

POLK COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

October 5, 2006

10:00 A.M.

Media Room, Justice Center

Present: **John Bonneprise** **Robert Blake** **Larry Jepsen**
 Tim Moore **Ralph Johansen** **Don Getschel**

Also Present: **Steve Moe** **Jill Stoffel** **Kathy Poirier**

Media: **Lynda Berg – Ledger Newspapers**

Call to Order

Chairman Larry Jepsen called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

Accept Agenda

Moved by Blake/Bonneprise to approve agenda. Motion carried.

Public Comments

There were no Public Comments.

Approval of Minutes of June 9, 2006 Meeting

Moved by Bonneprise/Moore to approve minutes from the June 9, 2006 meeting. Motion carried.

Discuss Status/Progress of Project

Report on the status of the project given by Sheriff Moore, Steve Moe and Jill Stoffel. The towers are up and running. The portable radios have been issued. Portable coverage is very satisfactory. Examples were given about some of the areas that had poor coverage previously now being able to receive pages inside buildings. The programming of Fire, EMS and local Police Department radios is in progress, going slower than anticipated. Motorola has added two more technicians to help move the project along faster. The Highway Department is up and running. The Sheriff's Department is looking to free up some of the used portables for their use. Emergency Services paging is half up, will be going up completely when the programming is completed.

Site Review/Milltown Site repair

Cleaning up odds and ends at all sites. The security fencing is installed, in the process of getting each site locked. Reported that there was some vandalism at the Milltown site prior to the fencing being completed. The repairs were less than \$3,000.00.

RMS Status

The RMS project is progressing. They just completed the second week of building basic tables, which necessary in order to be able to train on the system. Moe and Stoffel reported that there has been tremendous cooperation with the Land Information Department incorporating maps with the software. The Information Technology Department has also done an excellent job in assisting with this project.

There was discussion on the cell phone 9-1-1 locating and the 9-1-1 grant for wireless implementation.

General discussion on renting space on the towers. The Sheriff's Department position is to allow for public safety first, cell companies would be secondary. Moe and Stoffel will be meeting with the Land Information committee on this issue.

Finance Update

Steve Moe reported that he hadn't run the numbers, but said the project is in good shape.

Kathy Poirier reported on the Interoperability Grant for the Johnstown Tower. The closeout has been submitted, we should be receiving reimbursement soon. Polk County's share of this grant project is just over \$248,000.00.

System Demonstration

Went to the Communication center for a demonstration of the wireless 9-1-1 mapping capabilities.

Set Next Meeting

Future meeting to be called as needed.

Adjourn

Moved by Getschel/Bonneprise to adjourn. Motion carried (11:03 a.m.)