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**Iowa E911 Communications Council Meeting
Thursday, March 30, 2011
West Des Moines City Council Chambers
4200 Mills Civic Parkway
West Des Moines, IA**

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steven Ray at 9:00 a.m. A quorum was determined from the roll call as indicated below.

Roll Call

	Representative	Attendance
Iowa Association of Public Safety Communications Officers (APCO) Secretary	Sally Hall	Present
alternate	Cara Sorrells	Present
Iowa Chapter of the National Emergency Number Association (NENA)	Kirk Hundertmark	Present
alternate	Cherese Sexe	
Iowa State Sheriffs & Deputies Association (ISSDA)	Tom Heater	Present
alternate	Dean Kruger	
Iowa Peace Officers Association (IPO)	Jack O'Donnell	Present
alternate	Sandy Morris	
Iowa Professional Firefighters (IAPFF)	Mike S. Bryant	Present
alternate	vacant	
Iowa Firefighters Association (IFA)	Mark Murphy	Present
alternate	Tom Berger	
Iowa Emergency Managers Association (IEMA) Vice-Chairperson	Bob Seivert	Present
alternate	Jo Duckworth	
Iowa Department of Public Safety (IDPS) Chairperson	Steven P. Ray	Present
alternate	Todd Misel	Present
Iowa Emergency Medical Services Association (IEMSA)	Paul Andorf	Excused
alternate	Rob Dehnert	Present
Iowa Telephone Association <15,000	Jim Suchan	Present
alternate	Pat Snyder	Present
Iowa Telephone Association >15,000	Kami Wernimont	Present
alternate	Dan Halterman	Present
Cellular Providers	Bill Tortoriello	Excused
alternate	Jason Fenton	
PCS Providers	David Kaus	Present
alternate	Joe Sargent	
Auditor of the State, Ex-Officio member	Warren Jenkins	Absent
Staff: Barbara Vos, E-911 Program Manager		Present

Kathy Karn, E-911 Program Planner

Present

Guests:

Scott Locker, Polk County Sheriff's Office
Connie Hambly, Story County E911
Jim Bogner, SWIC
Wendi Hess, Woodbury County E911
Burel Lane, Harris
Mike Miller, Racom
Brenda Vande Voorde, Fayette County E911
BJ Buss, EmergiTech, Inc
Lorrie Lacina, Muscom
Thomas Lampe, Iowa State Patrol

Dina McKenna, Story County Sheriff's Office
John Benson, HSEMD
Rob Koppert, Cass County E911
Butch Hancock, Qwest
Andy Bosshart, Harris
Ron Miller, ISICSB
Norman Wellman, Delaware County E911
Tom Ling, Mills County E911
Joni Walston, SWCI Administrator
Jerry Calmon, Jefferson County EMA/E911

Introductions

Chair Steven Ray welcomed everyone. Board members and those in attendance introduced themselves.

Minutes

Motion by Kirk Hundertmark, seconded by Kami Wernimont to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2011 meeting. All ayes. Passed.

Approve the Agenda

Motion by Bob Seivert, seconded by Rob Dehnert to approve the agenda. All ayes. Passed.

State of Iowa Administrator Reports – Mrs. Barb Vos

Wireless IP Network Program Update

Mrs. Vos reported she met with L.R. Kimball the consulting firm for the wireless IP network project last week. Mrs. Vos also met with the Attorney General's Office in reference to the contract with TCS. There are several changes that need to be made.

Legislative Proposals Update

The legislative committee met last Thursday in reference to SF 448. The bill has been referred to the Ways & Means committee and assigned to a subcommittee.

Bob Seivert – We have provided information to the legislators to justify the increase in the wireless. Senator Hancock's proposal called for the \$.35 increase to be administered through a grant program for narrowbanding. We did propose some changes in that language that all the \$.35 would come back to the PSAPs. That would require someone to amend SF448.

There was strong support from the Committee on State Government. The bill was placed on the calendar for debate. The leadership placed the bill in a Ways & Means subcommittee. Historically Ways & Means bills are funnel proof. Two of the three sub-committee senators are not willing to push the bill forward. There is a large lobby in support of SF448 from EMA, ISSDA, ISAC, Farm Bureau, Iowa League of Cities, IEMSA and the Firefighter's Association. The only ones against the bill were the wireless providers and the telephone providers. The stigma of no new taxes is there. It is Mr. Seivert's understanding that SF448 is not funnel proof and it has to pass out of the subcommittee by Friday. The legislators need to be contacted now. Council members need to contact the membership of the organization they represent and urge them to contact their legislators by phone, email and fax asking the legislators to support SF448.

Mr. Seivert felt it was time for APCO/NENA to step up and find a lobbyist that can be there and meet with the legislators on a day to day basis and fight the battles we need to fight instead of others fighting the battles for us.

HF 611 was voted on by the full committee and passed. It has been put on the House calendar. This is a Linn County sponsored bill. This bill devastates the surcharge at the local level, it destroys the formula that is currently used to distribute wireless surcharge. It would take 50% of the wireless surcharge and

distribute it based on the number of wireless subscribers in your county. Everyone is either undecided or against this bill except for Polk and Linn Counties.

