

**Story County 911 Service Board
Meeting Minutes
November 4, 2020**

The 911 Service Board met on 11/4/2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sheriff's Squad Room at the Story County Justice Center. Participation by Webex teleconference also made available due to guidance regarding social distancing.

Story County- Paul Fitzgerald; Linda Murken (Phone)

Story County Sheriff- Dina McKenna; Nickolas Lennie, alternate

ISU- Michael Newton, Rob Bowers, alternate

Ames- Tom Hackett

Ames Police Chief- Geoff Huff

Cambridge- Not present

Collins- Not present

Colo- Not present

Gilbert/Franklin- Brian Grove; Tom Kepley, alternate

Huxley- Gerry Stoll

Maxwell- Not present

Guests- Nic Briseño, Story County Communications

McCallsburg- Not present

Nevada- Ric Martinez

Roland- Not present

Slater- John Kahler

Story City- Matt Sporleder

Westory- Brandt Murry, alternate

Zearing- Not present

Story County EMA- Keith Morgan

Secretary- Amanda Pyle

Fitzgerald opened the meeting at 6:30pm.

Introductions in the room and on the phone.

Hackett moved to approve the agenda. Morgan seconded. MCU

Morgan moved to approve the meeting minutes from August. Murry seconded. MCU

Derecho Overview

An informational white paper was developed following the Derecho windstorm in August. The document covers the affect that the storm had on the temporary radio system and after action taken. It also provides information about how the design of the permanent radio system will eliminate vulnerabilities.

Hackett updated that since the storm, an RF link has been put into place for primary communications between the Ames and Wallace Hall towers. The link is operational and is providing added redundancy.

Radio/Pager Project Update

The temporary system is stable; no other issues since the storm.

Regulatory requirements on the four remaining permanent sites have been approved. The Wallace Hall site was approved and built previously. Permits have been granted for construction and work will begin on all sites over the next month. Dirt work will start at the Justice Center site in the next couple of weeks followed by Zearing, Gilbert and the South site near Cambridge.

The Working Group has begun discussions on permanent fleetmapping to see if any adjustments need to be made from the temporary fleetmap. Encryption on talk groups is also included in the permanent fleetmapping. The Working Group will soon do outreach to individual agencies to discuss adjustments and preferences. Planning for interoperability with surrounding counties and other resources will follow.

Invoices for radio subscriber fees for July 2020-June 2021 are near completion and will be sent out to agencies in the next couple of weeks. StoryComm has been working carefully to reconcile what radios are active out of the number that have been delivered.

RACOM attended the October Fire Chiefs meeting to present the two pager models and options. They plan to do the same at the upcoming EMS meeting. The Working Group will be working on paging fleetmapping, as well, and reaching out for pager numbers and choices to build an order.

The cost of the multi-channel paging option is not covered in the contract and funding is still being weighed.

911 Budget

911 Executive Board meeting for FY22 budget review scheduled for Monday, December 14 at 11:30am

Public Hearing for adoption of the FY22 budget scheduled for Monday, March 8 at 12:00pm

Old Business

Pyle followed up on the possibility of adding language to the Bylaws to support using electronic meetings as regular practice. Legal counsel for the Board advised that currently the code reads that electronic meetings are only allowable under specific emergency circumstances. No further action will be taken at this time.

New Business

Lennie shared that surplus radios would be provided to Story County public schools for emergency communications. One portable radio in each of the 26 buildings will allow for a more rapid response in an emergency by use of the orange emergency button. Each school will have a separate, specific radio ID. The radios can also be used for communication among schools in the district and countywide.

The radios would be deployed along with the permanent radio system around July 2021. Each school will be responsible for subscriber fees and maintenance through RACOM on their radio.

Pyle asked for the Boards input on a question brought by Story County Planning & Development. The Board agreed that a residence in Cambridge with a new driveway access on 580th should be addressed as 580th (county number) to match the range of existing addresses.

Comments from Public

None

Comments from 911 Service Board Members

None

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Pyle, Secretary
911 Database Coordinator