

1 **RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS COMMITTEE**

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3
4 Sheriff's Office
5 West Bend, Wisconsin

August 3, 2010
1:00 p.m.

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7 Present: Rick Gundrum, Brian Bausch, John Stern, Herb Tennes, Daniel Goetz, Dennis Myers, Chief Dean
8 Schmidt, Paul Fahey

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10 Also Present: Brian Blacketer-Harris, Dennis Buccholtz- Harris, John Eckert-Harris, David Gelyana-RCC,
11 Dominic Arcuri-RCC, Bill Kurer, Richard Abbott, Rob Schmid, Sheriff Dale Schmidt, Mike Hetzel, and Helen
12 Neal.

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14 Chairperson Stern called the meeting to order and read the Affidavit of Posting.

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16 **MINUTES**

17 Moved by Supervisor Tennes, second by Supervisor Gundrum to approve the minutes of June 17, 2010.
18 Chairman Stern announced that there was an update to line 19 of the minutes. It was approved by the County to use
19 Capitol dollars for the replacement of the air conditioners at the Jefferson site.

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21 **UPDATE OF COUNTYWIDE RADIO SYSTEMS PROJECT – Harris Corp., RCC**

22 Brian Blacketer-Harris Corp. stated the change in the Jefferson site antenna is completed. Coverage did increase in
23 the West Bend area. The upgrade for Farmington site was just approved and they will start the rebuild by tomorrow.
24 The Kewaskum site foundation is done and they anticipate P25 equipment to be delivered on site on August 9, 2010.
25 The microwave is going in on August 15th. The installation will take 2-3 weeks. The change over in antenna at the
26 Lovers Lane site is completed. It is anticipated testing will begin in September during full foliage. The Sheriff asked
27 for confirmation that the foliage testing schedule is indicated on line 44 of the redesign schedule and if this was
28 correct. It was stated that line 44 does show the redesign schedule date for testing, but they anticipate having this
29 done 1-2 weeks before that date. Chairman Stern stated the changeover in Jefferson antenna was done so there might
30 be better coverage in the Sheriff's Office building. He wanted to know the result of testing in this building. This was
31 only an impromptu test walk-through. It was discussed that although West Bend's signal strength improved because
32 of the changes at the Jefferson site, there still were issues with the Sheriff's office. It was explained that Harris
33 would like to get the entire redesign done and the entire system up before they can verify just how strong the signal
34 will be.

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36 Dominic Arcuri-RCC stated the change over at Farmington from a receive site to transmit/receive site is underway.
37 He stated the frequency licensing was submitted in April, 2010; it was accepted by the FCC on 6/30/10, but it is still
38 "pending". He is checking their website daily to see when it will be issued. It is anticipated this will be issued in 2-3
39 weeks and will not hold up any building or testing of the system.

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41 **PAGING CONCERNS – Newburg, Kewaskum areas**

42 RCC states there are some paging concerns in Kewaskum and Newburg. Once the Jefferson antenna was completed,
43 the testing shows 97.2% coverage, countywide. There is terrain in Newburg that could be a potential issue.
44 GenComm investigated this and found it should be alleviated with a hardware change, which is being done.
45 GenComm discovered a timing issue at the Farmington site and that repair is in process. RCC suggests that it is
46 important to clearly define and document after timing repaired. He suggests starting a log of problem reports as they
47 come in. This should include: date/time, type of pager, position of page (on the body), location in the building or
48 outside of a building, and description and nature of the problem.

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50 John Eckert stated that all sites, except Farmington are timed using GPS. Farmington is timed manually and is off by
51 a millisecond. This will give audio distortion and poor signal strength. The old Newburg paging site is back in
52 operation temporarily to ensure good paging.

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54 **APPROVAL RCC PAYMENT REQUEST**

55 Dominic Arcuri gave some background on the payment agreement for RCC and the County. It was stated that 1/2 of
56 the payment would be made last year at this time and the remaining balance would be paid at the end of the project.
57 Since that time, RCC services have been utilized for additional work with the redesign and new contract. Therefore,

1 he wanted to request the final payment at this time; however this was not received well by the Sheriff and others in
2 the County. RCC then changed their request to be able to submit an invoice for the additional services and
3 expenditures incurred in the new redesign. It was discussed and stated Harris is allowing a credit on their final bill
4 for services rendered by RCC due to the redesign. The invoice would be for approximately \$15,000. Another
5 invoice would be submitted after testing. It was reiterated that the Committee and the County Attorney agreed that
6 Harris will give a credit on their final billing to compensate the RCC expenditures and services and the County
7 would in turn pay RCC directly. It was moved by Supervisor Tennes, second by Supervisor Bausch to allow RCC to
8 invoice for \$15,000 for costs up to the testing of the system, after review by the County Attorney and her approval.
9 Roll call vote carried.

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11 **NEXT MEETING DATE**

12 The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 31, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. Meeting place to be determined at a later
13 date.

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15 **ADJOURNMENT**

16 Moved by Supervisor Myers and Second by Supervisor Gundrum to adjourn at 1:36 p.m.

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Dale K. Schmidt