



Franklin Regional Council of Governments

Meeting Minutes: Franklin County Emergency Communication System Oversight Committee			
Date	June 16, 2016	Location	John W. Olver Transit Center 12 Olive St Greenfield, MA Room 221
Time	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Duration	2 Hours
		Facilitators	Walter Tibbetts
		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, Joseph Cuneo, Dana Jonson, Dan Nietsche, Kurt Seaman, Walter Tibbetts
2. Review/approval of March 17, 2016 meeting minutes	Motion: Kurt Seaman motioned to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Joe Cuneo seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.
3. Chairman's Report	Nothing to Report
4. FCECS Options For Migrating to New Tech	<p>With the understanding that Option Four, moving to the Massachusetts State Police system, is preferable but not feasible at the moment the discussion centered on what improvements can be made to the current system. The improvements are outlined in Option One of the Blueprint for the Future – FCECS Options for Migrating to new Technology. A list of the top three improvements was decided upon. They were, in no particular order, to renovate the shelter at the Erving Tower site, Replace selected antennas, and replace GPS units.</p> <p>Bruce Beliveau will be determining pricing on upgrading to an IP system and replacing the antennas.</p> <p>Dan Nietsche reported on the budget saying there was a substantial amount of funds left which needed to be used by the end of the fiscal year. Joseph Cuneo made the motion to purchase three new fixed network GPS units at an estimated cost of \$6,000.00 apiece. Dana Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.</p> <p>Bruce Beliveau will be investigating the cost to send the JPS voting units back to JPS for upgrade.</p>
5. Orange Tower	<p>Walter Tibbetts gave a brief report of the current status of the Orange Tower. Bruce Beliveau then added to Mr. Tibbetts report by saying the tower is currently operating but is not able to be used because it does not have wire line connectivity to Shelburne Control. This connectivity is something that the tower must have per our agreement with the Massachusetts State Police. Mr. Beliveau gave a rough estimate of \$15,000.00 to complete the project. There was a discussion on whether it is fair for the FCECS to pay for 100% of the project for a tower which Orange would benefit from the most when we ask other towns to pay a portion for their projects. Kurt Seaman brought up the point that the original project was not properly completed and we are finishing the project as it was planned. Dana Johnson said that while this project will help Orange but in actuality we are enhancing the FCECS system which is available for anyone.</p> <p>Joseph Cuneo made a motion to fund the completion of the project with a not to exceed price of \$15,000.00. Dana Johnson seconded the motion. The motion was</p>

	carried by a unanimous vote.
6. Radio System Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. A tree at Mt. Grace is blocking a microwave signal. Bruce is in contact with representatives from UMASS to see if the tree can be trimmed or removed. b. The radio system manager contract is set to expire in July. Joseph Cuneo made a motion to renew the current contract. Dana Johnson seconded the motion. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.
7. Old Business a. Montague Radio Equipment List and Estimate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Bruce Beliveau reported that equipment has been ordered and he estimated the equipment will start being installed in July.
8. New Business a. Tower usage fees, insurance, policies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. This topic was postponed until the next meeting.
9. Business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the meeting	None
10. Wrap up and adjourn	Walter Tibbetts made a motion to adjourn with Dana Johnson seconding it. The motion was carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjured at 12:00PM.