

Joint Emergency Communications Services Association Policy Board
Friday, June 22, 2018
Joint Emergency Communications Center
4529 Melrose Avenue
Iowa City, Iowa
0731-0821

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

North Liberty: Chris Hoffman

Johnson County: Lonny Pulkrabek

Johnson County EMA: Dave Wilson

Coralville: John Lundell

1. **Call to order. Recognize alternatives.** Chief Matherly in place of Fruin. Mims and Friese absent.
2. **Action to approve minutes of the March 23, 2018 Policy Board meeting.** Motion Lundell. Second Hoffman. Friese's name being updated. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. **Comments from public.** Jacob Kinley came to discuss the encryption and inquired if today was the 90-day meeting. Tom Jones said that it was not. Kinley how he has felt less safe since it took place. There have been a few incidents where cops have showed up in the area of his apartment and he has no idea what is happening. Kinley wanted to voice that he could hear some calls, Jones stated it may have been when they were switching over their system but it shouldn't make much of a different. Kinley also stated that he feels like the JECC is behind since many cities did this 5 years ago and they are now making the switch to have dispatch in the clear and he wanted to voice to do that instead.
4. **Executive Director's Update.** The majority of efforts in the last two months have went towards hiring four new dispatchers and making the switch from Latta Harris to the City of Iowa City for accounting services. They did get the four hired, but since then one more dispatcher has left and one trainee. The accounting transaction will take place on Monday. The 28-E was officially signed off on in May in Linn County. The NCIC audit took place in April, the FBI was here on behalf of Iowa to check security. There were a couple of minor issues, but nothing security related. Tom and Brandon went to the EMS fellowship luncheon at the University of Iowa in April, as the JECC has been working with that. RACOM has been working on the radios to update to universal settings. The accreditation of Iowa City Fire takes place every three years and usually there is a different focus each time. This time was reporting of data and how the Fire Department gets their data. They are following up on some items to assist with Iowa City Fire to receive information quicker and cleaner. In May, Rick Coleman requested the 911 call from when he had minor stroke in the Coralville area. He went on to do a 2-part series for KWWL where he came down and thanked everyone that assisted with the call and discuss the services that are provided. June 7, representatives from TAG10 came to meet with Tom to make sure that all needs are being fulfilled due management turnover there. Washington County selected RACOM to go into contract negotiations with that would interconnect with JECC, which would expand the JECCs coverage and could possibly

lead to future savings due to Washington County paying for the Washington County RACOM radios versus Johnson County needing to. The JECC is considering hiring a consultant to work through the digital paging system instead of trusting RACOM to do it all. Jones will be getting a quote and taking it to E-911 to see if they'll pay for it. If they don't, he will be bringing it to the Policy Board for a vote. Wilson asked if an RFP would be needed for the consultant. Jones said that we may need to, depending on the price but it shouldn't get near the \$100,000 mark that would require it.

5. **Discussion Item: Discuss the possibility for Iowa City Public Works to use space on IP Tower for Radio System.** Jones said it would be their equipment and there would be no issue with it overloading the tower. They are considering four towers to enhance the strength of their signal while also being cost effective. The consensus was for them to go ahead and test it out.
6. **Discussion Item: Use of JECSA radio system Private for-profit Public Safety agencies using JECSA radio system for daily operations.** Private for-profit entities that do public safety but not for Johnson Counties have reached out to Jones to use the JECCs radio systems for day to day operations. There are not currently any for-profit entities that currently use the radio system. The discussion was how to charge for it and what issues would be caused by utilizing taxpayer funds when it comes to for-profit private businesses. Lundell said we should stick with public entities and not get into that kind of situation. Jones said both entities are private ambulances that are generally only used when Iowa City ambulances are not available, which is about 1-2 times a year. It was requested to create a list of benefits versus non-benefits to see if it is worth considering to lower the tax-payer funds needed. Wilson stated the RACOM fee structure would be the best structure to utilize.
7. **Action to approve Resolution 2018-02, amending the JECSA Bylaws.** There was a typo in the change of adding to the UAC, under the system management section, with the Bylaws saying the "University of Iowa" instead of the "City of University Heights". The signature page was also corrected. Motion by Wilson. Second by Lundell. All ayes. Motion carried.
8. **Other Business.**
 - a. **Other:** Wilson asked if anything different needed to be done due to new legislature regarding tracking data for heroin and opioid overdoses. Jones said they can go back over 3 years' worth of calls.
 - b. **Next Meeting:** September 28, 2019.
9. **Consider a Motion to adjourn the meeting.** Motion by Hoffman. Second by Lundell. All ayes. Motion carried.