

VERMILION VALLEY
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MINUTES OF VERMILION VALLEY REGIONAL EMERGENCY
COMMUNICATIONS JOINT AUTHORITY / ETS BOARD
MEETING OF MARCH 13, 2019

Chairman Woolford called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

Roll call showed the following present, Jim Woolford, Gary Bird, William Flott, Mark Travis, Mike Ingles, Tim Henson who was filling in as alternate for Paul Johnson, Robert Turner and Scott Runyon. Absent were Al Metzke and Paul Johnson. Also present was Dave Lander, Supreme Radio; Alina Hartley, Executive Director Livingston County Board; Jon Sear, Network & Computer Systems Administrator for Livingston County; Earl Dutko, Chief Deputy Livingston County Sheriff's Dept.; Sgt. Ken Palmer, Livingston County Sheriff's Dept.; Jail Superintendent Stew Inman, Livingston County Jail; Candi Bradshaw and Randy Wittenberg.

Woolford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Woolford stated the Board Minutes for February 13th and Finance Committee Minutes for February 22nd & 27th were in their packets and asked if there were no comments he would entertain a motion to approve. A motion was made to approve the Board Minutes of February 13th and the Finance Committee Minutes of February 22nd & 27th by Bird with a second by Runyon. A voice vote was unanimous with all ayes. Motion carried.

Woolford stated financials reports & bills for February were in their packets and if no discussion he asked for a motion to approve the financial reports and bills for February. A motion to approve was made by Turner with a second by Henson. A roll call vote was unanimous with all ayes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

As brought up on the floor – Woolford stated he had a couple of things. He asked Henson since he was here would he give an update on how his Star Com radios/equipment is working in Dwight. Henson reported he was happy to report it

is working well and they are happy with this. He did say he has talked to Wittenberg about the electrical on the Dwight Tower which has gone up approximately \$220 a month in addition to what the Village was normally paying. He said they talked about seeing if there was a way to put in separate meters for the electrical equipment. A discussion was held.

NEW BUSINESS:

Presentation – Wittenberg stated there would be no presentation today.

Re-appointment of Flott, Johnson and Runyon to VV ETSB – A motion was made by Ingles to re-appoint Flott, Johnson and Runyon for a 3 year terms each to the VV ETSB with a second made by Turner. A roll call vote was unanimous with all ayes. Motion carried.

Kurt Pastirik appointment as alternate for Streator to replace Scot Wrighton to the VV ETSB – A motion was made to appoint Police Chief Kurt Pastirik as alternate for Streator to the VV ETSB by Henson with a second made by Turner. A roll call vote was unanimous with all ayes. Motion carried.

Approve Lease Agreement to Purchase Dispatch Workstations – Wittenberg reported he has been working with the company who sent agreements and off to our attorney. He stated they have some concerns so they have been negotiating back and forth between the leasing company, attorney and himself trying to resolve any issues the attorney has. The attorney was hoping to have it done by this morning so they could vote on it but it's not.

Approve Resolution for Lease Purchase to Finance Dispatch Workstations – Wittenberg stated this allows him to sign the final agreements once we have agreed on them. He would not sign any agreements until the finance committee has had a chance to look at them and the attorney approves them. Wittenberg explained it's a 5 year lease with payments of \$20,779.88 each year with an interest rate of 4.25%. He went over a couple of the concerns the attorney didn't like in the wording. Wittenberg stated we do not make a payment until March of 2020. A discussion was held. Ingles made a motion to approve the Resolution for Lease Purchase to Finance Dispatch Workstations be approved pending Finance Committee approval and Attorney approval with a second by Flott. Roll call vote was unanimous with all ayes. Motion carried.

Approve Carpet Cleaning – Wittenberg stated they had met with GEMS on cleaning the dispatch carpets before the new workstations are installed. He stated the cost to do this is \$540.00. He explained it was a dry process due to having a false floor. A discussion was held. A motion to approve GEMS cleaning of the carpet for \$540.00 was made by Bird with a second made by Henson. Roll call vote was unanimous with all ayes. Motion carried.

As brought up on the floor – Ingles brought up talking to Wittenberg about intergovernmental agreements, new funding mechanism etc. Ingles inquired if he

understood the time line correctly that Wittenberg gave him. He stated he understood "it is the intent of the VVETSB that the "new" funding formulas for all serviced agencies be determined and approved by the Board no later than July 1st. Intergovernmental agreements will be reviewed and approved by the board no later than July 1st. The agreements will then be distributed to all agencies and at least 2 sessions for discussion will be scheduled. It is expected that all agencies will have approvals no later than November 30th. The new funding formulas will be effective April 1, 2020." Wittenberg stated that was exactly what they had talked about. A discussion was held on this. It was also discussed the date of December 31, 2021 as the cut-off date for the old UHF towers and frequencies and those costs will be segregated and distributed among those agencies still using the old UHF frequencies and towers. Wittenberg stated yes. Another discussion was held on this and paging with Grundy County being on test for paging. Lander said Sinclair County is using Star Com paging and are happy with it. Woolford stated they have to be realistic with paging in some of our rural areas. Dwight is doing some testing and Woolford thought it would be a good idea to do some testing in the Fairbury area. It was also reviewed the new funding mechanism would be around the impact to the dispatch center. Another discussion was held.

Coordinator's Report – Bradshaw reported other than her report she stated the new checking account for the Capital Reserve Fund was established and money transferred from 911 to it so they could pay for the chairs out of it.

Director's Report – Wittenberg reported most of his stuff was already discussed. However, he reported on the progress of the trainees. He talked to Teyca Anderson from IMRF about a possible early retirement program.

Closing comments from the public – None

There was no need to go into executive session.

Closing comments from Chairman or board members – Woolford stated that we have experienced some Spillman issues that been long lasting. He discussed some thoughts he had going forward concerning IT. Possibly looking at an IT Specialist and the possibilities involving this. He said they may have to look at this going forward.

A short discussion was held on Crime Stoppers. Wittenberg reported he has tried to get a meeting set up but can't get them to set a date. He stated he will get information from Turner and try to get this done.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Flott with a second by Turner. Voice vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Candi Bradshaw 