



# COLUMBIA COUNTY

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## **Ad Hoc 911 Radio Upgrade Committee Minutes May 1, 2019**

Members present: Dan F. Drew, James E. Foley, Bob Koch, Barry Pufahl, Mike Weyh, JoAnn Wingers

Also in attendance during all or portions of the meeting: Nancy Long, Greg Bisch, Roger Brandner, Dave Drews, Dean Kaderabek, Sue Moll, Joe Ruf, Lois Schepp, Liz Schutz, Jim Stilson, Cody Doucette

The meeting of the Ad Hoc 911 Radio Upgrade Committee was called to order by Chair Foley at 1:00 p.m. The meeting was properly noticed as required by the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law. The meeting was held at the Law Enforcement Center, John Roche Community Room, 711 E. Cook Street, Portage, WI.

### **Approve Agenda**

Motion by Pufahl to approve the agenda as published. Second by Wingers. Motion carried.

### **Approve Minutes**

Motion by Pufahl to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2019 Ad Hoc 911 Radio Upgrade Committee meeting. Second by Wingers. Motion carried.

### **Tour of the County 911 Center and Data Gatherings with Questions**

Committee members toured the 911 Center. Liz Schutz gave a presentation and addressed questions regarding the Dispatch Center operations.

### **County 911 Documents Regarding Current System Contracts**

The 911 Records Management module, contracted with Spillman, will go live on Tuesday, May 7, 2019. The Evidence module from Spillman will not be installed. The existing Evidence software, a stand-alone software, is upgraded yearly and will not be replaced unless Spillman has a level of software that meets or exceeds the current software. Modules not used could be sold. \$122,020 has been paid to date on the software. The balance due is \$440,000, and will not be paid until the program is up and running and completely satisfactory.

Sheriff Brandner gave an update on the radio tower upgrade project, which is separate from the 911 software upgrade. The estimated cost of the project is 2.8 – 3 million, depending on the options selected, i.e. analog, digital, number of channels. If an additional “coded” channel is added, it would be approximately \$700,000. Radio towers last approximately 8-10 years before new technology and upgrades are required. The current towers are reaching end of life. The last radio upgrade was done in 2011. The towers will need to be replaced by 2020. The County drives all decisions regarding radios. Local municipalities will also need to upgrade fire and EMS radios and are waiting for the County’s decision before moving forward. Keeping an analog line for local fire and EMS will be a better cost option for the municipalities.

Sheriff Brandner stated the best outcome of the radio tower upgrade project would be to obtain timely funding through bonding; Keep the existing vendor for the radio replacements; Make a decision sooner versus later to assist other entities with their decisions moving forward. He also recommended all upgrades to be done at one time, to include the radio towers as well as all radios at the jail, in vehicles, and portable radios.

Schepp would need the total amount to bond by Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> when the Finance Committee meets. 2.8 million was approved by the Public Safety Committee last year. Brandner will get an updated proposal for the Public Safety Committee to review. The resolution to approve the bond would be on the July County Board agenda for consideration. As the radio tower upgrade would be new bonding, it would require  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the entire membership of the County Board to approve.

**Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting of the Ad Hoc 911 Radio Upgrade Committee was scheduled for May 15, 2019 at 5 p.m. in Meeting Room #113 & #114 at the Administration building.

Motion by Koch to adjourn the meeting. Second by Wingers. The meeting adjourned 2:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



JoAnn Wingers

Ad Hoc 911 Radio Update Committee Secretary