

911 COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
January 18th, 2023

Members present (Virtually): Chief David Moore, Janesville Police Department; Chief Jim Ponkauskas, John McManus, Janesville Fire Department; Chief Andre Sayles, Beloit Police Department; Chief Tom Kunkel, Sgt. Scott Cowden, Town of Milton Police Department; Bob Fahey, Evansville Fire Department; Sheriff Curt Fell, Rock County Sheriff's Office; Chief Brian Raupp, Footville Police Department

Members Not Present: Chief Dan Pease, Beloit Fire Department; Deputy Chief Ryan Perkins, Orfordville Fire Department

Others present (Virtually): Fredd Carr and Faith Quinlan, Rock County Communications Center; Sara Herzig, James Johnson and Thomas Kavanaugh, Rock County IT; Rich Bostwick, County Board Chair

1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

- A. Chief Ponkauskus called the meeting of the 911 Communications Commission to order at 2:02 pm. Motion to approve the agenda by Kunkel. Second by Moore. APPROVED.

2. Minutes – October 19th, 2022

- A. Motion by Kunkel. Second by Moore. October 19th, 2022, minutes approved as written.

3. Comments from the Public – None

4. Communications Commission Chair – Nominations/Appointment: New Term – 1/2023 – 1/2025

- A. Chair – Fahey nominates Ponkauskus for Chair, seconded by Kunkel. Ponkauskus informed the group he intends to retire in 2024, and Fahey suggested keeping him on as Chair until then. Ponkauskus accepted the nomination. Moore motioned to close the ballot and accept a unanimous ballot. APPROVED. Ponkauskus is confirmed to serve as Chair until he retires in 2024.
- B. Vice-Chair – Nominations took place to replace Ponkauskus, whose term for Vice-Chair does not end until 2024. Sheriff Fell nominated Sayles, which was seconded by Kunkel. Sayles accepted the nomination. MOTION CARRIED. Sayles is confirmed to serve out Ponkauskus' Vice-Chair position until it ends in 2024.

5. Information Technology – Herzig indicated Tom Kavanaugh is leaving the County, making them short one person on the public safety side. No other updates.

6. Informational Items & Updates

- A. Station Alerting – The first part of the station alerting purchase passed PS&J on 1/17/23. Carr is not sure of the installation timeline, as we are waiting on a quote from Motorola for the remainder of the project.
- B. Microwave Ring – The request to purchase equipment to complete the Microwave Ring project will be in front of the PS&J committee on 2/7/23 and, if approved, the County Board on 2/9/23. Carr is meeting with GenComm and IT to discuss the specifics of the project before the PS&J meeting on 2/7.
- C. 2023 Goals/Objectives – Carr discussed the Center's 2023 goals and objectives, which included the in-progress Microwave Loop and Station Alerting projects; both should be completed this year. Carr said there will be an open house after construction is completed at the Center, with dates to be determined.
- D. Construction Project – Carr told the group the power was turned on in the IT building on 1/17/23, but the remainder of the HVAC equipment is not expected until next month. The anticipated transition date for the temporary dispatch move is 3/6 and will last approximately three months. The IT side is close to completion.

7. **Adjournment** - Fell moved to adjourn the 911 Communications Commission meeting at 2:15 pm. Second by Sayles. APPROVED.

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

Next Meeting – April 19th, 2023, @ 2 pm (Subject to Change)

Respectfully Submitted,



Faith Quinlan
Administrative Secretary
Rock County Communications Center