

# IDAHO PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

4040 W. Guard St.  
BOISE, ID 83705

## OFFICIAL MINUTES

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A meeting of the Idaho Public Safety Communications Commission was held on May 06, 2021, at 4040 W Guard St, Bldg 616, Rm 10, Gowen Field, ID 83705, and via WebEx.

### **Members Present:**

- Michele Carreras, Vice Chair, IDHW State Comm
- Craig Kingsbury, ICOPA
- Rick Youngblood, Treasurer, Legislature
- Kevin Haight, ISP
- Jeff Weak, ITA
- Kent Searle, IAC
- Dave Taylor, DIGB 2
- Carmen Boeger, DIGB 3
- Jacob Greenberg, DIGB 4
- Bill Guiberson, DIGB 5

### **Members Absent:**

- Garret Nancolas, Chairman, IAC
- Brad Richy, IOEM
- David Gates, IFCA
- Len Humphries, ISA
- Stephen Bartlett, ISA
- Sam Hulse, ISA

### **Others Present:**

- Craig Logan, 9-1-1 Program Manager
- Dave Moore, 9-1-1 Grants Manager
- Clint Berry, Consultant
- Nathan Reed, IPSCC Admin Assistant
- Brian Shields, SWIC
- Adam Warr
- Bill Behar
- Cathy Orcutt
- Cullin Sherman

- Dave Hopkins
- Karl Rudolf
- Ryan Olson
- Spencer Anderson
- Tony Lafferty
- Abby Magtoto
- Christine Wendelsdorf
- Robert Feeley
- Alice Johnson
- Cindy Felton
- Carlie Foster
- Tyler Gross
- Dustin Becker
- Lisa Kelly
- Stephanie Johnson
- John Joseph
- Greg Warner
- Roxanne Wade
- Bruce Richter

## **Commencement**

Commission Vice-Chair Michele Carreras called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

## **Consent Agenda**

*04 March 2021 Minutes*

*February 2021 and March 2021 Financial Reports*

*9-1-1 Program Manager Report*

*Grants Manager Report*

**MOTION: Commissioner Greenberg moved, Commissioner Youngblood seconded, that the Commission approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed.**

## **Action Agenda**

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **Update from Adam Warr on Ability to Repurpose Returned Grant Funds**

Mr. Warr updated the Commission on his research into the question on whether the Commission can use grant funds for Next Generation 9-1-1 purposes. The statutory provision that governs grant funds is specific, and the remainder of grant funds are only available for eligible entities, and the Commission is not an eligible entity. There was also a question at the previous meeting on whether a county could

apply for the funds on behalf of the state. This could be a possibility, but would be some risk involved with this option. This decision would be up to the Grants Subcommittee.

Ms. Stephanie Johnson with Ada County had a question about procuring statewide infrastructure for Next Generation 9-1-1, and how this would be allocated.

Mr. Logan responded that the IPSCC cannot enter into a state-level contract on behalf of all the counties. The grant funds would need to be asked for and used by a grant participating county. The counties that don't participate in the grant would have to use their local 9-1-1 funds to pay for the costs of connecting to a Next Generation 9-1-1 system.

Mr. Warr presented a memo to the Commission answering the question of how 9-1-1 fees can be used. There is a statute in Idaho Code, Chapter 48, Title 31, that governs how the fees can be used. Though spending guidelines for the emergency communication fee is unclear, and amendments to the statutory language would be needed to establish clear legislative intent.

Commissioner Taylor suggested that these issues be taken up by the legislative subcommittee to clear up the guidelines for 9-1-1 fees.

**MOTION: Commissioner Youngblood moved, Commissioner Greenberg seconded, to give the issue of clearing up legislative discrepancies of uses for 9-1-1 fees to the legislative subcommittee. The motion passed.**

#### **Business Plan Produces and Update**

Mr. Clint Berry updated the Commission on the development of a business plan. A summarized plan and presentation has been created that can be given to interested parties to help them understand the importance of participating in the 9-1-1 grant fund. The summary and presentation can be updated and modified as needed.

