



METCOM 9-1-1

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

December 13, 2022

Meeting held in person, conference call and via Zoom

Members in Attendance:

Jay Alley
Jim Anglemier
Sherry Bensema
Joe Budge
Mark Daniel
Danny Freitag
Damian Flowers
Ed Grambusch
Kevin Hendricks
Michael Kahrmann
Bryan Lee
Gwen Johns
Bill Miles
Dan Mullen
Martin Pilcher
Jim Trierweiler

Other in Attendance

Patrick Hoover – Contractor w/MCPW
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, conference call and via Zoom.

Absentee Ballots were received and voted as follows:

Jim Anglemier: Board Meeting Minutes October 27, 2022 (for) / Resolution 2022-03 (for)

The board meeting was opened by Chief Mark Daniel.

- Sherry Bensema made the motion to accept the October 27th, 2022 Board Meeting minutes.
- Second by Michael Kahrmann
- Discussion: none Motion passed, no opposition

Radio Project update:

- Patrick Hoover – Radio Technology Services; Project Manager for the Marion County radio project. Patrick reports no real changes or updates at this time. Currently working on the RFP and is starting the AFG process. Patrick will be reaching out to fire personnel for additional information that may be needed to complete the AFG.
 - ✓ Jim Trierweiler mentioned concern with communication challenges within the radio project committee group (WACCA & CCOM). Mark Spross and Patrick will reach out to Ron to start the conversation regarding radio channel access. This

will address possible issues allowing access/ability regarding programming radios. This may involve obtaining keys and signed agreements from Ron.

- Brian Nicholas – MCPW: Marion County continues to work on additional grant options to fill current radio project funding gaps. If the AFG grant is successful, this will be used to fill initial capitalization. The Commissioners have not put a taxing district with a supplemental tax to support year after year funding. At this time, Brian states that there should be no concern if anyone is interested in reaching out to the Commissioners regarding the project. At this point user agencies may need to anticipate funding the replacement of their own radios after the initial capitalization. Brian will continue to work on this item with the Commissioners. Brian also advised that the RFP will need to be a full RFP. The first half will be advertised in 2023.

Q: Is there anything METCOM should be looking at doing at this point?

A: Brian is not sure if reaching out to the Commissioners would be helpful or not. The Board knows the financial picture and costs. Again, there should not be a concern if anyone would like to reach out to them.

Q: Do the Commissioners understand a subscription for each radio may limit agencies from the ability to participate in the radio project?

A: Yes. This message has been delivered to the Commissioners.

Q: Would a collaborative letter be appropriate to send to the Commissioners? I.e. a joint letter from both fire and law enforcement agencies.

A: Yes. It may be effective.

- Kevin Hendrix suggest getting support from the Agency Boards prior to asking the Commissioners to consider a taxing district.

Q: Can the TAC committee work on a draft letter regarding the partnership we would like to form with the County and dialogue on what funding may look like (options, etc.). Brian Nichols suggests to add information regarding what barriers exist into the letter.

Resolution 2022-03:

A resolution to refresh call answering equipment with Motorola solutions VEST 9-1-1 call handling solution. This will replace the dispatch center phone system. It is anticipated that the state will pay approximately \$618,382.66 with an approximate remaining balance to METCOM of \$34,000 of which is accounted for in the budget.

Motion to accept Resolution 2022-03 to refresh METCOM's call answering equipment;

Motion – Ed Grambusch

Motion 2nd – Joe Budge

Discussion none, Motion pass, No opposition

Resolution 2022-03 passed

Anticipated install date will be the second quarter of next year (2023).

Miscellaneous / Open Agenda:

Mark Spross advised he is in communication with the State of Oregon, OEM; they are interested in possibly using the Stayton facility as a state wide back up location. If this moves forward, it would be anticipated to be the end of next year.

Chair Mark Daniel Closed the meeting and adjourned @ 1030 AM

Future Meeting Dates:

February 14th, 2023 @ 1000 - 1st budget presentation for 2023/24 FY budget – Location: Silverton Fire

March 14th, 2023 @ 1000 - Budget discussion and vote for approval or changes – Location TBD

May 30th, 2023 @ 1000 - Formal Budget Adoption Vote – Location: METCOM