes as follows Holzerland – yes, Miller – excused, Muldoon – yes, Petersen – yes, Reeves – yes, Thompson – yes, and Higgins – excused. Results five yes and two excused, motion carries.

Cherry County – JDS CAD – motion to recommend approval by Holzerland. Seconded by Muldoon. Votes as follows Miller – excused, Muldoon – yes, Petersen – yes, Reeves – yes, Thompson – yes, Higgins – excused, and Holzerland – yes. Results five yes and two excused, motion carries.

City of Alliance – CPE Viper – motion to recommend approval by Thompson. Seconded by Holzerland. Votes as follows Muldoon – yes, Petersen – yes, Reeves – yes, Thompson – yes, Higgins – excused, Holzerland – yes, and Miller – excused. Results five yes, two excused, motion carries.

City of Alliance – Text to 911 Renewal – motion to recommend approval by Muldoon. Seconded by Thompson. Votes as follows Muldoon – yes, Petersen – yes, Reeves – yes, Thompson – yes, Higgins – excused, Holzerland – yes, and Miller – excused. Results five yes, two excused, motion carries.

Knox County – CPE, GIS Mapping, Connection costs to join North East Region – motion to recommend approval by Holzerland. Seconded by Thompson. Votes as follows Petersen – yes, Reeves – yes, Thompson – yes, Higgins – excused, Holzerland – yes, Miller – excused, and Muldoon – yes. Results five yes, two excused, motion carries.

Sarpy County – Text to 911 Renewal – motion to recommend approval by Holzerland. Seconded by Thompson. Votes as follows Reeves – yes, Thompson – yes, Higgins – excused, Holzerland – yes, Miller – excused, Muldoon – abstain, and Petersen – yes. Results four yes, two excused and one abstain, motion carries.

Washington County – CAD – motion to recommend approval by Muldoon. Seconded by Holzerland. Votes as follows Thompson – yes, Higgins – excused, Holzerland – yes, Miller – excused, Muldoon – yes, Petersen – yes, and Reeves – yes. Results five yes, two excused, motion carries.

911 Wireless Surcharge Recommendation: Discussion on raising the 911 wireless surcharge from the current rate of \$0.45 to \$0.70 starting January 1st, 2022. Recommendation for this increase by Muldoon. Seconded by Holzerland. Votes as follows Higgins – excused, Holzerland – yes, Miller – excused, Muldoon – yes, Petersen – yes, Reeves – yes, and Thompson – yes. Results five yes, two excused, motion carries.

Status Reports Distributed:

Fund Balance: **\$8,415,615.58**

Board Member Comment: None

Public Comment: None

Schedule Next Meeting: Looking at having next meeting during the NENA/APCO conference at the Graduate Hotel. Date, time, and room location will be determined at later time. (Wednesday October 20th at 1:00pm room still TBD)

Adjourn: by Chair Reeves at 1105