

BUTLER COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL MEETING

January 11th, 2022

PRESENT:

**Commissioner Osche
Glenn Porter
Chuck Montag
Scott Briggs
Rob McLafferty
Steve Bicehouse**

**Terry Seilhamer
John Hertzog
Chuck Lewis
Jay Grinnell**

Guests:

- I. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER** 12:02 PM by Vice Chair
- II. **PUBLIC COMMENT FOR AGENDA ITEMS: None**
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Motion made to approve by Chuck L. 2nd by Chuck M.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. OLD

1. Landing Zone project

No update

2. Electrical upgrade

No report

B. NEW

1. Re-appointments

Steve noted we had several members that need to be reappointed.

Glenn Porter
Jay Grinnell
Chuck Lewis
Joe McCombs
Chuck Montag.

Motion made by Scott B, 2nd by John H for reappointment

2. Lumen quote

Steve noted that we received a price quote from Lumen to route traffic to Comtech routers. Will be covered by the State 911 funds. Total cost is \$53,786.88 for router and \$12,098.52 for connections to scanex box.

Motion made by Chuck L, 2nd by Chuck M to take to the BOC for approval.
Vote Unanimous.

3. **NENA Membership**

Steve noted that he would like a recommendation to increase our membership to NENA to increase our votes for leadership to PA NENA.. This would allow us to possibly vote for a pro funding change leadership team. NENA has one vote on the funding board. The cost would be \$700 for 5 full memberships. Right now we pay \$142 for a single member/single vote. Motion made by Chuck L, 2nd by Scott B. Vote unanimous.

V. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

A. **OLD**

1. **Staffing Update**

We have 2 part time employees pending hearing and drug test. Still working on scheduling options.

2. **ICORRS update**

No update

3. **Radio Advisory Board update**

Rob noted we are implementing timers for Fire units for Structure fires. Will be every 10 minutes once the 1st unit is on scene.

4. **WestCore update**

Working on text to 911. Still working through punch list items. We have an issue with transfers to Allegheny County. They are on a different platform right now. Steve noted we are holding off on a press release until we feel 100% confident in the system.

5. **Call Delivery update**

Steve noted that Rob, Chuck M and himself attended meetings with Comtech. We are within 90 days of "go-live". We have been having discussion about cost recovery allowances for those who are moving to the new delivery. We are working with MCP and PEMA as well as our solicitor to draft a letter to send to all telecommunications agencies to announce our intention to move to the new platform by a certain date.

6. EMS reporting

Shawn brought up the dispatchers have been discussing having EMS agencies report their staffing daily so that they can have situational awareness for EMS calls. Steve noted there are some issues we are working through to achieve something like this. Chuck L. asked if there was a way to trial this by a service or two. Discussion followed. Rob to look at some options.

C. NEW

1. Legislative update

Steve noted we were informed we are getting our full allocation for 911 funds for 2022 instead of the 50% that we anticipated. Discussion followed regarding some strategies moving forward for funding formula legislative rewrite.

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Steve provided call totals for 2020 to 2021. Discussion followed Call volume increased 6.1%

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR GENERAL ITEMS
None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Chuck M. Second John H. at 12:58

/Submitted by Steve Bicehouse