



# Franklin Regional Council of Governments

<i>Meeting Minutes: Franklin County Emergency Communication System Oversight Committee</i>			
<b>Date</b>	June 21, 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 Nietzsche, John Paciorek, Bill Perlman, Kurt Seaman, Walter Tibbetts, Elizabeth Quick
2. Review/approval of May 17, 2018 meeting minutes	<b>Motion: John Paciorek motioned to approve the minutes of the last meeting held on April 30, 2018. Joe Camden seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.</b>
3. Chairman's Report	<p>Walter reported on his contract negotiations as Fire Chief. If between now and July 31<sup>st</sup> the negotiation process does not work out he will be resigning and will not be able to be a part of the FCECS Oversight Committee.</p> <p>At the WMRIC meeting on Tuesday Walter gave an update on where we stand on the 800MHz system. That we met with Secretary Bennett and that Pat Carnevale understands our system. Walter and Pat talked about the history of the system and where we want to go in the future with the system.</p> <p>WMRIC voted to extend the deadline for projects of this fiscal year. Most of the funding for next year has been allocated but there may be additional \$45,000 but this will not be announced until the end of this calendar year.</p>
4. Radio System Manager Update	<p>Murray asked about system clarity in West Count – Dana Johnson said it is better. It was then reported the communications in East County is worse than before. Murray asked the question about reception in Franklin County because the backup (fiber) link is still in place. He was worried about the backup link causing issues in East County. The link will be returned to FRCOG system.</p> <p>Restoration and realignment of the link between New Salem and Mt.</p>

	<p>Grace is currently ongoing.</p> <p>Powers Generator reported that the generator at Borden Mt. may have additional problems. They will provide an estimate.</p> <p>Due to Murray being away on the normally scheduled third Thursday the next meeting will take place Thursday, July 12<sup>th</sup>.</p>
5. 800MHz System Project	<p>Bill Perlman feels there is unwarranted optimism that this project will happen. The Massachusetts Department of Telecommunication will be meeting to decide on an increase to the 911 surcharge on July 9.</p> <p>John Paciorek asked how the fire chiefs feel about the 800 system. Walter and Joe Cuneo reported there is healthy skepticism amongst the group. Kurt Seaman reported that the system on the Hatfield/Whately line was not very clear. He also reported that the subscriber fee for Department of Fire Services is approximately \$60,000 a year.</p> <p>Dana asked when we should start researching the alternatives. The discussion centered around on waiting until we hear about the DTC's decision on July 9.</p> <p>Ongoing discussion on the obstacles that need to be address such as fees and paging. John Paciorek reported on cost of subscriber units have gone down considerably and that will help to get Franklin County onto the system.</p>
6. Old Business a. Orange Tower Shelburne Control Update	<p>The project to connect Orange Tower to Shelburne Control has not been done. Kurt asks that the issue be reopened. Murray will determine what needs to be done. This tower was only to be used as a regional tower.</p>
7. New Business a. Generator Maintenance Contract Renewal b. Request for commercial use of tower at Shelburne Mt. from Smartlink, LLC. c. Town of Springfield VT., Request for letter of concurrence.	<p>a. Motion made by Dana Johnson to renew the generator preventive maintenance contract with Powers Generator for one year. Joe Camden seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous vote.</p> <p>b. Discussion was had about putting commercial cell on FRCOG owned towers. The Committee asked that the interested party submit a formal request for consideration.</p> <p>c. John Paciorek made a motion to approve the letter of concurrence based on Murray's investigation and approval. Kurt Seaman 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	<b>Butch Garrity made a motion to adjourn. Bill Perlman seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 11:45AM.</b>

