

**Story County E911 Service Board  
Public Budget Hearing & Board Proceedings  
March 12, 2012**

The E911 Service Board met on 3/12/2012 at 5:30 p.m. in the Squad Room at the Story County Justice Center for the Public Hearing on the FY13 Budget and Service Board Meeting.

Don Adams, Gilbert/Franklin Township Fire; Chuck Cychosz, City of Ames; Kevin Deaton, City of Huxley Alternate; Scott DeYoung, City of Cambridge; Joelyn Gast, City of Maxwell Alternate; Connie Hambly, Story County E911 Service Board; Doug Houghton, City of Ames Alternate; Mark Jackson, City of Story City; Dina McKenna, Story County Alternate; Ricardo Martinez, City of Nevada Alternate, Wallace Loney, City of McCallsburg, Jerry Stewart, Iowa State University, and John Wilson, City of Colo present with Paul Fitzgerald presiding.

Guests: Marie Carlson, Iowa State University Department of Public Safety

Chair Fitzgerald welcomed everyone. Board Members and those in attendance introduced themselves.

Hambly provided a brief overview of the FY12 Budget and answered a few questions from the new members concerning the budget form. No written opposition had been received for the proposed budget.

Fitzgerald opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak on the proposed budget. Hearing none, Fitzgerald closed the public hearing.

Loney moved; Cychosz seconded to approve the 2013 Budget as presented. Motion carried with DeYoung opposing.

**Discussion/Consideration of Bylaw Change**

Fitzgerald briefed the members on the issue of having enough members in attendance at the quarterly meetings to constitute a quorum for conducting business. There had been significant financial issues on past agendas and the Board was unable to act due to the lack of attendance. The considerations for the bylaw change:

1. Change the number of members required for a quorum
2. Set the Service Board meeting in conjunction with the quarterly Emergency Management (EM) Board meetings
3. Require one annual meeting of the Service Board for budgeting and delegate the remainder of the meetings to the Executive Board
4. Provide phone calls to the Service Board Members prior to each meeting

Hambly advised presently there are 16 members on the Service Board, so 9 members are required for a quorum and 11 are needed for any change to the bylaws.

DeYoung moved to remove the item from the agenda, seconded by Deaton. DeYoung advised the text messaging done by Hambly for the last two meetings seem to have resolved the issue. A roll call vote was taken.

Deaton – yes  
Wilson – yes  
Jackson – no  
Cychosz- no

DeYoung- yes  
Gast- yes  
Adams – yes  
Fitzgerald – no

Loney- no  
Martinez- yes  
Stewart- no

Motion passed, the item is removed from the agenda.

**Discussion/Action on Position of the Service Board on wireless funding**

Cychosz advised the revenue continues to decrease, approximately \$19,000 a year. This is due to the decline in landline phones. There isn't enough compensation for the increase in wireless call volume. 70% of the 9-1-1 calls are from cell phones. Cychosz proposed the board support the increase of wireless funding to the local 911 boards and the services, the same as landline. The City of Ames and the Chief's of Police are in support but the Service Board hasn't formally taken a position on the issue. DeYoung moved to formulate a response to the State favoring the increase of wireless funding to local service boards for the 911 services. Seconded by Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

**Approve Racom contract**

Hambly advised the Board voted at the February to move ahead with a contract with Racom for the radio console equipment. Racom sent the radio console committee the contract for their review. Changes were made to the contract and reviewed by Cahill. The list of equipment was also completed with the additional 5 year warranty for a total cost of \$335,984.10. Houghton advised the project came in under budget by \$15.00. Fitzgerald stated there was one statement in the contract that was a concern.

Buyer agrees to reimburse Seller for all expenses incurred up to the point of termination notice including, but not limited to shipping/handling, restocking fees, labor and insurance.

The statement was added due to the timeline for completion being moved from September 30<sup>th</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>. Iowa Homeland Security & Emergency Management announced the change at last week's meeting with the Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System Board. If the project isn't completed by June 30<sup>th</sup> the grant can be taken away. The Service Board would be responsible for the expenses. Fitzgerald called and spoke with the President of Racom, Mike Miller. An agreement was reached to strike through that sentence with the understanding that Story County would continue to work to do everything possible to get this project done as timely as possible.

DeYoung moved to sign the contract with Racom with the strike through as presented; seconded by Stewart, motion carried.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

None

**Comments from Public**

None

**Comments from E911 Service Board Members**

Fitzgerald reminded the members the next quarterly meeting will be May 9<sup>th</sup>.

Jackson moved; Wilson seconded to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

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