



Franklin Regional Council of Governments

Meeting Minutes: Franklin County Emergency Communication System Oversight Committee					
Date	February 16, 2017	Location	John W. Olver Transit Center 12 Olive St Greenfield, MA Room 221	Facilitators	Walter Tibbetts
Time	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Duration	2 Hours	Meeting Cancellation Notice	413-774-3167 x153

Agenda Items	Action/Motion
1. Welcoming remarks/agenda/introductions	Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. In attendance were Bruce Beliveau, Joe Camden, Joseph Cuneo, Bob Dean, Craig Gagne, Butch Garrity, Dana Johnson, Dan Nietzsche, Kurt Seaman, Walter Tibbetts, Murry Hill, Gregg Grisevich
2. Review/approval of January 19, 2017 meeting minutes	Motion: Dana Johnson motioned to approve the minutes from the last meeting held on January 19, 2017. Joe Camden seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.
3. Chairman's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Request for proposals for GPS Receiver Replacement project has been completed and has been turned over to the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission to be placed out to bid. b. Walter talked with Alex Rock about CMED. CMED is putting a proposal to WRHSAC to receive funding to update their system in Springfield. They are having a problem getting Verizon to service the copper lines. Bruce asked what the PL was for the unit at Shelburne Control. It was and is 91.5 according to Craig which is the correct PL.
4. Radio System Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. As per the agreement, County Broadcasting placed their equipment on Erving Tower and then removed it. The test was successful for County Broadcasting. b. An update about the GPS Clock issue came from Bruce Beliveau. It received a clean bill of health from Spectracom. They are sending back the same unit to us. Spectracom did NOT preserve the logs so they were not able to verify if anything went wrong but did test the unit. c. A trouble ticket was received from Erving. Bruce had a conversation with the Fire Chief about the steps needed to get this fixed. The question was asked about what will it take to get Erving Tower back on in the transmit mode. Discussion on how moving or changing the antenna on Erving Tower would help or hurt other areas. When the Tower is in transmit mode it overwhelms areas west of the Tower making their communication very poor. Craig from Beltronics discussed an idea of placing a dedicated antenna that would focus the transmitting waves directly towards Erving which, in theory, would remove the destructive interference issues that the Erving Tower generates as it is. When asked if this solution would cause other areas in the system to become inaudible, Craig was not able to answer in the affirmative. Bruce from Green Mountain discussed another idea that he feels would work. He proposes to use a panel antenna which would focus the transmission even more into Erving and not back in other directions. A motion was made by Joe Cuneo to install a panel antenna and the necessary equipment to allow Erving Tower to be placed in transmit mode with a cost of not to exceed

	<p>\$5,000.00. Joe Camden seconded the motion. The motion past by unanimous vote.</p> <p>d. A discussion about the RFP for the system wide antenna replacement project was had. It was asked of Beltronics where the maps showing the improvement or the specifications for this project were. Craig said that he sent them to Dan but Dan did not have them in his email. Craig said he would resend the maps when he got back to the office. Beltronics will work with Green Mountain to produce a set of specifications, suitable for bid, before the next meeting for this project.</p>
<p>5. Old Business</p> <p>a. Private Equipment on FCECS Towers</p> <p>b. Future of FCECS</p>	<p>a. The FCECS will begin working on a Request for Proposals to allow private entities onto the towers we own.</p> <p>b. Dan gave a report of a conversation he had with Mike Salzman. Mike Salzman is very interested in meeting with the FCECS to discuss how the State could help with a project to move to the State 800 system. Walter talked about what we would need from the State in order to give them a commitment in terms of short and ongoing costs.</p>
<p>6. New Business</p> <p>a. Officer Elections</p>	<p>Dana Johnson made a motion to keep the current elected officials of Walter Tibbetts as Chair and Joe Cuneo as Vice-Chair. Joe Camden seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.</p>
<p>7. Business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the meeting</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>8. Wrap up and adjourn</p>	<p>Kurt Seaman made a motion to adjourn with Joe Cuneo seconding it. The motion was carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 12:15p.m</p>