

3/24/2021 Radio User Advisory Committee Meeting

Election of Officers

- Doug McMurray nominated as Chair – all in favor
- Ben Grant nominated as Vice Chair – all in favor
- T Melton nominated as Secretary – all in favor
- All voted and approved with no opposition

New Business

- An accurate list of names and counts for who will receive radios will need to be developed. Original counts have changed and must be updated. Need names and truck numbers along with does truck need dual head and or handhelds needed for ISO. Collection of names will keep from duplication of radios for responders that serve on multiple departments.
- Motorola 4000 model radios for handheld, 4500 model for mobiles and 6000 for Law Enforcement due to encryption. We will also need to know how many dual head radios will be needed in Fire and EMS.

Project

- We are number 15 on one cent sales tax list that puts us potentially into the second year. We may be able to roll some old funds from previous one cent sales tax, we may be able to start the roll out in August 2021.
- 775 radios and flat rate of \$3 million for 10 years with a locked in rate was obtained from Motorola for the service.
- A DVR can be added to a primary Engine at each department to increase the signal on scene if the county doesn't vote to improve the system. 14 figured into the original estimate, but these are very expensive and will help save some funds if we don't need 14.
- Programming and installation of new equipment is included in the contract price.
- This committee will develop procedures for how and when you can get a radio. Example would be a radio strap for each radio. Maybe get procedures from other counties to compare. Discussion of insurance for the radios from damage or loss due to cost of equipment.

Templets Discussed

- You can have up to 250 zones in each radio and this is selectable during the programming phase.
- Fire and EMS would be dispatched on same channel and assigned a channel for a call. Multiple units can operate on one channel for routine calls. Major calls could be assigned an individual channel. All agencies could be assigned to a channel for a major incident to assist with Incident Command and staging.
- Number of channels are given based on number of radios on the system, 1 channel per 50 radios. This would be roughly 15.5 channels. We can negotiate additional channels if needed.
- A question about grant opportunities was brought up. These are difficult to come by due to not owning the system, this would be a lease of towers.
- Britt suggested a zone set up just for hospitals EMS. Also needs an admin channel.

- We need to make a fleet map showing everything possible that will have all inclusive. Ben has started this with his form passed during the meeting.
- Also need to have a list of which hospitals have 800 radios.

Schedule

- Britt to collect medical, public works and code enforcement
- Anna work with all municipal
- Doug will have Sheriff
- Ben to work with EMA
- Barkley has hazmat
- Barkley and T work on rosters for fire
- Next Meeting April 29th for a Microsoft Teams meeting at 2:00 PM at EMA or virtual
- Meeting called to end by Doug with second from Barkley