

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 P.M. by Chairman Ron De Bruyne at the Vilas Justice Center conference room with the following committee members present: Ed Bluthardt, Jim Galloway, John Niebuhr, Gary Peske, Kathleen Rushlow and David Alleman. Also present were Dave Leack and Jeff Nelson of PSC Alliance, Steve Beil of Northway Communications, Peggy Schauer of Technology Management, Vilas County I.T. Director Chris Kamps, Chief Deputy Joe Fath and Boulder Junction Assistant Fire Chief Todd Morgan.

Proper open meeting notice and quorum present were both verified by the Chair.

Agenda:

Motion by G. Peske, 2nd by E. Bluthardt to approve the agenda with the order of discussion to be at the discretion of the chair. All voted aye. Carried.

Approval of previous minutes:

Motion by E. Bluthardt, 2nd by R. De Bruyne to approve the January 21, 2009 minutes as presented. All voted aye. Carried.

Project Budget and Financial Update:

D. Leack presented a budget spreadsheet. Currently the project is under budget by \$57,956.00.

Communication Project tower work updates:

a. Musky Mountain:

D. Leack reported that the MARC System was in operation. Site is complete except for the addition of mobile data hardware.

b. Boulder Junction tower:

Re-location of the leased antenna spaces required an updated structural report, which has been accepted by the new site owner, Verizon. Verizon is currently re-writing their contract with the County to reflect the ownership change.

c. Eagle River water tower:

Cabling has been properly relocated away from the climbing ladder. Paint touch-up will begin when weather permits.

Motorola project status and update:

G. Peske reported that the system is working extremely well on both channels. Lac du Flambeau is using the Law 3 channel. Eagle River and Boulder Jct. Police Depts. are using Law 2. The Sheriff's Dept. is operating on Law 1. Some additional programming issues remain to be worked out.

Town of Lac du Flambeau tower project update:

J. Nelson reported that the extended FAA study period would conclude in May. Site drawings are completed and Tribal and historical preservation studies have been completed with no adverse findings. G. Peske reported that he continues to update the Town of Lac du Flambeau on a regular basis.

Countywide frequency repeaters:

G. Peske reported that 3 repeaters, one each at the Winchester, Musky Mountain and Phelps tower sites, were in operation to allow the fire departments to switch to a "Countywide" channel to avoid tying their normal channels up with traffic during an emergency. The "Countywide" channel can also be used by other agencies to communicate.

Mobile data project:

J. Nelson presented a written report detailing an inventory of tasks needing to be completed. Project completion is estimated for July or August 2009. He recommends proceeding with the purchase of the used Multi Site Controller and the used base stations, from Scott County, Minn. G. Peske reported that after negotiations with Scott County, a price of \$25,000.00 has been agreed upon. There will be more equipment included in this purchase that originally listed. G. Peske and J. Galloway will use a County vehicle and trailer to pick the equipment up. P. Shauer inquired if the purchase included any spare parts. J. Nelson stated that he expects that there may be some spare equipment, but no spares of the main controllers or base stations. He went on to say that, this equipment was in production and that parts were readily available. E. Bluthardt asked where the Multi Site Controller was going to be located. J. Nelson replied that it would be installed in the basement of the Sheriff's Dept. He further stated that it was planned to start up the system with a few units, as a method to work any problems out. G. Peske asked about the purchase of the necessary laptop computers. J. Fath said that they were available on a state bid, but S. Beil said that Motorola was willing to sell the units to Vilas County at a better price. C. Kamps has tested a Motorola unit and reports that it is satisfactory. G. Peske repeated that he needs direction on where to purchase the laptop computers. E. Bluthardt replied that available laptops meeting the County's criteria should be evaluated, with a report given to the Committee. Motion by R. De Bruyne, 2nd by E. Bluthardt to authorize the purchase of the used equipment from Scott County, Minn. at the negotiated price of \$25,000.00. All voted aye. Carried.

Oneida – Vilas interoperability project:

J. Nelson reported that he would be attending a meeting this afternoon in Oneida County, addressing this issue.

Equipment purchases:

Nothing presented.

Correspondence:

T. Morgan reported that the local fire departments would be coming to this Committee in the near future with a rough draft for a Fire/EMS communication plan.

Approve Bills and Requisitions:

Motion by K. Rushlow, 2nd by E. Bluthardt to approve the following bill:
Northway Communications, Inc. for radios - \$5,538.00
All voted aye. Carried.

Set Next Meeting Date:

Next meeting was set for 1:00 P.M. on Tuesday, May 19, 2009, in the Justice Center conference room.

Adjournment:

Motion by E. Bluthardt, 2nd by D. Alleman to adjourn. All voting aye. Carried.
Meeting adjourned at 1:58 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted By:

David R. Alleman
Vilas County Clerk