

September 27, 2000 ND 911 Association Meeting

Janelle Pepple made a motion to dispense with the reading of minutes from the June 22nd Meeting and to approve the Minutes. The motion seconded by Fred Debowey. Motion carried.

Gary Kostelecky read the Treasurer's Report. The previous balance was \$4,528.25, and the current balance is \$4,665.39. A motion was made by Janelle Pepple to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Del Svalen. Motion carried.

Old Business

Committee Reports

Gary

Kostelecky provided a synopsis of Committee Reports. Gayla Meier has asked to be removed as Chairperson of the APCO Training Committee. Denise Hendrickson has accepted the challenge to establish training on the APCO side and also represent the ND 911 Association.

Mary Senger questioned whether additional teachers have been found for EMD and 40-Hour APCO. Five people are certified as 40-Hour APCO Instructors. The goal is to create a calendar of training well in advance. Denise Hendrickson would like to see some EMD Training in the eastern part of the State. Mary expressed that the Bismarck/Burleigh Combined Communications Center is now mandated to have EMD training or refresher courses every two years due to the Police Department's Accreditation. She has talked with Derek Hanson regarding EMD training, and he would be available to teach 1-2 classes per year if Vicki Berreth is unavailable. Mary would like to see Derek and Vicki get together and develop a yearly calendar of EMD training. There was also discussion regarding paying call takers to participate in the EMD training as hysterical callers. Ken Halvorson made a motion to pay for the call taker positions for the session just completed. The motion was seconded by Dana King. Motion carried. Ken Halvorson made a motion to pay for two call takers at \$25 per person for EMD training. The motion was second by Fred Debowey. Motion carried.

Negotiation Agreements

Gary Kostelecky provided an update on the negotiation agreements. Out of the 53 counties, 45 counties have returned their negotiation agreements as of July 31, 2000. Counties that have not returned agreements: Barnes, Bowman, Cavalier, Divide, Grant, Griggs, and Hettinger and the City of Fargo. Reminder letters have been sent to those who have not responded. Jerry Bergquist volunteered to speak with Barnes County. It was pointed out that the negotiation agreement is not binding for any county. Gary will also contact these people by phone. Janelle Pepple questioned what would happen if the agreements are not returned. Gary responded that they would still continue with the legislative process. Barnes, Cavalier, Fargo are not State Radio Counties.

Mapping/Cellular Location Issues

Becky

Ault provided via e-mail the results of the digital mapping survey as well as other mapping information. The members present reviewed the materials and Gary advised everyone that this was just a survey to see where counties are in their efforts. There was some discussion on standardizing statewide mapping, it would be beneficial but difficult to achieve. Gary asked Tim Twete and Sue Bovee whether they were using any digitized mapping. SRT is using GPS and AutoCAD. Tim is using AutoCAD also.

9-1-1 Legislative Committee

Jerry

Bergquist reviewed the different proposals. One proposal was developed by the Association of Counties along with Senator Krebsbach with the Legislative Council and approved by the ND 911 Association. The other proposal is from the Wireless vendors.

Ken Halvorson made a motion to have Fred Debowey, representing the ND 911 Association at the Governor's 911 Meeting, to change the starting date to August 1, 2001 if approved by legislation. The motion was seconded by Dana King. Motion carried.

Jerry stated that the Association of Counties is meeting the first part of October. The Association of Counties has developed a resolution regarding wireless 911.

**Resolution Recommended for Adoption
By the NDCCA Resolutions Committee**

2000-11. Wireless 911. As more and more emergency 911 calls come from cell phones, the cost and complexity of responding has increased. In some locations, wireless phones are becoming the only phone some consumers own. Federal requirements and consumer demand will soon push counties into installing the equipment needed to "locate" these mobile callers. Currently, only "wire-line" or traditional phones are taxed by local option to support 911. A bill creating a statewide, flat fee for wireless phones was vetoed in 1999. The Governor has convened a task force that is now examining a bill draft to simply expand the current fee to all two-way communication devices. This association supports Legislation that treats all two-way communication devices equally, maintains the current level of local control over the revenue dedicated to emergency services communications, and treats all industries providing equipment and services in an equitable manner.

Gary introduced Warren DeKrey, Chairman of the Governor's 911 Committee. There seems to be a division between landline and wireless, and the Committee is trying to develop a consensus.

Wireless 9-1-1 Education Information

Terry

Traynor felt that pamphlets and brochures need to be developed to educate the public regarding wireline and wireless. The public should be educated before the legislative session commences on January 9, 2000. The public would also have an opportunity to ask questions before the legislative session. Sue Finneman felt this was a good idea to generate public support. The Media is always looking for issues that will be coming up in the legislative session. Gary Kostelecky charged each 911 Coordinator to speak with their Commissioners and Legislators regarding this issue. David Crothers is on the Advisory Committee, and we may get to the point where he may have an official position on which legislation he will back. Rick questioned whether the individual telcos here today are going to take a position on this legislation? Laddie Long stated the fact SRT is involved with David Crothers and that they are currently compliant with Phase I and that should say something. Sue Finneman asked SRT if they put out a news magazine. They currently put out a newsletter; however, Sue from SRT, stated they stay away from comparing services.

