



**August 25, 2020**  
**PSAP GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

**Meeting Room – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Police Dept.**

725 N. Park Ave, Fremont

**8:00 a.m.**

A meeting of the Fremont/Dodge County PSAP Governing Board was held on August 25, 2020, on the first-floor meeting room of the Fremont Police Department at 725 N. Park Avenue, Fremont, Nebraska. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Missel. The meeting was preceded by a publicized notice in the Fremont Tribune and the agenda displayed in the Fremont Police/PSAP lobby and is open to the public. A copy of the open meeting law is available for public inspection.

Roll call showed Board Members Bob Missel, Greg Beam, Doug Backens and Mark Jensen present. Mayor Getzschman was present via Zoom. Matt Bechtel and Mike Kuhns were absent. 5 present, 2 absent. Shelly Holzerland, ex officio present. Brian Newton, Fremont City Administrator, Fremont Fire Chief Todd Bernt, Fremont Rural Fire Chief Carl Nielsen, Sheriff Steve Hespen and County Radio Administrator Tom Christensen were present as guests.

The draft minutes of the April 13, 2020 meeting were distributed prior to the meeting and available in hard copy at the meeting. Mr. Beam moved to accept the minutes of the April 13, 2020 meeting and Mr. Backens seconded the motion.

Vote: Aye: Getzschman, Missel, Beam, Jensen, Backens

No: None

Motion passed

***PSAP Joint Policy Committee recommendation regarding radio subscriber fees-*** the Omaha Regional Interoperable Network is the network of PSAPs in the metro area that make up the radio system. As Dodge County is working on the installation of the Dodge County Radio Network, it is necessary to decide how the monthly subscriber fees will be collected and paid to ORION. The Joint Policy Committee met June 23, 2020 and formulated a recommendation for the Governance Board. The committee recommends that Dodge County be billed and will pay for all of the subscriber fees that are due to ORION from the Dodge County Radio System. Fremont Police and Fremont Fire will reimburse Dodge County for their share of the fees. Mr. Jensen moved to accept the recommendation from the Joint Policy Committee. Mr. Beam seconded the motion.

Vote: Aye: Getzschman, Missel, Beam, Jensen, Backens  
No: None Motion passed

***Joint Policy recommendation regarding budgeting and billing for county radio system:***

As the construction of the county radio system is completed and it becomes operational, ongoing support and bills will need to be handled. It would be best if one agency was budgeting, receiving and paying the bills. The Joint Policy committee recommends that the PSAP handle these duties. The budget of the PSAP is already split between the city and the county and the PSAP is directly involved in the daily operations of the radio system. Mr. Backens moved to have all of the budgeting and billing for the county radio system funnel through the PSAP budget at the current 50/50 split until the system is fully operational and can be reevaluated. Mr. Beam seconded the motion.

Vote: Aye: Getzschman, Missel, Beam, Jensen, Backens  
No: None Motion passed

***Discussion on Continuation of Operations Plan for the 911 Center*** – The city and county are in the process of developing a plan for a joint Law Enforcement Center. Much work remains to be done and a positive vote of the citizens must be received before this will happen. However, it's always important to be planning for the future. The question that has been presented during the planning phase – would the PSAP Governance Board consider keeping and maintaining the current PSAP equipment as an emergency back-up center? Shelly reported that although all systems have built in redundancy and there are options for emergencies, the PSAP does not have full backup COOP capabilities at this time. Should a joint LE Center come to fruition – at least \$500,000 could be saved by reusing some of the existing PSAP equipment. Could the city and county afford to purchase and maintain a duplicate PSAP for the long term? Another consideration is the building itself. The reason the police want to build a new center is because the current building is old and has many structural and system problems. Would the city want to keep the backup PSAP in this building, knowing all of the problems it has? It would not be possible to sell the building to someone else with the PSAP in it.

The general consensus is that the board has no interest in investing in a backup center in the current building. There are too many negative issues involved in trying to keep and maintain any kind of ongoing operations in the current building.

**Budget adjustment to capital expenditure line items.** : In this budget year, a Raven Switch for the radio system and the PSAP portion of a new generator were part of the capital budget. Neither project was necessary, so this money will not be spent. Shelly has a need for additional portable radios for the PSAP personnel to have available when the radio consoles are down for maintenance or other issues. This allows the dispatchers to maintain radio contact with emergency responders even when the console may be unavailable.

Mr. Getzschman moved to purchase two portable radios from this year's capital budget for the PSAP. Mr. Backens seconded the motion.

Vote: Aye: Getzschman, Missel, Beam, Jensen, Backens  
No: None Motion passed

**GIS Data Aggregation & Edge Matching Services:** Now that Dodge County has partnered with Colfax County and is bringing Burt county on as a remote PSAP, the mapping data needs to be matched up. Geo-Comm will take the maps from each county and match them up, making sure the roads and features are correct across the counties on the system. This is necessary in order for the maps to flow seamlessly from county to county.

This is not a budgeted expense but there is enough in the Service Agreement line to cover Dodge County's share, which is \$2,047. Mr. Jensen moved to approve the GIS services; Mr. Beam seconded the motion.

Vote: Aye: Getzschman, Missel, Beam, Jensen, Backens  
No: None Motion passed

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 a.m. August 25, 2020.

Respectfully  
Shelly Holzerland,  
FDCC Communications Director