

Wireless 911 Advisory Board Meeting Minutes  
April 25, 2016  
Nebraska Public Service Commission  
Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska  
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Meeting called to Order by Julie Righter Dove at 10:13 a.m.

Statement regarding Open Meetings Act by Julie Righter Dove.

Roll Call

Neil Miller

Julie Righter Dove

John Korkie

Brenda Carlisle

Isaac Brown

Pete Peterson (telephonically)

Present from the Commission were Commissioner Jerry Vap, Commissioner Tim Schram, Sue Vanicek, Joan Raffety, Jeff Pursley, Gene Hand, Cullen Robbins, Laurie Casados, Jamie Reyes, Kathy Shepard.

Jim Shinpaugh was present from Mission Critical Partners, the Commission's consultant.

Consideration of minutes of February 22, 2016, advisory board meeting: Brenda Carlisle made a motion to approve the minutes. Neil Miller seconded the motion. With all members present voting aye, motion carries.

Buffalo County Phase Data Study: Neil Miller provided a report regarding a study that his PSAP conducted of all wireless 911 calls received by all four positions within the Buffalo County PSAP for a 30-day period. Sheriff Miller advised that the study looked at whether calls were delivered at Phase I/II, accuracy and confidence factor. Sheriff Miller reported that 50% of the calls came in at Phase II. He stressed that rebidding is very important. He further reported that they are seeing accuracy levels increase based on rebidding. Sheriff Miller reported that the downside in rebidding is the fact that the opportunity does exist to degrade the information with rebids. Discussion was had by the board members

APCO Project 43 (P43): Julie Righter Dove provided a report regarding Project 43 which is focused on broadband-based developments for the PSAP. This project is reviewing all elements relevant to Next Generation 911. There will be six work groups: Cybersecurity, governance, operations, technical, training, workforce, Ms. Righter Dove will be working with the operations committee.

Text to 911: Joan Raffety advised the Advisory Board that an inquiry had gone out to all of the PSAPs regarding whether they would be applying for text to 911 within the next fiscal year. There will be several PSAPs that intend to apply for text to 911 within the 2016-2017 fiscal year. Jeff Pursley advised the Advisory Board about the lawsuit that

had been filed in Arizona by the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission regarding lack of text to 911 availability. Mr. Pursley requested Advisory Board insight as to whether text to 911 should be a requirement for PSAPs to receive funding. Julie Righter Dove responded that she didn't think that the requirement should be established because some PSAPs may not be capable of receiving the texts. Neil Miller expressed concerns regarding costs of text to 911 and the inconsistencies that we were seeing. Jeff Pursley advised that the Commission would look at the costs associated with text to 911.

Wireless Tower Testing: Jeff Pursley advised the Advisory Board that discussions were being had regarding the development of a wireless testing program to be independently performed by the Commission. A process would need to be developed to set up priorities as to how the testing would take place. The entire state would not be able to be tested in the first year. The question was posed to the Advisory Board whether a priority should be placed on the Douglas, Sarpy, Lancaster County areas or along interstates. Discussion was had regarding how such a testing plan could be developed. Frequency of testing and, locations of testing were discussed. Discussion was had regarding what information is available regarding wireless coverage at this time. Discussion was had regarding the creation of a subgroup to discuss how the testing program should be structured and put together some type of document that sets out the procedures and then bring back to the full group for discussion.

Legislation/LB938: Commissioner Jerry Vap advised that LB938 had been signed by the Governor. Commissioner Vap discussed the fact that the "A bill" was also signed with some items removed due to a previous deficit request that had been approved. Commissioner Vap advised that there was an emergency clause added to the bill so discussions have already started regarding the legislation. Discussion was had regarding the fact that the Wireless E911 Advisory Board will continue to operate, but that a new advisory committee will be established as well.

City of Alliance Funding Request: Funding request for text to 911. Neil Miller advised the non-recurring costs and monthly costs for that service, which includes the connectivity and maintenance and monitoring of the circuit, it is a reasonable cost to get this up. Discussion was had. Neil Miller made a motion to approve the funding request. Isaac Brown seconded the motion. With John Korkie abstaining and all other members voting aye, motion carries.

Fremont/Dodge County Funding Request: Funding request for text to 911. Discussion was had regarding the funding request. Isaac Brown made a motion to approve the funding request. Brenda Carlisle seconded the motion. With John Korkie abstaining and all other members voting aye, motion carries.

Sarpy County Funding Request: Funding request for text to 911. Discussion was had regarding the funding request. Discussion was had. Neil Miller made a motion to approve the funding request. Brenda Carlisle seconded the motion. With John Korkie abstaining and all other members voting aye, motion carries.

Seward County Funding Request: Funding request to add an additional position in the PSAP during renovation. Discussion was had. John Korkie made a motion to approve the funding request. Brenda Carlisle seconded the motion. With all members present voting aye, motion carries.

Joan Raffety advised that all PSAPs had filed for 2016-2017 911-SAM funding and that US Cellular, NE Colorado, d/b/a Viaero, Sprint and Pinpoint Wireless, d/b/a BLAZE Wireless had applied for funding.

Joan Raffety advised that the balance of the Wireless E911 Fund was \$14,786,124.03.

The next meeting of the Advisory Board will be on July 18, 2016. Joan Raffety will determine a location due to the fact that one meeting needs to be held outside of Lincoln each year.

Meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.