

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M. by Vice-Chairman John Niebuhr at the Vilas Justice Center conference room with the following committee members present: Ed Bluthardt, Jim Galloway, Gary Peske, Kathleen Rushlow and David Alleman. Ron De Bruyne was excused. Also present were Dave Leack and Jeff Nelson of PSC Alliance, Steve Beil and John Heisel of Northway Communications and Chief Deputy Joe Fath. Proper open meeting notice and quorum present were both verified.

Agenda:

Motion by E. Bluthardt, 2nd by D. Alleman to approve the agenda with the order of discussion to be at the discretion of the chair. All voting aye. Carried.

Approval of previous minutes:

Motion by E. Bluthardt, 2nd by J. Galloway to approve the July 31, 2008, minutes as presented. All voting aye. Carried.

Project Budget and Financial Update:

D. Leack reported no changes since last month. The project is still expected to finish on budget.

Communication Project tower work updates:

Motorola project status:

Microwave connectivity status:

J. Nelson reported that the system was operating in test mode, and would be continued to be tested from various locations in Vilas County that had previously been without radio communications. He stated that 2-way radio communications between the base and the hand held portables had been demonstrated to work from inside the building at Howard Young Medical Center in Minocqua. Communications were also shown to work as far north as the intersection of US 2 and US 45 in Michigan while in the vehicle and in motion. During the meeting, a radio communication was received on a portable radio located at the meeting table from an officer traveling on STH 70 near Divide Road in Forest County, which is about 5 miles east of the Vilas County line. G. Peske also reported that his tests were all positive from different locations within the county. It will be at least two more weeks before all of the equipment can begin to be installed in the squad cars. Eagle River and Boulder Junction Police departments will also be converted to be compatible with this system.

Town of Lac du Flambeau tower project:

G. Peske reported that the Town of Lac du Flambeau has offered an additional contribution of \$103,000.00 towards the construction of a 300' freestanding tower. Comparative cost estimates show that a 300' tower can be constructed for about \$503,000.00, which, including the additional Lac du Flambeau contribution, keeps the total cost to Vilas County within the \$350,000.00 originally budgeted. The only additional stipulation requested by the Town of Lac du Flambeau is that any co-location revenues be divided between Vilas County and the town based upon the level of

contributions. It is estimated at this time that about 30% of co-location revenues would then be due the town. Motion by E. Bluthardt, 2nd by K. Rushlow to authorize G. Peske to amend the current agreement between Vilas County and the Town of Lac du Flambeau with regards to their total contribution amount and the sharing of co-location revenues. All voting aye. Carried. G. Peske then reported that his next step would be to file for a conditional use permit with the town and the county zoning authorities. E. Bluthardt questioned when actual construction could begin. J. Nelson stated that if all regulatory permits were in place by the end of October, foundation work could commence by Thanksgiving of this year. He also recommended that Vilas County obtain 3 bids for the tower and related construction. Motion by G. Peske, 2nd by E. Bluthardt to authorize PSC Alliance to let bids for a 300' freestanding tower and related equipment. All voting aye. Carried

MARC and Fire TAC repeaters:

Nothing new.

Portable Radios and Console Work:

G. Peske stated that the portable radios were onsite and that console work was progressing.

Vilas-Oneida backup plan:

Nothing new.

Mobile data project:

J. Nelson reported that the next focus of energy will be on this part of the overall project. He will report on more of this subject at a later meeting.

Nortel 48 port switch:

G. Peske reported that it was the opinion of Corporation Counsel that the Communication Committee had the authority to purchase these switches without a resolution going to the County Board. Two switches are needed at a cost of \$12,800.00. These two switches will replace four obsolete units. Motion by G. Peske, 2nd by E. Bluthardt to purchase two Nortel 48 port switches at a cost of \$12,800.00 with the funds coming from the 911 Wireless Grant Revenue line item. All voting aye. Carried.

Spare generator from Hwy 17 tower site:

G. Peske reported that this spare generator should be usable at the proposed Lac du Flambeau tower site and should be retained for that use

Equipment purchases:

Nothing presented.

Correspondence:

J. Nelson reported that wireless tenant Sonic Net was experiencing intermittent connectivity problems at the Phelps and Weber tower sites. This will be investigated.

J. Fath reported that the Lac du Flambeau Tribal Police Department was interested in having their repeater installed in our radio console.

Approve Bills and Requisitions:

Motion by K. Rushlow, 2nd by G. Peske to approve a bill from Verizon for T-1 line installation costs totaling \$1,975.47. All voting aye. Carried

Set Next Meeting Date:

Next meeting was set for 1:00 P.M. on Thursday, September 25, 2008, in the Justice Center conference room.

Adjournment:

Motion by E. Bluthardt, 2nd by K. Rushlow to adjourn. All voting aye. Carried.
Meeting adjourned at 1:44 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted By:

David R. Alleman
Vilas County Clerk