

911 COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
May 15, 2019

Members present: Chief David Moore, Janesville Police Department; Deputy Chief James Ponkauskas, Janesville Fire Department; Sheriff Troy Knudson, Rock County Sheriff's Office; Chief Brad Liggett, Beloit Fire Department; Chief David Zibolski, Beloit Police Department; Chief Rich LeFeber, Town of Turtle Police Department

Members Not Present: Interim Chief Gene Wright, Clinton Fire Department; Deputy Chief Chris Lukas, Milton Fire Department; Sergeant Chris Jones, Evansville Police Department

Others present: Kathy Sukus, Rock County Communications Center; Dara Mosley, Rock County IT; Tammy Maegli, Town of Beloit Chair

1. Group photo for county website
2. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda
Brad Liggett called the meeting of the 911 Commission to order at 2:05 p.m. Motion to approve the agenda by LeFeber with change of the group photo to first item. Second by Zibolski. All approved.
3. Minutes – January 16, 2019
Motion by Zibolski to approve minutes as written. Second by Moore. All approved.
4. Comments from the Public – Tammy Maegli was present to listen and learn as she is the new Town of Beloit Chair for the Town of Beloit Board.
5. Information Technology – Updates
 - a. US Cellular issues – appears to be an issue with one type of modem. Trying to get a firmware update from US Cellular. We are trying our own fix on a few vehicles to see if it resolves the issue while waiting on US Cellular. If that does work, we will notify the other agencies with what to do.
 - b. NetMotion Diagnostic Software (FirstNet coverage) – The software to start mapping network coverage has been ordered and installed on the server. Once a necessary firewall change has occurred, IT will start putting the software in select vehicles around the county test the current coverage. Once that is done, they will begin testing a FirstNet device to compare coverage.
6. Medical Examiner notifications - Update
Law Workgroup met on March 26th to discuss possible policy changes. As a result, the prompt for the pop-ups from dispatch will continue, but there will be no change to policies (notifications or records release). Beloit Chief Zibolski had a good meeting with them after the workgroup met. He will share his information with everyone as well as other topics discussed.
7. Informational Items & Updates

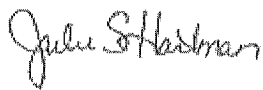
- a. Pictometry flyover – Flyover completed last week. Took longer than expected due to the unusual weather issues we had with snow and rain. Still needs to be reviewed to make sure there isn't too much foliage.
- b. Starcom – We have been denied so far due to being too far from the Stateline and their FCC license requirements. We suggested putting the radio at the Mill Street tower, but that also created FCC licensing issues. We are now checking to see if they will allow the radio to be placed at the Winnebago tower on N Main Street where we have other radio equipment for Beloit PD and are waiting to hear back. Sheriff Knudson said he could also contact the Winnebago County Sheriff to see if it was possible to put our equipment in their tower since Sukus had not received a reply from the Winnebago County 911 Director yet.
- c. MASTR III radio updates & Simulcast systems – Equipment is in and FCC licensing applied for – there were no conflicts with County Tac Repeater, however, there is a frequency conflict between Rock Fire Central and Roscoe Fire Department's dispatch channel. Gen Comm will be meeting with Roscoe FD to discuss options. In the meantime, Gen Comm also applied for FCC licensing for County Main and Rock Fire Main in preparation for next year. There were no conflicts with either frequency so Sukus advised that because of the Rock Fire Central issues and the length of time it will take to resolve that issue and coverage issues on County Main, we will be upgrading those two frequencies in 2019 instead since they use the same exact equipment. Sukus will re-budget for RF Central & County Tac updates/simulcast for 2020 now.

8. Adjournment

Knudson moved to adjourn the Commission meeting at 2:35 p.m. and Zibolski seconded it. All in favor.

Next Meeting – July 17, 2019 @ 2pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Julie Hartman
Administrative Secretary
Rock County Communications Center