

Bonner County Communications Advisory Board (BCCAB) Meeting Minutes

A Regular Meeting of the Bonner County Communications Advisory Board (BCCAB) was held on Thursday, August 9th, 2018, at 1:30 P.M. in the Sheriff's Office Training Room.

Attendance: Bob Bussey, Bob Howard, Bonnie Glazier, Brad Mitton, Brady Foit, Charles Wurm, Dan McDonald, Daryl Wheeler, Drew McClain, Gil Tumey, Jennifer Stapleton, Jim Lemm, Jim Martin, Jimmy Cornelius, Larry Larsen, Les Kokanos, Marcus Robbins, Mike Nielsen, Peggy Smith, Ray Miles, Ron Stocking, Shannon Mitchell, Shelby Rognstad, Steve Geiger, Trace Drumwright, Vernon Roof, Vicki Woodward.

- I. Call To Order – The meeting was called to order by Chair Wheeler at 1:30 P.M.
- II. Adoption of Agenda and Minutes – There were no Minutes to adopt from the previous meeting (as there wasn't a quorum). Mike Nielsen made a motion to amend the agenda. The motion was seconded and all were in favor.

Commissioner Dan McDonald made an announcement regarding 9-1-1 dispatch fees. The county is over-budget and is seeking solutions. The County Clerk and attorneys have advised the BoCC that the county needs to change its current practice, which is not congruent with Idaho law, and potentially adopt the practice of utilizing a fee schedule for public safety agencies based on the number of 9-1-1 calls. This was met by consternation from many of the agencies, however, Commissioner McDonald reminded them this was a discussion and not yet a decision.

- III. Old Business
 - a. Sundance Microwave Link – Mike Nielsen
 - i. Mike Nielsen asked that the BCCAB consider supporting a microwave link from the Sundance communication site to Schweitzer and back to 9-1-1. It was stated that estimates will be obtained to determine the cost of this project.
 - b. Update on equipment upgrades to Priest Lake – Marcus Robbins

There will possibly be a new county communication site at Plumbago, which could be operational by winter. Frontier is currently doing diagnostics for problems with their lines.

IV. New Business

a. BHS Grant Monies Update – Bob Howard

Bob reported there was \$65,449 in grant monies expended for Bonner County, with ERT being awarded 25% of the grant. This also included Northside Fire, MDC's for SPPD, radios for WPOFD and Sam Owen portable radios. Everything must be purchased by October 1st.

b. 9-1-1 Dispatch Fees – Dan McDonald (see above, introduced at the beginning of the meeting).

c. Replacement TAC frequency for VTAC-37 - Mike Nielsen

Bob Howard made a motion for the BCCAB to recommend the Board of County Commissioners rescind the resolution requiring all users of BC Comm to have VTAC-37 and to replace it with a new TAC frequency. The motion was seconded and all were in favor.

d. Issues with 9-1-1 dispatch communications – Mike Nielsen

- i. Voice volume too low
- ii. Speaking too fast
- iii. Repeat nature of call and address twice
- iv. Follow the Incident Command System and honor the Incident Command Request.

This was determined a training issue and will be addressed by Trace and dispatch supervisors. It was noted that dispatch has a high turn-over rate, thus training is an ongoing reality.

e. Republish the BCCAB resolution – Mike Nielsen.

- i. Since many members have changed or left, Mike Nielsen requested the Board replace the PLSAR representative on the BCCAB with a representative from Priest Lake public safety.
- ii. Peggy George made a motion for the BoCC to publish a new resolution defining the members of the BCCAB, including a Priest Lake public safety representative. The motion was seconded and all were in favor.

Bob Howard made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and all were in favor.