



# Franklin Regional Council of Governments

<i>(a) Meeting Minutes: Franklin County Emergency Com-</i>			
<b>Date</b>	November 16, 2017	<b>Location</b>	John W. Olver Transit Center 12 Olive St Greenfield, MA 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Meeting Room
<b>Time</b>	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	<b>Duration</b>	2 Hours
		<b>Facilitators</b>	Walter Tibbetts
		<b>Meeting Cancellation Notice</b>	413-774-3167 x153

Agenda Items	Action/Motion
1. Welcoming remarks/agenda/introductions	<b>Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m.</b> In attendance were Joe Cuneo, Butch Garrity, Craig Gagne, Dana Johnson, Dan Nietsche, Bill Perlman, Kurt Seaman, Murray Hill
2. Review/approval of October 19, 2017 meeting minutes	<b>Motion: Bill Perlman motioned to approve the minutes from the last meeting held on October 19, 2017. Dana Johnson seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.</b>
3. Chairman's Report	Nothing to report
4. Radio System Manager Update	<p>The GPS unit which failed and was sent back for repair under warranty has been repaired and is now stored at Shelburne Mt.</p> <p>Bill Perlman asked Murray Hill about the recent trouble tickets which describe pagers not responding to alerts. In an effort to investigate the causes Murray has asked Ken Short to verify the tones coming out of the consul at Shelburne and Ken reported that they are correct. Murray added there are so many variables that could cause a person to not receive the signal even in the same town. In addition he has not been able to figure out a system malfunction that might cause the issues. Craig will be giving a schedule for the timing changes at each site so that Butch Garrity would know to do a tone test. Butch would also like to know which departments to test based on where Craig is working.</p>
5. 800MHz System Project Update	Bill Perlman reported on the content of a conference call with Curt Wood. Bill feels that Curt Wood wants us to be on the system and that he reiterated that we are in Phase 3 which would begin in 5 to 7 years. Curt Wood had asked for \$122M from MA Admin and Finance of which he received \$1.9M. He had a meeting with the Governor Baker to gain support for the Commonwealth System and ultimately get A&F to authorize the remaining funds. Even with A&F approving the full amount EOPSS would then need additional funds to bring on Franklin County to the Commonwealth

	<p>System. A contingent from FRCOG and the FCECS drove to Boston and met with elected officials. The result of the meeting was the legislative delegation drafted a letter to the Governor asking the Governor to place Franklin County in Phase 1 and support our Efficiency and Regionalization grant application. We are making the assumption that we will not be on the Commonwealth System in the foreseeable future. There are some possibilities, Efficiency and Regionalization grant with the primary purpose of designing a new system and figuring out how to finance the system. Bill Perlman made a motion for the Oversight Committee to write a letter of support to accompany the E&amp;R grant. Kurt Seaman seconds the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.</p> <p>An idea was discussed to develop a rough order of magnitude of a complete system design for budgetary basis using funds from the antenna replacement project. Joe Cuneo said that he is concerned about using antenna project because we need to use that money for the antenna project. Dana Johnson asks if the State in general is moving towards 800MHz. Craig added that communities, in general seem to be staying where they are based on their licenses.</p>
<p>6. Old Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. System-wide Antenna Replacement Project Update – CDCG Project</li> <li>b. Battery Replacement Project at Colrain</li> </ul>	<p>a. CDCG Report – The Committee was shown maps describing three different antenna configurations on Borden Mt. in an effort to reduce destructive interference across the county. The Committee all agreed the changes did not reduce the coverage coming from Borden Mt. enough to warrant spending funding on changing the antenna. It was noticed by Dana Johnson that as more aggressive antenna changes were reduced the coverage in west county. Dan Nietzsche told the group that CDCG was asked to see if the antenna at Charlemont could be modified to make up for the lost coverage. Due to the prevalence of Borden Mt interfering with so many users a discussion was had about turning off the transmit side of Borden Mt. Dana Johnson wants to make it known that at least one of the communities in the coverage area will be upset. Murray reports that if Borden Mt. transmit function is turned off we need to change the manual timing to automatic. Joe Cuneo asked if moving the timing from manual to automatic would be worthwhile. Both Murray and Craig were non-committal that this would be an improvement to the system but they did say it would make further changes to the system more effective. Bill Perlman made a motion that we ask Beltronics to generate launch delay timing data sets which will need to be changed once the change from manual to automatic is completed in an amount not to exceed \$1,750 with a deadline of Monday November 27, 2017. Kurt Seaman seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. Joe Cuneo asks how much it is going to cost and how long will it take to switch from manual to automatic? Craig feels it should take a week to complete the process. Bill Perlman made a motion that the FCECS</p>

	<p>determined the work can be done under the maintenance contract because an error was discovered in the system and we are repairing the issue. Butch Garrity seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous.</p> <p>b. The batteries at the Colrain site have been replaced.</p>
7. New Business	None
8. Business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the meeting	None
9. Wrap up and adjourn	<p><b>Dana Johnson made a motion to adjourn with Kurt Seaman seconding it. The motion was carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m</b></p>