

The METCAD Policy Board convened for a regular meeting on Thursday, June 7, 2007 with the following in attendance:

MEMBERS MPB

Paul Berg, City of Champaign Assistant City Manager
Chief Mike Bily, City of Urbana Police Department
Chief Krystal Fitzpatrick, U of I Public Safety (Chair)
Chief Dave Penicook, Champaign Fire Department
Chief Rick Raney, Tolono Police Department
Peg Rawles, University of Illinois

Chief Dan Smith, Champaign County Fire Chief's Association
Chief Rex Mundt, City of Urbana Fire Rescue
Denny Inman, Administrator for Facilities Management and Procurement
Sheriff Dan Walsh, Champaign County Sheriff's Office

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

Rick Kallmayer, Director
Ann Panthen, Operations Manager
Greg Abbott, 9-1-1 Coordinator
Margie Kallmayer, Secretary

ABSENT:

Mayor Laurel Prussing, City of Urbana

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

Chief Raney made a motion to approve the regular and study session meeting minutes from April 5, 2007; Chief Smith seconded and the motion carried.

Director Kallmayer explained the need for Motorola Change Order #6 and that it required no budgetary action. The change order corrected inaccurate amounts on previous change orders and records the entire project cost in one document. The Resolution was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Mr. Abbott gave an update on the radio project. The system manager training is being conducted this week both Rick and Greg attending. The console upgrade will happen Sunday morning and the current dispatch center will be taken out of service. During this time the backup center in the basement will be used and operations might be slightly limited with all the police on one channel. Fire should be about the same. If there is severe weather the change over will be delayed. The following week Motorola engineers will be here testing the audio quality of the system. Train the trainer will be conducted this week and then they will train others. The schedule is still set for University of Illinois Police Department to come on the system July 9 with the Sheriff's Office and Urbana Police by the end of July. Champaign will be the last department scheduled. By the first of September all the police agencies will be on the new radio system. Fire is still scheduled for Champaign and Urbana in October and public works in

February with rural fire coming on last as they requested. Barbeck has hired four additional technicians to meet the demand of changing over all the vehicles.

Chief Fitzpatrick asked about the status of StarCom21 project and if staff had any further information. The meeting had to be rescheduled due to METCAD and StarCom21's schedule conflicts. They are working on some of the engineering for the project to have more details available before the next meeting.

Chief Fitzpatrick asked who will be the new Vice-Chair since Mr. Walden will no longer be representing Urbana and if Mayor Prussing would just take over that role. That will need to be discussed with her before a decision is made.

Director Kallmayer gave an update on the advancement of the wireless legislation. There were two bills introduced to deal with the expiration of the current wireless legislation that have been combined into HB828. It has passed the Senate and is now being sent back to the House with Senate amendments. If the House concurs it will go onto the Governor for approval. In general, it reduces the total surcharge rate from .75 to .73 per account, per month, but redistributes the revenue and gives the Public Safety Answering Points a higher share of the money. The Public Safety Answering Points will get .5625 per account and the carrier fund collects .1475 for their account. The rest goes for administrative processing to the Illinois Commerce Commission. It would bring in approximately \$120,000 new revenue for METCAD. There is also a surplus of funds in the wireless carrier's account of \$8 million that will be distributed to Public Safety Answering Points if it is not swept by the Governor. If this is distributed METCAD would receive approximately \$110,000. This bill extends the wireless act another five years to 2013.

Director Kallmayer advised the Board that the cost of services project is progressing and staff has met with the consultant twice. We expect a report back to us by mid-July and will cancel the July 5 meeting and reschedule it for the week of July 16 when the consultant is here to present it. This report should provide some alternative ways to structure a fee for use of the new radio system.

Chief Fitzpatrick gave an update on the UI notification system and said it should be up and running in the next couple of months. The system can notify a person based on their designated contact method and will be used for emergencies only. Mr. Berg asked if the system was expandable and if so that the Regional Emergency Coordination Group (RECG) should examine it. The RECG might also be interested in a presentation about the system and the policies developed by the UI for its use. This is the type of system that the City of Champaign would be interested in.

Ms. Rawles made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Chief Raney at 9:15 a.m.

Prepared by:

Margie Kallmayer
Secretary II