



METCOM 9-1-1

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

May 24, 2022

Meeting held via Zoom

Members in Attendance:

Jay Alley
Jim Anglemier
Sherry Bensema
Joe Budge
Mark Daniel
Jordan Donat
Damian Flowers
Dave Frisendahl
Ed Grambusch
Bill Miles
Dan Mullen
Martin Pilcher
Dave Rash
Don Taylor

Other in Attendance

Patrick Hoover – Contractor w/MCPW
Cameron Lougee - Motorola
James Montgomery – Day Wireless
Brian Nicholas - MCPW

METCOM Staff:

Wendy Patterson
Mark Spross

METCOM regular Governing Board meeting called to order at 10:00 AM with a quorum met by members present via Zoom.

Absentee Ballots were received to cast vote for the March 1st, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes and the adoption of the METCOM FY 2022-2023 budget received by: Roy Hari, Kevin Hendricks and Leland Ohrt.

The board meeting was opened by Mark Spross then transferred to Chief Mark Daniel.

- Dave Frisendahl made the motion to accept the March 1, 2022 Board Meeting minutes.
- Second by Ed Grambusch
- Motion passed, no opposition

Radio Project update:

- Patrick Hoover – Radio Technology Services; Project Manager for the Marion County radio project.
- The next radio tech advisory meeting has been scheduled for June 7th, 2022. Site maps should be available for review at the next TAC meeting. On June 2nd,

Patrick will participate in a work session with the MC Board of Commissioners. His intent is to work with stakeholder engagement after the work session. Nothing new regarding coverage maps. Champoeg is still an issue. Patrick will be testing radio coverage in the area, off Parrot Mt. this week. It is anticipated that VHF maps should be available by the June 7th TAC meeting as well.

Q: Has Patrick been able to look at the coverage in Aumsville?

A: The Aumsville station is looking like a better option than the hospital. Patrick will be visiting the hospital and the station on Friday, June 3rd to further review the options.

- Mark Spross noted that the TAC group has been working with the county on the coverage maps and the governance. The group has identified a few areas on the maps that are of concern; that is what Patrick is speaking about. Most areas do not appear to be unsurmountable working through the project. It will be the matter of locating the right sites. The governance document is a big part for METCOM users when identifying what the partnership would look like as well as the cost. The county has received about \$1.5 million dollars with some of it being dedicated to METCOM users for subscriber radios when moving forward with the project. They also have a little more monies which have been earmarked through state and federal resources. Patrick is currently working with Brian on the budget for this project and take it to the County Commissioners to see where they are with how this will work with the project. The Commissioners have indicated they feel it is important to have a public safety network for everyone in Marion County.
- METCOM Users TAC Members:
 - Sherry Besema
 - Mark Daniel
 - Joe Budge
 - David Frisendahl
 - Ed Grambusch
 - Marty Pilcher
- Patrick asked if anyone has any governance concerns, questions or comments to have them ready to go at the June 7th meeting so he may answer any questions.
- The hope is to have draft copies of a potential governance model available for the June 21st TAC meeting.

Wipper Radio Site:

METCOM was advised by ADCOMM that they identified some damage to the radio site when they visited Wipper. Initially it was thought that there was significant damage to the site. However, the damage appears to be primarily to the crow's nest area and the shelf used to walk on and used as an ice bridge. This will be covered by our insurance (minus the deductible) at a cost of about \$24,000. Day Wireless has performed an inspection and is scheduled to perform the work the first week in June.

2022/23 Budget Discussion & Vote:

The 2022/2023 FY Budget was presented for adoption.

The meeting was opened for public comment @ 10:12. Both the Zoom link and conference phone line were opened and checked for public attendance and comment. None were present.

Mark Spross noted an adjustment from the approved budget. This was due to an adjustment in the US Forest Service fees and the generator replacement project for the Stayton backup facility. The generator project will not be complete in this current budget year as initially anticipated due to a 10 month lead time. The generator funds have been moved to the 2022/23 budget and earmarked for the project in the carryforward. There has been no change or impact to the user fees as shown in the approved budget.

Ed Grambusch: motioned to close public comment/hearing
Dave Frisendahl: 2nd the motion
Public comment/hearing closed at 10:13

Mark Spross asked if there was any questions regarding the budget documents for adoption. No questions were brought forward.

Chief Joe Budge: Motion to adopt Marion Area Multi Agency Emergency Telecommunications Resolution 2022-01 adopting a budget for the fiscal year 2022-2023 and making appropriations.

Chief Jim Anglemier: Second the Motion

Opened for discussion. No discussion

Open for opposition. None brought forward by voice or raise of hand

Motion passed 17 in favor / 1 against / 0 abstain – by votes present and by ballot.

Air Ambulance Statewide Channel:

Sherry Bensema received notice from the State Interoperability Executive Council (SIEC) was looking at putting in a statewide air ambulance to ground frequency for EMS and ground support to use for air ambulance coordination. An email was also received from the SIEC group this week that states "we" are welcome to use it. Sherry Bensema has reached out to William Chapman, SIEC coordinator, to ask the following questions; and is awaiting a reply.

- Who this has been rolled out to
- What is the range; one of the potential issues is this would not be a monitored channel and would not be recorded. This would be a "line of site" channel.
- Unknown if there has been any coordination with any of the air ambulance groups

Mark Spross advised that unless METCOM placed this into a simulcast/repeated system, it would be recoded only what we picked up locally or if they were close enough to a tower.

Project Updates:

Generator – METCOM has signed a contract with EC Electric out of Albany for the replacement generator work. The lead time is anticipated to be about 10 months. The generator had to have batteries replaced a few weeks ago.

Phone Upgrade – METCOM will have a phone upgrade with a target install date of November 2022 or February 2023. This should be seamless to our users, however dispatchers may need a week or two to adjust to the new system. Agencies will be notified prior to the implementation.

Logging Recorder – Our current recorder is at end of life and no longer supported. We anticipate it will be replaced at the end of 2022. This has already been budgeted in the 2022-23 FY budget. It is very likely when we move to a new radio system we will need to add new equipment to this recorder. We will not know what this will look like or the cost associated until we are further along with the radio project.

Console Positions – The dispatch consoles are falling apart and in need of replacement. Some funds have been set aside with remaining funding dependent on what the costs end up at Halls Ridge and Detroit Fire when we have to make our fund matching. If we have enough funding, we hope to make our purchase before the end of this budget year. However, this will most likely be bumped into the next budget year. Mark is working on obtaining quotes. In addition to the console upgrade, we will need to look at bringing in more power to the consoles for the technology utilized at the dispatch stations.

CAD Server Upgrade – We are currently working with Woodburn IT and Tyler to perform a CAD server upgrade. Some agencies may hear from Woodburn IT regarding this as may impact servers used by your MDT's. This will be a complete upgrade providing more back up capacity and redundancy as well. We are anticipating a September time frame.

Open Agenda:

Mark Spross will be out of the country on vacation from May 26th through June 10th. Supervisor John Thompson will be acting in capacity and will be the main point of contact.

Chief Joe Budge thanked Mark Spross for his leadership through the radio project, keeping things moving forward and for keeping the needs of our users upfront as the project develops. Your efforts and time are very much appreciated.

No further discussion.

Chair Mark Daniel Closed the meeting and adjourned @ 10:26 AM

Next meeting: September 20, 2022 (Election of Budget Committee and possible Executive Board positions.)