

Emergency Communication System and Facilities Program Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

September 5, 2019 at 10:00 am

Members Present:

Ty Trenary – Chair
Susan Neely
Dan Templeman

Nate Nehring
Bob Colinas
George Hurst

Chris Alexander
Jon Nehring

Others:

Terry Peterson
James Martin

Brad Steiner
Brian Haseleu

Kurt Mills
Jill Iversen

Sheriff Trenary Call to Order 10:00 am

Meeting Minute Approval

At this time there are no meeting minutes from August 1, 2019 Board Meeting to approve. They will be distributed before the October 3rd meeting.

Project Schedule Update (Steiner)

- Schedule to be in Schaumburg (Elgin, IL) in 2 weeks for shipping and staging of the Radio System
- Shipping Subscribers this year, however there is a product issue with Motorola Antennas which may cause a delay.
 - Antenna Issue (Portable) – Apex 8000 Tri-band Antenna (VHF/UHF/7800) Products don't perform as well as the existing XTS X-Series radios. The Antennas do not meet Motorola's published specifications for it and does not meet the specification that were used for our coverage guarantee.
 - Old Antennas can be used and doesn't affect the warranty.
- Marysville Facility has been demolished and remodeled. We've been aggressive at surplus the equipment so we are on schedule to have the Marysville Facility ready to receive.
- Working with Sno911 IT to make sure the current inventory management system is going to be workable.
- Security System for Marysville started installation this week.
- Struggling with Motorola to finish the design of the entire system. We've ran into some issues that Motorola has messed up on, Canada, regulatory issues, small items but would rather work through these issues now than to find them with the FCC Licensing.
- Design review has not been signed off even though we are shipping equipment.
- Motorola is delayed in getting subscriber pricing. They are hoping to have it in September.
- Equipment should be here the first week of October. Installation will not start for a long time, purpose is to pull it forward for subscribers. Our Warranty does not start until we install it. No penalty for us in terms of having it here.

Radio Ownership Policy

Policy changes is on the Agenda for the September SNOCO 911 Board Meeting. We should follow our Governance and allow that Board to have that discussion. It is the Governance Boards decision on whether we want to own the Radios or not.

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- Colinas – In the Ordinance that created this advisory board, it directs us to make recommendations to the branches of County Government relating to implementation and use of the tax imposed. Can we define implementation and should this board take a vote recommending all the work that somebody else does?
 - Trenary – With the exception of one member at the table, we all get to hear a presentation on policy changes in September and it seems we should follow that process. After the decision has been made at the next SNOCO 911 Board meeting this group ratifies what was done or chooses to stay silent because it makes sense.

Inclusion of Agencies (Trenary)

Executive meeting with the full Board of Tulalip Tribe and Sheriff, in that meeting the issue of radio communications came forward.

- Discussion on who services what areas for law enforcement. The Tribe is a patchwork of Fee Simple land, Tribally Owned land and Deeded land. If you're a beat cop wearing anybody's uniform and you get a radio call out there, we don't know what the address means (Tribal owned/Fee Simple land/Deeded land) and it's not available in New World. If it is a major call, example robbery at the premium outlets, we have two law enforcement agencies that respond, however there is no communication.
 - What can we do? There are people out there paying sales tax that should be benefited by it.
 - I don't believe Tulalip is interested in dissolving their dispatch center and coming over to SNOCO 911.

This has happened with Bothell, Fire District 10.

I think we need to set clear parameters or provide advice on what this is going to look like and who is going to be eligible for funding.

- Steiner – Speaking from a technical perspective – For us to go and learn their operations quickly and find how we can connect to their system, for just an emergency, at minimum patch the systems today so when you guys needed to talk you could.
 - Trenary – I think we've looked into this issue before in 2012 for a DUI Emphasis and we tried to create special event patching and it wouldn't work. Their system is old conventional.
 - That is the reason to decide from a policy standpoint how far do we go and how do we determine contribution percentages. Providing them with radios and portables that have our frequencies and our capability might be an answer under our funding structure. If we do that we are committing to do that everywhere. This is a recommendation we need to make to the County Council.
 - Peterson – Taking their channels and plugging them into the new radios, so they're only carrying one radio, so they have access to all the other banks.
 - Steiner – I can't fathom that we cannot connect to their system. I will give you a well-documented reason why if the answer is no.
 - Sheriff Trenary will forward the Tribal Chief's contact information.

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Can the Governance Board weigh in on this issue?

Neely – I don't think the Governance Board can weigh in on this issue. Anybody in the County, any agency, should be able to make an application for funding to this body, the Advisory Board, and it's not SNOCO 911 but it's a sales tax collected Countywide. So if you are being dispatch out of NORCOM or by the Tulalip Tribes, you still should have access to the funding. This Board would decide what to recommend to the Council. The Council would get both, the ask and the recommendation, and make the final decision.

Mills – I was involved in a request that came from the prior chief about them accessing and having use of the 800 system. At the time it was the belief of the people that were there that there was not enough capacity to allow them on board so it was declined. In talking with Brad and if the policy allows, Brad would be able to solve that problem without issue. Last I heard is they're system did not provide coverage throughout all their areas and was failing and they did not want spend money to build it up. Once the policy is made we can solve this. The question is, how we assess for that. Everybody else is paying some level of fee to support the radio system. We do not have a mechanism to recover that right now but we can come up with one.

Steiner – Tulalip, Camano Island, Community Transit, Snohomish County PUD have all made inquiries about them all being funded in way and why we shouldn't be working together. Are there other ways for us to bring these agencies on and pool it and make it better for everyone.

Reach out to legal to create a draft policy of what it looks like for individual agencies within the current tax structure. Separate service from who's eligible and get a legal definition on that.

Eligible agencies will need to know how to apply for sales tax money, what the application looks like, what information they have to provide, what's the timing and how do we advertise it. These are the core components.

Meeting Frequency

Board agrees to have monthly meeting until end of year.

Roundtable

Haseleu – 2018 Budget Vs. Actual and mid-year 2019

2018 first payment to Motorola (inter-fund loan of 5 million) - Appropriated 3 ½ million which was sufficient for us to make the first progress payment to Motorola in 2018 and that was \$3,368,646.00.

Mid-year 2019 (includes dollars received to date) - repaid the 5 million loan, we did an interim bond anticipation note (35 million) to have enough dollars on hand so that we wouldn't delay the progress. We've received the first three payments which represent April, May and June, actual sales tax receipts collected. This is on a two month leg, we accrue them back, and we received \$4,299,509 of the sales tax. We've had investment interest as a result of us borrowing that 35 million to have on hand to progress payments to Motorola. On the expenditure side all we've seen is the borrowing cost of 91K which represent the cost for the 5 million inter-fund loan and also the start of the cost associated with that bond anticipation note. To date we have not received any invoices from SNOCO 911. We anticipate any day we'll start seeing those roll in.

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Next Emergency Communication System and Facilities Program Advisory Board meeting will be October 3, 2019 at 10:00 am in the Executive Room SXO-Conf, AdmW, 6F02 (025)

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 am

Meeting minutes by:

Jill Iversen

Sheriff's Administrative Assistant