



Franklin Regional Council of Governments

<i>Meeting Minutes: Franklin County Emergency Communication System Oversight Committee</i>			
Date	June 17, 2021	Location	This meeting was held remotely via Zoom.
Time	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Duration	2 Hours
		Facilitators	Walter Tibbetts
		Meeting Cancellation Notice	413-774-3167 x135

Agenda Items	Action/Motion
1. Welcoming remarks/agenda/introductions	Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM. This meeting was held over an online conferencing software that the public could utilize for free. In attendance were Joe Cuneo, Bob Dean, Walter Tibbetts, John Paciorek, Gene Howard, Dana Johnson, Kurt Seaman, Bill Perlman, and Butch Garrity.
2. Review/approval of May 20, 2021 meeting minutes	Minutes not available for review.
3. Chairman's Report	Walter gave an update on the new statewide interoperability coordinator. Walter submitted proposal to the Western Massachusetts Interoperability Committee for upgrades to Med 2 and 3 up to \$14,000 and it was accepted.
4. Radio System Manager	<p>Kurt reported the Beltronics system updates are not working on either towers they worked on. This was determined to be due to install error. FRCOG staff to follow up with Beltronics.</p> <p>Maintenance contract with Goosetown is up for renegotiation. Contract reviewed. Walt made a motion to enter into a maintenance contract presented by Goosetown with a month to month payment plan. Seconded by Bill. Roll call vote with verbal confirmation, passed unanimously.</p> <p>First round of Motorola fire mobile radios already distributed have been found to have a flawed code plug. 81 mobiles have been impacted in total. Kurt is working on reprogramming these radios and contacting communities.</p>
5. 800MHz System Project	Training update from Walter. Packet of materials put together to be handed out with Motorola radio distribution and John created a YouTube training video. Walter is putting together additional documents for Kenwood radios, but a button guide customized for the FC radios is still needed. It is unlikely that this can be completed by the arrival of Kenwood radios week of June 21-25.

<p>6. 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 f. Tri-State Fire Mutual Aid 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Next meeting of the Chiefs Association will discuss CoMIRS migration. b. Nothing to report c. Nothing to report d. Nothing to report e. No representation present. Joe will follow up to see if FC Sherriff would still like representation on the committee. f. Nothing to report
<p>7. Old Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. New Salem to Royalston Link - Beltronics b. Charlemont Antenna 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. New Salem to Royalston covered in Radio System Manager report. b. Charlemont Antenna complete.
<p>8. New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Royalston Tower 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Contract with landowner expires in October. Discussion of next steps, first step is to talk to the landowner about what their intention is for this tower as they may not want to renew the contract. This tower is still used for the microwave link to New Salem (though not working), providing mutual aid patches to mutual aid departments coming from Worcester County.
<p>9. Business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Open Meeting Law 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Discussion to continue with virtual meeting as primary method for holding these meetings. Walter made a motion to continue virtual meetings. Seconded by Joe. Roll call vote with verbal confirmation, passed unanimously.
<p>10. Wrap up and adjourn</p>	<p>John made a motion to adjourn. Walter seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 11:43 AM.</p>