Rock Springs, Green River, Sweetwater County Combined Communications Joint Powers Board Regular Meeting Minutes February 29, 2016

The Rock Springs, Green River, Sweetwater County Combined Communications Joint Powers Board held its regular meeting on Monday, February 29, 2016 at 5 Shoshone Avenue, Green River, Wyoming. Board members present included: Jim Wamsley, Mike Lowell, Rick Hawkins, Clark Robinson, Chris Steffen, Dwane Pacheco, and Mike Liberty. Board members absent were: Tom Jarvie and Rich Tyler. Also in attendance were: Robin Etienne, executive director; David Halter, IT director; George Lemich, attorney; Drew Varley, accountant; Cheryl Johnson; Becca Thornock; Randal Wendling; Stephen Fullerton with ECats911; and Aaron Clark with Clark Wireless.

Call to Order

Chairman Jim Wamsley called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

Agenda for Regular Meeting

The agenda was distributed to all in attendance. Wamsley stated a discussion for Resolution 2016-001 E911 Surcharge would be added under New Business. Wamsley also stated Personnel Committee would be deleted from the agenda for this meeting.

Public Hearing-Resolution 2016-01 E911 Surcharge

The public hearing to discuss Resolution 2016-01 E911 surcharge was opened at 2:31 p.m. Lemich stated the resolution authorizes the imposition of E911 surcharge per state law. Wamsley asked if there was any public comment regarding the position of the tax or usage. With no comments made the public hearing was closed at 2:33 p.m.

Minutes from Regular Meeting

Minutes from the regular meeting January 25, 2016 were reviewed by the board. Wamsley entertained a motion to accept the minutes from the January 25, 2016 meeting. A motion was made by Lowell and seconded by Hawkins. Motion carried unanimously by board members.

Financial Report

The January financial report was reviewed by the board. Varley stated the funding application for City of Rock Springs was submitted last week. County will have their funding application completed mid-March. Wamsley entertained a motion to approve the January financial report. A motion was made by Robinson and seconded by Liberty. Motion carried unanimously by board members.

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Comments from Floor

No comments were made.

Executive Director Report

Etienne stated for the month of January 9,349 calls were made. 1,332 of those calls were 911 with 85.9% being wireless. 99.3% were answered in 8 seconds or less with 99.5% of admin calls being answered in 8 seconds or less. New World presented a follow-up demo on February 4, 2016. Etienne stated 2 new Basic Communicators will be starting March 14, 2016. Etienne attended BLM's Zone Meeting on February 24, 2016. Etienne also attended the Airport Exercise meeting and there will be a tabletop exercise March 18, 2016. On March 12, 2016 dispatch will have a booth set up for Community Awareness Day at the mall. Zuercher Technologies will present a demo on March 17, 2016 at the Green River Police Department training room. Etienne also stated WyoLink is performing a Zone 1 switchover March 1, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. Also in regards to WyoLink, funding for user fees has been approved for the next biennium. Funding for the 4 lower level sites is still under discussion.

IT Director Report

Halter requested Board's opinion regarding the purchase of a new 911 system. Halter stated the current 911 system is 8 years old and should be replaced. The replacement has been budgeted for fiscal year 2015-2016 at \$700,000. Halter also stated he would like to have the replacement done as soon as possible. Halter stated Airbus, Intrado, and Emergency CallWorks have provided quotes. Lowell stated he would like to have Halter provide a recommendation letter which would be presented at next board meeting. Wamsley stated further discussion of a new 911 system will be placed under New Business. In regards to Aspen Mountain, Halter stated \$250,000 has been budgeted for the construction of the site as well as \$75,000 for equipment. BLM has shown an interest in partnering with the center to co-locate with one of BLM's sites, and possibly 2 more sites in the future. Halter stated he will meet with BLM to further discuss a possible partnership.

Bills & Claims

Wamsley entertained a motion to accept the bills and claims. A motion was made by Lowell and seconded by Liberty. Motion carried unanimously by board members.

Correspondence

Etienne stated letters were received from ISO in regards to Bairoil and Superior's Public Protection Classification survey. Etienne provides any information that ISO requires in regards to the survey.

New Business

WyoLink Update

Pacheco stated he attended the Chiefs and Sheriffs Legislator meeting in Cheyenne, WY. Pacheco also stated WyoLink will provide a new formula by February 2017. An e-mail of the discussion made was sent by Pacheco to all board members. Pacheco stated WyoLink has never been 100% free; there has always been some kind of user fee as updates have occurred.

Resolution 2016-01 E911 surcharge

Wamsley entertained a motion to accept Resolution 2016-01 E911 surcharge. A motion was made by Lowell and seconded by Steffen. Motion carried unanimously by board members.

911 System

Wamsley entertained a motion to have Halter provide a recommendation at the next board meeting on how Halter would like the Board to proceed. A motion was made by Lowell and seconded by Liberty. Motion carried unanimously by board members.

Comments from the Chairman and Board

No comments were made.

Old Business

None noted.

Executive Session

Wamsley entertained a motion to move into Executive Session at 2:59 p.m. A motion was made by Liberty and seconded by Lowell. A motion was made by Lowell and seconded by Hawkins to place the general meeting back in order at 3:29 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the board was scheduled for Monday, March 21, 2016 at 5 Shoshone Avenue in Green River, WY.

Adjournment

Wamsley entertained a motion for adjournment. A motion was made by Hawkins and seconded by Lowell. Motion carried unanimously by board members. Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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