

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M. by Vice-Chairman Sheriff 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 of Northway Communications, and reporter Ken Anderson. Proper open meeting notice and quorum present were both verified.

**Agenda:**

Motion by E. Bluthardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by K. Rushlow 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> by G. Peske to approve the May 29, 2008, minutes as presented. All voting aye. Carried.

**Communication Project Tower Work Updates:**

D. Leack reported as follows:

**a. WRJO Tower:**

2-way radios are installed and will be initialized around July 4, 2008.

**b. Musky Mountain Tower:**

2-way radios are installed and will be initialized around July 4, 2008. Microwave installations are basically now completed at all tower sites.

**c. Boulder Junction Tower:**

Final electrical work has been completed.

**d. Eagle River Water Tower:**

Microwave antennas are installed. Feeds are nearing completion. Microwave can soon be tested and initialized.

**e. Weber Tower:**

2-way radios are installed and will be initialized around July 4, 2008. Microwave system is operational.

**f. Winchester Tower:**

2-way radios are installed and will be initialized around July 4, 2008. Microwave can soon be tested and initialized.

**g. Lac du Flambeau Tribal Tower:**

2-way radios are installed and will be initialized around July 4, 2008. We are waiting for the T-1 line installation between this site and the Weber site. This was delayed due to Verizon misplacing the work order.

D. Leack further reported that an additional electrical sub-panel had been installed at the Phelps tower site. He added that all microwave sites should be operational for testing purposes in about 7 to 10 days.

**Motorola Project Status:**

J. Nelson reported that system testing was in progress. G. Peske reported that console work still needed to be completed in the dispatch center. Motorola R56 testing has been completed, and only minor issues remain to be corrected.

**Microwave Connectivity Status:**

D. Leack reported that there had been a delivery problem regarding back-up batteries. They are reported to be in transit.

**MARC and Fire TAC Repeaters:**

G. Peske reported that the \$10,000 Firefighters Assistance Grant had been received. The Clerk will deposit into a proper revenue account and then journal the funds to the appropriate outlay expense account. The funds will be used to purchase 2 fire repeaters, after which time the installation of the MARC and Fire TAC repeaters will commence.

**Portable Radios and Console Work:**

G. Peske stated that all frequency lists are ready for programming. Programming of individual squads will need to be scheduled. Each squad will take about 2 hours to program. J. Nelson recommended diverting radio traffic to a different channel during the testing phase to avoid conflicts.

**Vilas-Oneida Backup Plan:**

G. Peske reported that the process was still ongoing. With so many entities involved, coordination of efforts has been trying. He further reported that task and cost lists had been circulated to all parties for their input.

**Mobile Data Project:**

G. Peske announced that agreement had been reached with the Portage County Sheriff's Dept. concerning the proposed purchase of used mobile data equipment. A voucher was presented to approve the purchase at a cost of \$45,000.00.

**Equipment Purchases:**

The following equipment purchases were presented for approval:

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| 1. Portage County Sheriff's Dept – mobile data equipment | 45,000.00  |
| 2. Provantage – equipment racks                          | 9,280.72   |
| 3. Harris Stratex Networking – microwave equipment       | 217,229.00 |

Motion by G. Peske, 2<sup>nd</sup> by E. Bluthardt to approve the purchases. All voting aye. Carried.

**Correspondence:**

Nothing presented

**Approve Bills and Requisitions:**

The following additional bills were presented for approval:

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| 1. Eagle Electric Inc. – site installations | 6,570.98  |
| 2. PSC Alliance – consulting services       | 17,085.00 |

Motion by K. Rushlow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by G. Peske to approve as presented. All voting aye. Carried.

**Town of Lac du Flambeau Tower Project:**

G. Peske reported that Cellcom had presented the county with a draft of a lease agreement. This was given to our Corporation Counsel and to the Town of Lac du Flambeau. The Town turned this draft over to their attorney, who apparently has a number of issues with the lease language. This list of issues was then given back to our Corporation Counsel, who advised that this issue is really between Cellcom and the Town of Lac du Flambeau. Cellcom seems to require a guyed tower, and since this may be an issue with the town, G. Peske will begin the Conditional Use Permit application process for a 300' tower as a backup plan, in case Cellcom pulls out of the deal. Cellcom has completed a topographic site survey for a guyed tower. K. Rushlow is concerned about just who the County is dealing with here, the Town or Cellcom. At this time it is not clear. G. Peske will contact the Town and attempt to sort this issue out.

**Project Budget and Financial Update:**

The Clerk presented an expenditure guideline showing a project account balance of \$1,891,819.37 as of this date.

**Set Next Meeting Date:**

Next meeting was set for 1:00 P.M. on Thursday, July 31, 2008, in the Justice Center conference room.

**Adjournment:**

Motion by G. Peske, 2<sup>nd</sup> by E. Bluthardt to adjourn. All voting aye. Carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 1:33 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted By:

David R. Alleman  
Vilas County Clerk