



Franklin Regional Council of Governments

<i>Meeting Minutes: Franklin County Emergency Communication System Oversight Committee</i>			
Date	March 21, 2019	Location	John W. Olver Transit Center 12 Olive St Greenfield, MA 1 st Floor Meeting Room
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 Joe Cuneo, Bob Dean, Linda Dunlavy, Butch Garrity, Dana Johnson, Dan Nietsche, John Paciorek, Bill Perlman, Kurt Seaman, Walter Tibbetts, Mark Williams
2. Review/approval of February 21, 2019 meeting minutes	Motion: John Paciorek motioned to approve the minutes of the last meeting held on February 21, 2019. Butch Garrity seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.
3. Chairman's Report	Walter Tibbetts updated WMRIC on our discussions with EOPSS concerning Franklin County migration to the CoMIRS. He reported that Franklin County was well represented in the statement of work with the engineering vendor.
4. Radio System Manager Update	<p>On the 18th of March, Kurt received a message from Shelburne Control stating there is an issue with Sim 2. Kurt tested the system immediately following the notification and Sim 2 seemed fine. After he tested the system, Shelburne Control tested with various units across the county. Sunderland came back as the only issue. Kurt asked if this issue was new or historical. Sunderland responded that it is a historically bad area.</p> <p>Spoke with Mark Hawley from Greenfield Water Department. Some of the radio equipment in the gate house needs to be adjusted in location due to work being performed at that location. He also informed Kurt that the propane setup might be an issue with OSHA. Kurt is going to reach out to Suburban Propane to change the set up.</p> <p>The parts to fix the Leyden tower has been received by Beltronics. They anticipate finishing this repair by the end of next week.</p> <p>Kurt reported he was able to wire up the door and generator to the alarm system. He also learned that a microwave link is viable from Mt. Grace to Royalston.</p>

	<p>Kurt is working on a schedule to evaluate the equipment at Mount Grace. There is a pause on climbing the tower until the snow melts. Once the site is more accessible they will check the equipment on the tower.</p> <p>Poets Seat Tower – In the process of getting a quote to replace microwave link from Great Hill and Poet Seat. Kurt was able to get the microwave to reestablish some of its connection but not sure if the equipment is viable in the long term. Kurt is going to perform additional testing on the equipment.</p>
<p>5. Public Safety Partner Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Fire Chief Association b. Police Chief Association c. Franklin County EMS Committee d. Shelburne Control e. Franklin County Sheriff's Office 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Nothing to report b. Nothing to report c. Nothing to report d. There was an issue with the equipment due to a power failure. Some of the equipment was not on a UPS device. The system will be receiving power backup equipment in the near future to prevent this from happening again. e. Nothing to report
<p>6. 800MHz System Project</p>	<p>The FRCOG will be completing the subscriber unit inventory process and then forwarding the counts to EOPSS. This is expected to be done by the end of next week.</p> <p>Linda reported she went to Washington D.C. in early Feb to meet with Representative McGovern. One of the outcomes of that meeting was Rep. McGovern tasked his Chief of Staff with finding funding for Franklin County a priority.</p> <p>In early March, FRCOG along with MA Senator Comerford, MA Representative Blais, US Senator McGovern and staff met with EOPSS in Northampton. The night before that meeting we got an email from Matt Moran explaining that Franklin County will be included in the engineering study. EOPSS agreed at the meeting that Franklin County is a critical issue for EOPSS and is a priority. The next week Linda met with Comerford, Hinds, and Blais in an effort to determine how the state legislature could assist in finding funding.</p> <p>Linda spoke with representatives from the MA Department of Telecommunications (DTC). The DTC said Massachusetts has the highest 911 surcharge in the country. It was difficult to approve the surcharge for the CoMIRS project. The issue DTC had with the requests was where to draw the line on future funding requests. DTC would consider going beyond year five but not another increase.</p> <p>Joe Cuneo opened a conversation about commitment letters and what EOPSS needs to see from Franklin County. Linda responded that she will ask Matt Moran about what he needs for commitment letters. Joe talked about waiting for the response from Matt to ask for a commitment letter from the Franklin County Fire Chiefs Association.</p>
<p>7. Old Business</p>	<p>Discussed in the Radio System Manager section.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Leyden Tower b. New Salem – Mt. Grace Link c. Poet’s Seat Tower 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8. New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Request to include an ex-officio member to the Committee 	<p>Deputy Chief Mark Williams of the Greenfield Police Department was in attendance at this meeting and asked that the Committee consider adding him to the Committee under the ex-officio designation.</p> <p>A discussion was had about the roles of ex-officio members. The operating principles for this committee was reviewed and it was agreed that this request was valid.</p> <p>John Paciorek made a motion to add Deputy Chief Mark Williams of Greenfield Police Department to the FCECS Oversight Committee as an ex-officio member with voting privileges. The motion was seconded by Joe Cuneo. Bill Perlman asked for more information on who/what he would be representing. Mark said he would represent dispatch and the police department. The motion passed by unanimous vote.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9. Business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the meeting 	None
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10. Wrap up and adjourn 	<p>John Paciorek made a motion to adjourn. Joe Cuneo seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 11:30AM.</p>