

911 COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

March 23rd, 2022

Members present (Virtually): Chief David Moore; Janesville Police Department; Sheriff Troy Knudson, Rock County Sheriff's Office; Chief Dan Pease, Beloit Fire Department; Chief Jim Ponkauskas, Janesville Fire Department; Chief Andre Sayles, Beloit Police Department; Chief Randy Pickering, Edgerton Fire Department; Chief Tom Kunkel, Town of Fulton Police Department

Members Not Present: Brian Snyder, Town of Beloit Fire Department; Chief Brian Raupp, Orfordville Police Department

Others present: Kathy Sukus, Brian Becker, and Faith Quinlan, Rock County Communications Center; Dara Mosley and Tom Kavanaugh, Rock County IT; David Gelyana and Coty Cooper, Mission Critical Partners; Jeremy Krantz, General Communications

1. **Call to Order and Approval of Agenda**

- A. Chief Pease called the meeting of the 911 Communications Commission to order at 2:00 pm.
- B. Motion to approve the agenda by Kunkel. Second by Ponkauskas. All approved.

2. **Minutes – January 19, 2022**

- A. Motion by Kunkel to approve minutes as written. Second by Pickering. All approved. January 19, 2022, minutes approved as written.

3. **Comments from the Public**

None

4. **Report: Radio System Needs Assessment-Mission Critical Partners.** David Gelyana presented the radio system needs assessment final report via PowerPoint and shared screen during the Zoom call. The radio system needs assessment was part of the County's response to the November 2020 network storm event.

A. MCP Overview

B. Project Review

1. Approach

2. Assessment

C. Project Review Results

1. Questions and group discussion took place during and after the presentation.

a. Pickering requested clarification on scenarios for total/catastrophic failure at the 4601 County Rd A tower. Mosley replied that the County was researching a "ring" design so a failure at one site would not take down dependent sites.

b. Chief Pease said he thought there were several gaps not addressed in the presentation that were offered to MCP during meetings with the communications chiefs. Director Sukus asked for clarification regarding the gaps and general consensus was there was a lot

of information to digest and that there was a misunderstanding on what feedback was desired prior to today's meeting.

- c. Chief Kunkel responded to one of the report's findings that law groups were not significantly impacted; he noted law agencies in the northern parts of Rock County had very little coverage during the network storm event.
- d. It was asked if there was a timeline regarding when specific improvements would be made to the front end, back end, etc. Sukus noted that many of the fire officer's recommendations were either already installed, on order or being planned in both the 2022 and 2023 budgets.
- e. There was a concern regarding MCP's estimated costs and separating out specific projects in order to present them to applicable budget committees. Mosley said the projects would be presented piece-meal to the County Board based on what the group consensus was for priorities, so sticker-shock would not be a factor.
- f. Chief Pease suggested having another meeting with some of the chiefs/their reps and MCP to discuss the report again to clarify some of the information. Sukus noted that an additional meeting was not part of MCP's contract with the Communications Center, and she would need another quote and permission in order to proceed with more meetings.
 - i. Coty Cooper from MCP responded to the request for a meeting by stating an additional discussion would not be a major cost, however, if more design work or further analysis needed done, there may be additional charges.
 - ii. Pease requested that Chief Pickering set up a follow-up meeting in the near future. Sukus advised she would speak to MCP and assist with that meeting.

5. **Adjournment**

Kunkel moved to adjourn the 911 Communications Commission meeting at 3:44 pm. Second by Ponkauskas. All in favor.

*****Not official until approved by the 911 Communications Commission*****

Next Meeting – April 20th, 2022, @ 2pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Faith Quinlan
Administrative Secretary
Rock County Communications Center