



# Franklin Regional Council of Governments

<i>Meeting Minutes: Franklin County Emergency Communication System Oversight Committee</i>			
<b>Date</b>	July 12, 2018	<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 Camden, Joe Cuneo, Butch Garrity, Murray Hill, Dana Johnson, Dan Nietsche, John Paciorek, Bill Perlman, Kurt Seaman, Steve Connor
2. Review/approval of June 21, 2018 meeting minutes	<b>Motion: John Paciorek motioned to approve the minutes of the last meeting held on June 21, 2018. Joe Camden seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.</b>
3. Chairman's Report	Nothing to Report
4. Radio System Manager Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Ashfield is still having issues with coverage. This is especially true of Ashfield fire department receiving pages. Murray believes this will be fixed when the antenna replacement project at Plainfield is completed. Parts for this project are in the process of being ordered.</li> <li>b. Murray asked about the reception clarity in east county. Both Walter and Joe said the clarity is worse than normal. Murray reported that he believe this is due to the connection between Borden and Charlemont being on the T1 line instead of microwave. With the connection being in its current state it changes the timing of the system. He will be switching the link back to the standard microwave before the next meeting.</li> <li>c. The Orange Tower project (scope is to connect it to Shelburne Control correctly) is still being researched and designed by Murray. He should have this completed before the next meeting.</li> <li>d. Murray reported that he has been formatting the radio assignment list and has come across many duplicates. The group reported that departments have not been correctly assigning codes for each radio and that there are radios which were never accounted for. The only way to fix this is to gather radios from every department and reassign their codes.</li> </ul>
5. 800MHz System Project	The Department of Telecommunication has approved Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's request to increase the E911 surcharge. John Paciorek reports the money will start to become available in January 2019 but that EOPSS can start spending funds in anticipation of the receipts form the surcharge.

	<p>Bill Perlman responded that this should start the process for the Commonwealth System project. Because EOPSS has said a study will need to be completed to bring Franklin County onto the system, Joe Cuneo asked if our portion of the study will be paid for by us. Bill said we do not know how much money is moving to Franklin County so that question cannot be answered.</p> <p>A discussion about additional testing and the roll out of the migration was had by the group. John reported that EOPSS still considers us a priority and that he was told EOPSS would like to purchase radios for Franklin County use before the end of 2018. There is the possibility that EOPSS says Franklin County will get a certain type of radio and if any department would like a more expensive model then the department would need to pay the difference.</p>
6. Old Business	Nothing to Report
<p>7. New Business</p> <p>a. Radio System Manager Contract Renewal</p>	<p>The group had a discussion about the current radio system manager's performance. The general comment was that Murray was performing his duties well.</p> <p>Green Mountain representative, Steve Connor asked if the contract amount could be negotiated. He produced data that showed this contract was not financially beneficial for his company. He expressed that Green Mountain would like to continue working with the FCECS but that they cannot lose money.</p> <p>The FCECS cannot legally negotiate a contract of this type. After a discussion, both parties agreed that extending the current contract for another three months would allow FRCOG to go back out to bid for a radio system manager.</p> <p>Bill Perlman made a motion to extend the current radio system manager contract until the last day of September, 2018. Butch Garrity seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.</p>
8. Business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the meeting	None
9. Wrap up and adjourn	<p><b>Kurt Seaman made a motion to adjourn. Butch Garrity seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 11:45AM.</b></p>