

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M. by Chairman Ron De Bruyne in the Vilas County 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, and Chief Deputy Joe Fath.

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

Agenda:

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

Approval of the previous minutes:

Motion by E. Bluthardt, 2nd by K. Rushlow to approve the August 24, 2009 minutes as presented. All voted aye. Carried.

Project Budget and Financial Update:

D. Leack presented a project budget update. The project budget is currently under-spent by \$131,409.00, of which \$127,982.00 is encumbered for future planned expenses. J. Nelson informed the committee that the unencumbered amount remaining totaling \$3,427.00 would not be sufficient to complete the micro data portion of the project. All of the squad cars would not be able to be equipped with laptop computers and related micro data equipment. This was a matter of consternation for the committee. J. Nelson explained that project contingency funds had previously been spent for additional Weber tower costs, and that costs for integration of Spillman data into this project exceeded projections by \$70,000. He further projected that it would require an additional \$35,000.00 to \$45,000.00 to outfit all of the squads. K. Rushlow reminded the committee that additional funding for any project would be almost impossible to obtain due to current budget constraints. After discussion, the Sheriff's Department decided that a smaller number of squads could be equipped within the current projected budget. J. Nelson will prepare a new projected expense budget prior to October 9, 2009 for review by the Finance & Budget Committee.

Communication Project tower work updates:

J. Nelson presented a colored map depicting Vilas County tower sites and microwave and T-1 line routings between those locations.

2010 Communication Committee Budget request:

G. Peske presented the proposed 2010 Communication budget. After review, the Committee reduced the budget request by \$11,400.00. It was pointed out that the expenses contained in this budget are for utilities and contractual services. Motion by E. Bluthardt, 2nd by K. Rushlow to approve the proposed 2010 Communication Budget amount of \$110,410.00 and to send the proposed budget on to the Finance & Budget Committee. All voted aye. Carried.

Town of Lac du Flambeau tower project update:

J. Nelson reported on a letter sent to the FAA on September 3, 2009 requesting approval to construct a 199' tower immediately, with the full height of 300' to be constructed later. No response has been received from that agency. J. Nelson will provide the Committee with a projected schedule of foundation work at the next meeting.

Northland Pines Weber tower request:

All equipment and antennas have been installed. Northland Pine's system is operational.

Mobile data project:

J. Nelson presented a task list detailing work completed to date.

Oneida – Vilas interoperability project:

J. Nelson reported that Vilas County and Oneida County would share the cost of a leased location on the WAOW tower located in Rhinelander. Vilas County's lease costs have been budgeted for 2010. He further reported that equipment will be delivered on September 25, 2009 and that applicable radio equipment had been ordered.

American Tower / AT&T lease – Wilderness Trail:

G. Peske reported no further communications regarding this issue.

Equipment purchases:

G. Peske asked permission to purchase a radio repeater for the Boulder Junction tower site from the Fire Repeater Outlay account at a cost of \$5,500.00. Motion by E. Bluthardt, 2nd by K. Rushlow to approve the purchase. All voted aye. Carried. G. Peske then requested permission to purchase a Digital Frequency base radio from an outlay account that was not funded for that specific purchase. Motion by E. Bluthardt, 2nd by K. Rushlow to present a line item transfer request to the Finance & Budget Committee for purposes of funding the base radio purchase, and to further submit a line item transfer request to the Finance & Budget Committee to transfer any remaining unspent funds in that outlay account into the Communication Capital Project Fund to help cover projected funding shortfalls. All voted aye. Carried.

Correspondence:

Nothing presented.

Approve Bills and Requisitions:

Nothing presented.

Set Next Meeting Date:

Next meeting was set for 1:00 P.M. on Monday, November 9, 2009, in the Justice Center conference room.

Adjournment:

Motion by E. Bluthardt, 2nd by K. Rushlow to adjourn. All voting aye. Carried.
Meeting adjourned at 2:22 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted By:
David R. Alleman, Vilas County Clerk