



Franklin Regional Council of Governments

2020 Meeting Minutes: Franklin County Emergency Communication System Oversight Committee

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| Date | January 16, 2020 | Location | John W. Olver Transit Center 12 Olive St Greenfield, MA 1 st Floor Meeting Room | Facilitators | Joe Cuneo |
| Time | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Duration | 2 Hours | Meeting Cancellation Notice | 413-774-3167 x153 |

| Agenda Items | Action/Motion |
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| 1. Welcoming remarks/agenda/introductions | Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. In attendance were Joe Cuneo, Bob Dean, Butch Garrity, Dana Johnson, Dan Nietzsche, John Paciorek, Bill Perlman, Kurt Seaman, Robert Strahan, Philip Wonkka, John Zellmann |
| 2. Review/approval of December 19, 2019 meeting minutes | Motion: Bill Perlman motioned to approve the minutes of the last meeting held on December 19, 2019. Dana Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote |
| 3. Chairman's Report | Nothing to Report |
| 4. Radio System Manager <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. New Salem Link b. New Salem Antenna Project c. Montague Microwave Project | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The equipment for the New Salem link has not arrived from the manufacturer as of this meeting. b. The antenna has been received and will be installed when the microwave link is installed. c. The equipment has been received and is currently being configured prior to installation. <p>The Buckland Sim 2 radio has been removed from service. It will be placed in New Salem to replace the bad radio there. The Buckland Sim 2 radio has not been utilized in many years.</p> <p>Preventative maintenance has been scheduled for the 1st week in June.</p> |
| 5. Public Safety Partner Updates <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 f. Tri-Sate Fire Mutual Aid | <p>Nothing to report</p> |

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| <p>6. 800MHz System Project</p> | <p>Bill Perlman noted that Greenfield has a new mayor who will most likely receive a seat on the FRCOG Executive Committee.</p> <p>Dan Nietsche went through the presentation received from the Executive Office of Technology Services and Security.</p> <p>OTSS has been busy finalizing their engineering study for the statewide CoMIRS project. This study is taking a bit longer than expected, but that is partially due to change orders that EOTSS requested from the vendor for additional engineering to ensure that the migration of Franklin County to CoMIRS happens efficiently and to determine the best way to use pagers on the CoMIRS system.</p> <p>EOTSS has discovered that there may be a capacity shortage in the region that will necessitate an infrastructure upgrade and/or a re-phasing of the Franklin County migration schedule. Further work is being done by EOTSS now to assess the issue. As we learn more, we will keep all stakeholders updated.</p> <p>EOTSS has completed its procurement process for radios and accessories. The pricing secured by EOTSS will be made available to Franklin County and the pricing will be in effect for three years. As part of Franklin County's transition to CoMIRS, EOTSS will provide, on a one-time basis, mobile and portable radios to each department per the inventory of equipment needs completed last year. EOTSS will provide the lowest cost model of portables and radios to each department, which is a combination of Motorola and Kenwood equipment. Each department/municipality will have the ability to upgrade the equipment and/or purchase other add-on equipment at the department/municipality's cost. Municipalities will also be responsible for the cost of installation and programming of the equipment. The FRCOG will manage the overall purchase on behalf of EOTSS and the municipalities. The FRCOG will be providing more information about this and will schedule a vendor demonstration at the FRCOG offices in the coming weeks. It is our hope to do this in time for municipalities to include whatever costs necessary to FY21 budgets.</p> |
| <p>7. Old Business</p> | <p>None</p> |
| <p>8. New Business</p> | <p>None</p> |
| <p>9. Business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the meeting</p> | <p>The contract with Beltronics is up for renewal in February 2020. Butch Garrity made a motion to accept the contract renewal for an additional year. John Paciorek seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.</p> |
| <p>10. Wrap up and adjourn</p> | <p>Dana Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Bill Perlman seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 11:25 AM.</p> |