

MEETING MINUTES

Joint Emergency Communications Services Association of Johnson County Policy Board

Friday, June 23, 2017, at 7:30 a.m.

4529 Melrose Avenue, Iowa City, Iowa

Policy Board Conference Room

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Iowa City:	Susan Mims
Iowa City:	Geoff Fruin
Johnson County:	Rod Sullivan
North Liberty:	Chris Hoffman
Johnson County:	Dave Wilson
Johnson County EMA:	
Coralville:	John Lundell

1. Call to order; recognize alternates.

Chair Chris Hoffman called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. Johnson County representative Lonny Pulkrabek was absent. Also attending were Tom Jones, Attorney Jeff Stone, Shane Kron, and Steve Dolezal.

2. Action to approve minutes of the January 27, 2017, Policy Board Meeting.

Sullivan made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Mims. Minutes were approved.

3. Comments from the public.

Jacob Kinlen in attendance, but will wait until item 5 on the agenda to speak.

4. Executive Director's Update.

Jones stated the majority of the time since the last meeting has been spent completing the radio system upgrade. The upgrade includes two counties moving to a newer version of the software. The upgrade was completed in April and acceptance testing took place in early May. The new consoles are to be deployed after the July 4th holiday.

Jones stated that in March 2017 during monthly testing of the outdoor warning systems some did not activate. Harris is working on a long-term solution to fix the error, but there is a short term resolution currently being used.

On 6/1 the final levy payment was received.

5. Discussion item: Encrypting Law Enforcement talk groups on JECC Radio System.

Linn and Blackhawk counties have moved forward with the encryption. Question of how recordings that are uneventful become unencrypted. Jones stated that only happens if there is a request for it to be released. Kron went over that the Sheriff wanted it encrypted so that personal information is not out in the public.

Jacob Kinlen stated that transparency between the public and law enforcement is an issue and he is against the encryption.

Jones went over the different types of channels for the board members. Geoff stated that he believes there needs to be more information and there are many questions that need to be answered. Geoff also stated that the public should be made aware of the discussion.

Wilson, Hoffman, Mims, and Sullivan stated that they would probably approve to encrypt the talk groups.

6. Discussion item: Discussion with accountant regarding presentation of JECFA Financial Statements.

Carrie from Latta Harris came in to discuss Financial Statements and moving away from GAAP basis for monthly statements, but year-end financials would remain done on a GAAP basis. The board chose to keep the current format, but add one additional section of information.

7. Action to approve Resolution 2017-02, approving an intergovernmental agreement with Iowa County regarding use of Stutzman Tower.

This item is to approve a 28E agreement with Iowa County that would allow them to place microwave equipment on the Stutzman tower site for create connectivity to the Johnson/Linn radio system. This connectivity also provides a backup (redundant) connection for Johnson County to Linn County database in addition to the single Plotz connection.

Mills made a motion to approve, second by Lundell. Motion Approved.

8. Other Business.

The next policy board meeting will be held on September, 2017.

9. Consider a Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Wilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Sullivan. Meeting adjourned at 9:03 a.m.