Janelle Pepple asked for more members on the PR Committee., Ken Halvorson, Sue Finneman, and Brent Nelson volunteered to be on the PR Committee. Input is welcome from every member of the ND 911

Association for pamphlets and brochures. Mary asked if the Association had given any more thought regarding purchasing a presentation board. Ken Halvorson made a motion to purchase a presentation board up to \$500. The motion was seconded by Mary Senger. Motion carried.

Janelle reported that the ND Newspaper Association would clip articles from any paper in the State regarding 911 and wireless. They would mail the information to us on a weekly basis. You can start or stop the service at any time. This was discussed last legislative session to enable us to keep abreast of situations throughout the State.

Tim Twete stated that on Monday night the two Public Service Commissioners will have an online debate over the Internet. He asked whether that would be a good time to propose the question on where they stood on Public Safety and the Wireless carriers? Anyone can dial in.

Ken Halvorson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was second by Fred Debowey. Motion carried.

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New Business

Jackie Mines, Qwest Product Manager

Qwest has 2,000,000 wireless customers in the 14-State region and has led the nation in wireless deployments. She has noticed that deployments are easier in states where there is a State 911 Coordinator due to having one contact point. If we have a System Integrator interfacing between the 911 Association and the wireless carriers, she felt we would find it much easier to deploy. In ND we have two selective routers (tandems) already that pass information for 911. Qwest could provide an update to the routers for wireline and wireless such as SS7 and interoperability. They could also do SS7 out to the central offices, which would be a big project done in stages. Jackie doesn't work on behalf of wireless carriers-Qwest works with the PSAPs. This would give us a cushion for not having to deal with competing interests. Qwest understands how 911 works whereas some wireless vendors need to be educated on how 911 works and the network is built. Jackie recommends one person or a group of people to serve as the contract administrator who would be the watchdog of the system integrator. Gary Kostecky stated that the Association of Counties would be assisting in this aspect. The system integrator would work with the multiple network providers. They would look at the network configuration to determine the needs of the PSAP and the volume of wireless calls. The system integrator works with the wireless carriers and third party vendors and would be able to sit down and educate them. Qwest already works with the third party vendors and would share the schedule they want to meet. Jackie then reviewed Qwest's Cell Trace and Cell Trace Plus solutions.

Qwest works with 99 PSAPs in Iowa.

PRESENTATION:

911 Association
Administrator
Integrator
Upgrades
Wireless Carriers/Third Party Vendors

ND
Contract
System
Network
Wireless Network
System Integrator

Responsibilities

- *Create/Maintain Schedule
- *PSAP Liaison
- *Network Liaison
- *Wireless Carrier/Third Party Vendor Liaison

Jerry Bergquist explained that one of the difficulties is finding out the cost from the wireless carriers. Jackie explained it has been easier lately as most have a basis with which to build their costs. The carriers are able to turn their information over much more quickly than they were able to in the past. Jackie suggested going to the cellular vendors and asking for the costs on T1, Phase I technology, charges, overhead, and switch upgrades. Also ask if there is a setup charge per County. We may also want to look at sample invoices to look for one-time setup charges, monthly fee, and subscriber base.

Legislative Issues

The Governor's 911 Committee will be meeting this afternoon and reviewing the legislation. Dana King made a motion to accept the legislation with the amendment to change "The resolution must also include a provision that the tax be paid by the telephone exchange access provider within thirty days after it is collected from the subscriber." to "The resolution must also include a provision that the tax be paid by the telephone exchange access provider to the governing body that imposed the tax within thirty days after it is collected from the subscriber." Motion was second by Janelle Pepple. Motion carried.

Vice President

Pete Eggimann has resigned his position with Grand Forks 911 and the ND 911 Association and has moved to St Paul, Minnesota to be Director of the Metropolitan Planning Organization. Janelle Pepple made a motion to nominate Jerry Bergquist for Vice-President to fill out Pete's term through December, 2000. The motion was second by Dana Scherr. Fred Debowey moved that all nominations cease. Motion carried. Jerry relayed that Pete was also co-chair of the legislative committee. Gary asked for any volunteers to co-chair the legislative committee. Fred Debowey volunteered to be co-chair with Jerry Bergquist.

Other Business

Article Clipping

The cost for the ND Newspaper Association clipping articles on topics of our choice for \$30/month plus \$.30 per clipping plus postage. Fred Debowey made a motion to procure the ND Newspaper Association from December, 2000 through April, 2001 to clip articles regarding 911 and wireless. The motion was second by Brent Nelson. Motion carried. The articles from the ND Newspaper Association will be sent to Janelle Pepple, Chairperson of the Public Relations Committee. Janelle will compile a booklet of articles and make copies of the articles to share with the Legislative Committee.

Lyle Gallagher

Jerry stated that Lyle Gallagher is now the President of APCO. It was felt that the ND 911 Association should compose a letter of congratulations and acknowledge his efforts as well as offer our support.

Comfort Inn

The Comfort Inn continually provides good hospitality and never charges for the meeting rooms, coffee, donuts, etc. Mary Senger made a motion for the ND 911 Association to acknowledge the Comfort Inn with a plaque for their continued cooperation and hospitality. The motion was second by Janelle Pepple. Motion carried.

Meeting Date

The December Meeting is set for December 13-14, 2000 in Bismarck at the Comfort Inn. A special meeting may need to be scheduled before this date, depending upon what happens with the Governor's 911 Committee this afternoon.

Fred Debowey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was second by Dana King. Motion carried.