

Public Safety Minutes March 10, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Kersten Rocksvold. Committee members Greg Russell, Brad Steiner and Don Stirling were present. Also in attendance were Sheriff Dale McCullick, Coroner Joe Morovits, 911 Coordinator Julie Cipra, Cindy Riniker, RN, and Administrative Assistant Joyce Fritsche-Roberts. Absent from the meeting was Carl Orr and Emergency Management Jim Hackett.

The meeting was verified as having been properly posted. Next meeting is April 14, 2020.

Motion by Stirling, second by Steiner to approve the minutes of the February meeting. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

Coroner: Motion by Steiner, second by Russell to approve the Coroner's bills. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

Emergency Management: Sheriff McCullick reported for Jim. Received a speed reinforcement grant and will share with PDC Police and Sheriff's Office. Marc Myhre received his pilot's license for flying the drone.

Public Health: Cindy reported on COVID-19.

Sheriff: ACH, the medical agency for jail inmates, says if any inmate gets COVID-19, the protocol set up by Public Health would be followed. A discussion about COVID-19 followed.

There are 7 people are on the electronic monitoring program.

The five new squad cars are delivered. The equipment from the old squads does not fit the new squads.

Motion by Russell, second by Steiner to approve the Sheriff's' bills and bank statements. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

911 Coordinator: Julie reported that Gundersen EMD is asking additional questions in regards to respiratory illness and travel on all of our medical calls. If Coronavirus/Flu are suspected we are reporting that to emergency responders as a possible FLI or flu like illness.

Fiber quotes received from Five Star Telecom to terminate existing fiber strands in the buildings were \$1,717 and \$4,099. The \$1,717 quote will suffice for what we need. This will be used for the upcoming 911 system install and for better internet service in the LE and Court House buildings.

CenturyLink provided several quotes for monthly internet service. Dependable felt that 100 meg for now would be sufficient. The 60 month contract is \$209 per month and the 36 month is \$259. We will eliminate 3 DSL lines at a cost of \$180 per month so the increase is only \$29. This will increase internet speeds for the LE and Court House Buildings.

Still waiting on the status of our NG911 grant but award notices should be going out shortly.

We received three quotes for the new NG911 system from CenturyLink (Vesta), Frontier (Solacom) and InDigital (Vesta). All quotes are for two full 911 positions plus a third which is a portable laptop with a docking station and one Admin Terminal. Vesta and Solacom are similar comparable systems. Quotes were scored on purchase price, five-year maintenance costs and service availability.

CenturyLink was selected as the first choice vendor. They had the lowest overall price including five years of maintenance. CenturyLink also has a local presence with a Central Office building down the street and locally staffed Technicians.

CenturyLink purchase price quote was approved at \$120,667.21 along with an additional \$5000 for equipment needed outside of the vendor quote.

If approved, the NG911 grant will cover 60% of final costs and the County 40%. The County must pay the full 100% in advance and will be reimbursed for the 60% after completion of the project. Estimated time to install is six months. Motion by Steiner, second by Russell to recommend to the Finance Committee accepting CenturyLink's bid for this project.

Motion by Stirling, second by Steiner to approve the 911 bills. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

Closed Session: At 9:55 a.m., Russell moved, Steiner seconded to move into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c) for the purpose of discussing personnel issues. The motion carried unanimously.

Open Session: At 10:09 a.m., Orr moved, Steiner seconded to reconvene into open session pursuant to Section 19.85(2). The motion carried unanimously with no negative votes cast. The committee took no action.

Adjournment: Motion by Orr, second by Steiner to adjourn. The motion carried with no negative votes cast and the meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

Joyce Fritsche-Roberts
Administrative Assistant