



October 26, 2021
PSAP GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES

Meeting Room – 1st Floor Police Dept.

725 N. Park Ave, Fremont

1:00 p.m.

A meeting of the Fremont/Dodge County PSAP Governing Board was held on October 26, 2021, 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 Joey Spellerberg. 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 Joey Spellerberg, Bob Missel, Greg Beam, Doug Backens, and Mark Jensen present in the room. Glen Ellis was absent. 5 present, 1 absent. Shelly Holzerland, ex officio present. Guests Shane Wimer, Chief Jeff Elliott, Chief Todd Bernt and Tom Christensen were present.

The draft minutes of the March 23, 2021 meeting were distributed prior to the meeting and available in hard copy at the meeting. Mr. Missel moved to accept the minutes of the March 23, 2021 meeting and Mr. Jensen seconded the motion.

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

No: None Motion passed

Discussion and possible solution to ongoing support of current county radio subscribers and long-term support solution for Dodge County Radio System when completed

The countywide radio system is still under construction however there are already subscribers using ORION in Dodge County that need support. The majority of these users are Fremont Police and Fremont Fire, with some at Dodge County Sheriff. Tom Christensen was providing the support as a city of Fremont employee but now that he has retired, a temporary means of support needs to be identified. In addition, when the county system is finished and the current subscribers join the new Dodge County subscribers, an ongoing means of support needs to be identified. Currently the PSAP and equipment at the power plant is under a support contract with Douglas County. Dodge County could seek support from Douglas County, from a private

provider such as D&D First Wireless or could retain a private contractor. The support will be for the mobile and portable radios in the short term, with the addition of the tower sites when the county system is finished and after the warranty period.

Since Mr. Christensen has been doing this work, the board asked for his input. While he is willing to help with the support, he has concerns about the availability of one person, whether it be him or someone else. Taking care of the tower sites and subscriber radios is a 24/7 responsibility and he advised one person would be hard pressed to be able to provide this support on a continuous basis. Discussion was held over the merits of having Douglas County as opposed to a private business such as First Wireless.

Mr. Jensen moved to develop a request for pricing for radio support services and get estimates from both Douglas County and First Wireless and in the interim, to contract with Tom Christensen and pay him through the PSAP budget until a final solution is arrived at. Mr. Backens seconded the motion.

It was decided through discussion that Shelly and Tom will develop the request for pricing paperwork. Mr. Wimer will explore a financial solution for the PSAP budget and as per the prior vote, the contractual services for Tom will be charged back 50% to the county. Once the draft of the request for pricing is finished, another meeting will be called.

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

Update on 911 regionalization planning

Shelly reported that talks have begun with Burt County to develop a plan to provide part-time dispatching services to their county. The updated regional 911 equipment allows for call-taking but a solution to radio and fire paging must be studied. The radio shops for both PSAPs have met and are discussing possible solutions. A new interlocal agreement will need to be formulated. Shelly reports that at this time, there aren't other PSAPs in Nebraska that are doing part-time dispatching for neighbors so finding sample agreements has proved difficult. Mr. Missel suggested contacting the Dodge County radio project manager, Rey Freeman, as he may be aware of a similar circumstance in Iowa or another state. Chief Elliot expressed some concern about the PSAP being able to provide dispatch services due to current staffing levels. The PSAP has three vacant positions at this time. Shelly is confident that when fully staffed, the PSAP will not have any difficulty providing night time dispatch services to Burt County. She and city HR will continue to work on filling the vacancies, but the Chiefs concerns are legitimate at this time.

Saunders County is in a position to make changes in their 911 situation and are open to talking about joining MidEast Regional 911. Shelly will be hosting a phone call with Saunders Co and Lumen to further discuss the benefits and costs with Saunders County.

Mr. Backens moved to adjourn the meeting, motion seconded by Mr. Missel. Meeting adjourned at 1:32 p.m. On October 26, 2021.

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