Mr. Seivert distributed copies of the Iowa Narrow Band Cost Estimates for about 70 counties. Total is \$53,104,393. For the time period of 2006-2009 it has been documented that wireline surcharge is decreasing in 60 to 70 counties and the wireless surcharge is leveling off.

Mike Bryant – There is a lack of awareness by the legislators. Even people in the 911 business are not aware. If the House majority does not get on board, it will not make any difference what the Senate does. We need to work diligently to see that the message gets to the legislators today. Their phones, emails and faxes need to be flooded with the message to support SF448.

Motion by Bob Seivert, seconded by Mike Bryant to encourage our members to make immediate contact with House and Senate representatives asking for support of SF448.

Discussion – Chair Ray asked if Mr. Seivert or Mr. Bryant were going to draft a common statement that could be used when contacting the legislators.

Mr. Seivert – The message needs to be short and concise. Right now the message that needs to be delivered is – pass SF448 out of the subcommittee, make it eligible for debate and funnel proof it. Make it so they have to stop their business today and tomorrow and answer the calls about the 911 bill. Senators Jochum, McCoy, Bartz are the subcommittee members.

The current language in SF448 has the \$.35 increase being set aside for narrowbanding and to be distributed via a grant program.

Mr. O'Donnell asked for verification on the Iowa Narrow Band Cost Estimates. There were some counties that had \$0.

Mr. Seivert – Those counties did not respond. There were approximately 70 counties that did respond. If a county has already done their narrowbanding, they would not be eligible for this grant program.

Mr. Bryant – That is why we would want to have the bill amended.

Mrs. Vos – Amend the bill so that it is not a grant program and use the distribute method that is currently used to distribute the money to the local level.

Mr. Bryant – We want to keep the bill alive, so there is a bill to amend.

Mr. Seivert – Senator Hancock is not averse to changing that language through an amendment on the floor when it comes up for debate. Right now SF448 has to get out of the subcommittee in some form.

Mr. Bryant – One of the advantages of not having this bill as a grant program was if there is a future revenue source coming in, you can borrow money against that. The \$.35 increase would bring in a little over \$9 million in a year.

Sheriff Heater – The recent Des Moines Register article covered this very well. If we could get more press that would definitely help us.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Ayes: Hall, Hundertmark, Heater, O'Donnell, Bryant, Murphy, Seivert, Ray, Dehnert, Suchan and Wernimont. Nays: Kaus. Motion passed.

911 Program Financial Reports

There is no change from January. The balance of \$8,098,792.04 reflects the balance in the wireless carryover fund. There has not been any money given to the locals for the last two years so that funds can accumulate for the matching portion for the Wireless IP Network project. Mrs. Vos speculates that it will cost over \$8 million dollars to pay for all of the equipment, the cost of operating two networks for a period

of time, etc. Other factors that will determine the amount of funds to be used are if we will be able to use the ICN network and what kind of equipment is at each PSAP.

Reports of Officers, Boards and Standing Committees

Technical Advisory – Dave Kaus

Mr. Kaus reported that consumers that have purchased a copier within the last 5 to 6 years need to be aware they have a hard drive. When a copier is traded in, all the information that has been copied on that hard drive can be accessed by the next person unless the hard drive is wiped clean.

Iowa Interoperability Governance Board – (Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System Board ISICSB) – Jim Bogner

Yesterday an outreach workshop was held. Approximately 60 people attended and it was very successful. The goal was to get the message out of what the board is doing, who they are, how to get feedback and try to form regional interoperability committees consistent with the Homeland Security Regions.

Also discussed the National Emergency Communication Plan Goal 2 and the county assessment that is due by September 1, 2011. A workshop is being planned sometime in July to review the process of completing this assessment.

April 2011 9-1-1 Awareness Month – Kirk Hundertmark, Bob Seivert & Dave Kaus

Kirk Hundertmark gave a presentation at the Iowa NENA conference last week in West Des Moines. He explained that we want the PSAPs to go out and do some announcements and PSAs in their areas. Mrs. Vos and Chair Ray have done some podcasts. There will be one per week. Mrs. Vos has also done a blog. Kathy Karn, 911 Program Planner has sent out a sample press release, a fact sheet and a copy of the proclamation signed by Chair Ray. Tomorrow at 2:30 p.m. Governor Branstad will be signing a proclamation which Mrs. Vos, Mr. Hundertmark and Chair Ray will be attending.

Mrs. Vos is going to try and make available the PSAs that Mr. Hundertmark showed at the NENA conference on the website also.

Items for Discussion

None

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Travel Requests

None

Business from the Floor / 911 Issues at the PSAPs

None

Announcements

Next meeting will be May 25, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in the West Des Moines city council chambers. All of next year's meetings have been scheduled and will be at this location.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Ray adjourned the meeting at 9:39 am

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Hall, Secretary

Note: Following the council meeting, a draft of a statement that could be used to contact the state legislators reference SF 448 was provided.