

1 **RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS COMMITTEE**

2
3 Sheriff's Office
4 West Bend, Wisconsin

MINUTES

March 14, 2014
1:00 p.m.

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6 Present: Daniel Goetz, Rick Gundrum, Dennis Myers, Thomas Niebler, Herbert Tennes,

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8 Also present: Sheriff Schmidt, Captain Gonwa, County Attorney, County Manager, Chief Fahey, Chief
9 Hoell, Chief Dolnick, Chief Bishop, Chief Meuler, Chief Groves and John Schrader.

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11 Excused: Supervisor Brian Krebs, Chief Dean Schmidt

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13 County Board Chair Tennes called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and read the affidavit of posting

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15 **DISCUSSION OF RADIO SYSTEM STUDY**

16 **Current Status** - The Sheriff began a PowerPoint presentation with the current radio system. He briefly
17 stated the radio system was designed to be a county-wide radio system built to a specific standard of
18 performance. It was not built specifically for municipalities.

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20 The existing radio system meets the design and performance specifications that the county agreed to have
21 Harris build. The existing radio system performs at a higher level than other P25 VHF trunked systems.

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23 **Tusa Report Review** – After the Tusa Report was reviewed by the Sheriff, Captain Gonwa and John
24 Schrader, they were asked for their input. The remaining presentation covered the Tusa Study. It was
25 stressed the report was worthwhile to do and covered the basic parts. It helped define what the higher-end
26 user expectations were and gave two main solutions. 1) Invest further into the existing VHF system through
27 a series of incremental changes to the system; and 2) Incorporate 700 MHZ technology into the system.

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29 Details were reviewed between expectations and findings. It covered adding simulcast sites, receive-only
30 sites and antenna placement. It was further mentioned that any major improvements to the county radio
31 system will likely take up to several years to fully implement.

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33 **Chairman Tennes asked for input from the municipalities. Chiefs Meuler, Groves, Hoell, Dolnick**
34 **and Buege all spoke. Their consensus was that a 700 MHz system would be necessary to provide the**
35 **level of in-building coverage for which they are looking. They felt generally the plan the Sheriff was**
36 **talking about is appropriate.**

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38 There was some discussion. The final recommendation by the Committee was to have the Sheriff and John
39 Schrader contact Harris to see how a 700 MHZ system can be merged in part into our current system.

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41 **APPROVAL OF TUSA CONSULTING FINAL PAYMENT** – The balance of the bill to Tusa is
42 \$23,788.20; however we only had 3 of the 7 meetings with them. The County Attorney agreed prior to this
43 meeting that a credit should be given to the county in the amount of \$6,400.00; bringing the balance to
44 \$17,388.20. It was moved by Supervisor Myers to pay Tusa Consultants the balance of no more than \$17,
45 388.20 on the final bill and second by Supervisor Goetz. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

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47 **NEXT MEETING DATE**

48 The next meeting date was not set. When the Sheriff and John Schrader have an opportunity to speak with
49 Harris representatives they will schedule a meeting and it will be announced.

1 **ADJOURNMENT**

2 Moved by Supervisor Gundrum second by Supervisor Goetz to adjourn at 2:26 p.m. Motion carried.

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Dale K. Schmidt