



# Franklin Regional Council of Governments

*Meeting Minutes: Franklin County Emergency Communication System Oversight Committee*

<b>Date</b>	March 19, 2018	<b>Location</b>	John W. Olver Transit Center 12 Olive St Greenfield, MA 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Meeting Room	<b>Facilitators</b>	Walter Tibbetts
<b>Time</b>	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	<b>Duration</b>	2 Hours	<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, Bob Dean, Craig Gagne, Butch Garrity, Dana Johnson, Dan Nietzsche, John Paciorek, Bill Perlman, Kurt Seaman, Walter Tibbetts, Murray Hill
2. Review/approval of January 18, 2018, meeting minutes	<b>Motion: Bill Perlman motioned to approve the minutes of the last meeting held on February 15, 2017. Kurt Seaman seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.</b>
3. Chairman's Report	A. Walter called Ed Shoemaker at Air Methods, told him that UTAC41D is for all agencies in Franklin County. Could you please make sure that all medivac have that frequency programmed. Ed returned an email which said every medivac would have that channel for Franklin County.
4. Radio System Manager Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Power event at Borden Mt. MSP lost their system. Our generator did not come on. Murray will be sending Powers out to investigate.</li> <li>b. Dual transmit issue at New Salem, Craig fixed it, then it went back to having an issue. Murray is working with Harris TAC to get the units repaired/refurbished.</li> <li>c. Murray and Craig are going to investigate the Greenfield PL drift today.</li> <li>d. Murray will be out of the area between April 16 and 27.</li> </ul>
5. 800MHz System Project Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Bill introduced Mike Saltzman.</li> <li>b. Michael started off with discussing funding of the project, not just Franklin County. One of the sources of funding is an increase in the</li> </ul>

	<p>911 surcharge people pay in their telecom bills. The increase in the surcharge must go before the State’s Telecommunication Committee. The request has been made, but as of the meeting the issue has not been placed on an agenda. If and when the surcharge is approved, the first step in the state-wide project is for the State to do an engineering proof of the system design. The engineering proof consultant will be selected by an open solicitation.</p> <p>c. Specific news about Franklin County, Linda Dunlavy and Curt Wood have been in communication. Michael then went on to discuss the phases of the state-wide project. Franklin County is currently in Phase 2. Bill Perlman asked when is the bid going to go out for the system design proof? Mike said the bid should go out in the next three weeks. The state would like the engineering study/proof done this fiscal year. Has a timeline been created? Mike responded no. Walter offered that the FCECS has two towers in C Troop that could be used. Mike will work with us on the scope of work for the engineering study scope of work.</p> <p>d. Bill asks what we can be doing now to help the process? Michael suggested getting Kenwood radios to test on as they could be a cost saving in subscriber units. Michael will try to secure approximately ten radios for testing . We should also be working on a roll-out process for when we migrate to the Commonwealth System. Walter asked about paging and has there been any talk or thoughts to what might be charged. At the moment paging still needs to be worked out. When asked about user fees, Michael responded that users fees had not been discussed, but A&amp;F is talking about a stability program.</p>
6. Old Business	None
7. New Business	none
8. Business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the meeting	None
9. Wrap up and adjourn	<b>Dana Johnson made a motion to adjourn with John Paciorek seconding it. The motion was carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m</b>