



METCOM 9-1-1

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 31, 2017

Radio Project

Members in Attendance:

Shawn Baird
Sherry Bensema
Bob Bivans
Steve Brewer
Jack Carriger
Greg Dyke
Jim Ferraris
Damian Flowers
Jeff Fossholm
Ed Grambusch
Paul Iverson

Gordy Jensen
Jack Krill
Brian Lee
Bill Miles
Jon Remy
Rich Sebens
Scott Shepherd
Peter Spirup
Don Taylor
Jim Trierweiler

METCOM Staff:

Gina Audritsh
Louise Funk
Brad Johnson
Wendy Patterson
John Thompson

Other:

Ed Flick, MCEM
Eric Lad, MCSO
Spencer Kard, MCEM

METCOM Governing Board meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM. The additional meeting was set to discuss the METCOM radio project. A quorum was met by members present.

Radio Presentation Discussion:

Gina opened the meeting with a question posed to the board; did the board, as a whole, agree that METCOM had an issue with the current radio system. The board acknowledged the radio system issues and that they need to be addressed as indicated in the METCOM Strategic Plan and agency goals.

Gina referenced the radio study presented at the last board meeting by Cascade Networks Inc. and provided a handout outlining the "+" and "-" of each system options in the case study.

Gina asked for honest discussion from the board members present in order to address member concerns and questions about each possible radio system option.

Gina prefaced the conversation/meeting with recognizing that money is real and is on everyone's mind. She asked that we set that aside for the purpose of the discussion today.

Gina brought to the attention that not everyone in the room has the same level of problems and or needs; that some agencies are at a 10 and some are at a 1. She asked that all participate and consider how each other would feel if they were the agency that was in need of collective support.

Gina shared that there is a lot on the table and a lot to get through and she doesn't expect that we will walk out of the room today with a final solutions; but she asked that the board participate and consider selecting two options that we can then identify questions to ask vendors and continue moving in a direction but narrowing down to an A and a B.

The General discussion followed in the areas of:

- The communication needs for different agencies and which system may work best.
- Possible partnerships with Marion County and Marion County Public Works.
- Conversation around the cost and effectiveness of a 700/800 system. Gina shared that to date there have been no specific conversations with the City of Salem for their system that it is unknown how much it would cost to include build out of sites.
- Conversations around the effectiveness of a NXDN system. Gina added that this option may have political ramifications that the board would need to consider.
- Challenges of funding a radio system, options of forming a taxing district (special district) and what that would look like in funding; how much per \$1,000 for the tax payer.
- When selecting a radio system challenges may be how to fund a system, narrowing selection down to two possible system options, who would perform and be responsible for ongoing maintenance of a system, is a proprietary system a system they want to move to.
- The board requested additional meetings with radio system "vendors" in order to explore each system and ask specific questions of each system representative. Gina will schedule these meetings within the next two months.
- The board requested the costs associated with each system and subscriber units to be more clearly defined if possible.
- The board is interested in exploring the Special District formation by way of partnering with Marion County. The goal being that the Special Taxing District would fund a future shared radio system to include the ongoing maintenance.
- There were further discussions about the timeline associated with the special district route and the timeline associated with a new system. A comment was made by Chief Remy that included his concern that we have identified a problem over and over in meetings and documented in minutes. He expressed that he is concerned about the funding along with others but also concerned about the timeline associated with resolving a safety concern.

Gina opened discussion regarding the need to update the dispatch console. The board was presented with a summary of five console bids. These bids were from Mindshare, Harris, AVTEC, Kenwood, and Zetron. Demo's and bids were solicited consistent with the purchasing rules established for METCOM. The Administrative team has been working on this for a minimum of 10 months. Gina gave merit to the road trip demo's that were facilitated with each vendor and how it works in a live public safety environment. Gina suggested the board consider the bid by Mindshare as it did not use proprietary system, it would interface with all of the future radio systems currently in discussion (with potentially the exception of Motorola), it includes the CSSI interface and Voter Control at the console, it is already designed to interface with NWS/Tyler for the tone encoder, and contains limited hardware for failure points. Gina presented a funding option for the Mindshare bid through Government Capital. Gina explained that if a future radio system is selected that Mindshare does not interface with; it would be an amount that we are investing to resolve some current challenges but would be money spent that would not assist in the future. With that said, most of the solutions we are looking at would be compatible. Discussions took place with reference to the funding of the project including the proposed FY 2017-18 budget and long term lease option. Gina advised the project is included in the FY 2017-18 budget. Chief Ferraris inquired of the anticipated revenue required from users. Gina shared that a 4% increase to users is being recommended which will include the funding for the console project and digital voice logger replacement.

- Motion to accept and move forward with the bid from Mindshare: Jack Krill
- Motion second: Scott Shepherd
- Motion carried no opposition.

Resolution 2017-01: Marion Area Multi Agency Emergency Telecommunications (METCOM)
Resolution 2017-01 was presented to the board for consideration and approval. Resolution 2017-01 authorized METCOM to establish a finance agreement for the purpose of acquiring "Communication Equipment."

- Motion to accept Resolution 2017-01: Jeff Fossholm
- Motion second: Bill Miles
- Motion carried no opposition

A motion was presented to direct METCOM Executive Direction, Gina Audritsh , to partnership with Marion County Emergency Management and Marion County for the purpose of exploring the possibilities of formulating a special district.

- Motion presented: Paul Iverson
- Motion second: Jack Carriger
- Motion carried no opposition

Round Table: None

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.