

Wireless 911 Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2012
Nebraska Public Service Commission
300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

Meeting called to Order by Pete Peterson at 10:01 a.m.

Pete Peterson made statement regarding Open Meetings Act.

Neil Miller, Pete Peterson, Jack Vavra, Robert Paden, Larry Lavelle, Isaac Brown, and Mark Conrey were present

Commissioner Jerry Vap, Sue Vanicek, Angela Melton and Joan Raffety were present from the Commission.

Introduction of New Members: New member was not present.

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair: Jack Vavra made a motion for Pete Peterson to remain at chair and Jack Vavra to remain at Vice Chair. Mark Conrey seconded the motion. Pete Peterson abstained from vote. With all other members voting aye, motion carried.

Consideration of minutes of October 17, 2011 Meeting: Isaac Brown made a motion to approve the minutes. Larry Lavelle seconded the motion. With all members voting aye, motion carried.

Discussion and Recommendation regarding Docket 911-050.01 – Viaero Grant Application: Kara Thielen explained the grant funding request currently before the Advisory Board. Questions were asked of Ms. Thielen by the Board. Neil Miller discussed implementing a reporting requirement for accuracy. Mark Conrey made a motion to endorse the Viaero grant application to the Commission as a body. Isaac Brown seconded the motion.

Discussion was had regarding accuracy standards. Ms. Thielen offered to report accuracy standards filed with Federal Communications Commission with the Nebraska Commission. Ms. Thielen advised that Viaero could file results of their testing as they implement the network. With all members voting aye, motion carries.

Seward County: Funding request seeking advance funding to upgrade 911 equipment in the amount of \$76,684.04. Representatives from Windstream provided information to the Advisory Board regarding the necessity of the upgrade proposed by Seward County. Questions were asked of Windstream regarding the funding request.

Neil Miller recommends Seward County PSAP funding as submitted and to allow them to have an advance out of their allocation to be reimbursed to the Fund spread over five-year period. Robert Paden seconded the motion.

Discussion was had by the Board. Commissioner Vap stressed that each county only has one opportunity to request advance funding for equipment. With all members voting aye, motion carries.

Break was taken at 11:32 a.m. to 11:41 a.m.

Region 24: Funding request seeking advance funding to pay for networking equipment for KBRC in the amount of \$22,834.21. Doug Fox of Region 24 answered questions of the Advisory Board. Commissioner Vap stressed that each county only has one opportunity to request advance funding for equipment. Mr. Fox advised that Region 24 had recently set up an oversight Committee for Region 24. After further discussion, it was determined that this funding request would be held over until Mr. Fox was able to discuss it with his board.

Howard County: Funding request seeking advance funding to upgrade 911 equipment in the amount of \$43,323.82. Randy Faaborg answered questions from the Advisory Board. Butch Hancock of CenturyLink answered questions of the Advisory Board. Pete Peterson discussed the fact that Howard County may be consolidating with other PSAPs. Funding request held over due to the fact that information contained on the funding request appeared to be for four positions as opposed to two..

Discussion and Recommendation regarding Docket 911-054/PI-181 Eligible Expenses (Hearing scheduled for 1/23/12 at 1:30): Angela Melton advised that there was a bill pending before the Nebraska Legislature regarding personnel being included as a eligible expense for wireless 911 funding. The Commission will be taking a neutral position on this bill. The Commission will be waiting to see what happens with legislation before moving forward on this docket.

Angela Melton discussed pending legislation before the Nebraska Legislature that may affect the Wireless E911 Fund.

Discussion and Recommendation regarding Docket 911-055/PI-182 re Testing Policies and procedures: Angela Melton discussed the comments received in the docket and procedural process.

Joan Raffety advised that the balance in the Wireless E911 Fund is \$16,565,704.81.

Joan Raffety advised that all counties except Garden County have implemented Phase II. It is estimated that Garden County will be loading into a live database on February 3, 2012.

The next meeting of the advisory board will be on April 9, 2012, pending a conflict on the Commission's calendar.

Adjourn at 12:06 p.m.