**MOTION: Commissioner Youngblood moved, Commissioner Kingsbury seconded, that the Commission accept the NG9-1-1 plan and presentation. The motion passed.**

**MOTION: Commissioner Youngblood moved, Commissioner Haight seconded, that the Commission direct Mr. Logan to appoint a working group to continue work on Next Generation 9-1-1 issues. The motion passed.**

#### **New Business**

##### **Approve FY 2022 Grant Packet**

Mr. Dave Moore presented the FY 2022 grant application packet to the Commission for review and approval.

**MOTION: Commissioner Taylor moved, Commissioner Greenberg seconded, that the Commission accept and approve the FY 2022 grant packet. The motion passed.**

Commissioner Taylor suggested that the grant subcommittee review future grant applications to make it easier for multi-county projects to apply.

### **Future Meetings**

July 08, 2021 – Pocatello, and virtual

September 02, 2021 – North Idaho, and virtual

November 04, 2021 – Gowen Field, and virtual

January 06, 2022 – ISP Patrol District 3 Building, and/or virtual

**MOTION: Commissioner Haight moved, Commissioner Taylor seconded, that the future meeting dates and locations be approved. The motion passed.**

## **Information Agenda**

### **Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business.

### **New Business**

#### **Temporary Rules IDAPA 15.06.01 Need for Special Session 17-20 May**

Mr. Logan reported that Idaho Legislature may not get the non-fee rules approved this year, and DFM has asked that IDAPA 15.06.01 combined Commission and grant rules be approved. A special meeting needs to be set on May 20 at 1:00 PM to adopt temporary rules so the Commission can continue to operate in the event the Legislature doesn't adjourn.

#### **Discussion of Upcoming Federal Legislation and Steps Ahead**

Mr. Logan reported on some information regarding the LIFT America Act, 9-1-1 Saves Act, and NG9-1-1 Act going through the federal legislature. APCO, NENA, and NASNA have some disagreements with how legislation is being written. Mr. Logan will continue to keep the Commission up to date on any new developments with the pending and developing legislation.

#### **Discuss 9-1-1 Committee Recommendations**

Commissioner Kingsbury thanked Mr. Berry for his work, and asked Mr. Logan update the Commission on the 9-1-1 subcommittee's recommendations for next steps.

Mr. Logan reported the 9-1-1 subcommittee met and discussed next steps for 9-1-1 in Idaho. An RFP can be written for pay-as-you-go, call handling, and call routing to help the state and counties with understanding costs and options.

#### **9-1-1 Program Manager Report**

Mr. Logan reported that FCC ECC and PSAP surveys have been out, and are due back May 21 so the report can be condensed and sent back to the FCC.

There have been some issues with cell phone provisioning that didn't work. There was an issue with an Idaho resident calling 9-1-1 and getting a PSAP in Georgia. In another issue, someone at the INL called

9-1-1 and the call was routed to a national call center in Ontario, Canada. There will be a brief on these issues at the Commission's July meeting.

There is still a vacancy for DIGB 1 on the Commission, and DIGB 1 does not have a chairman. Nominations have been asked for so they can be forwarded to the governor for appointment to the Commission.

The Military Division is looking into upgrading their microwave system, and this could be a tertiary way to route 9-1-1 calls for those areas where there is only one way in and one way out to route a 9-1-1 call.

### **Grants Program Manager Report**

Mr. Moore presented his report to the Commission. Some travel has been completed to help Idaho counties with executing their grant projects. Mr. Moore reported that he completes audits on every grant cycle when they close, and reported on his audit process. There will be some funds returned to the grant fund from the FY 2019 grant cycle.

Mr. Logan commented that Mr. Moore works very hard to the Commission and counties to get the grant funds spent correctly, and thanked Mr. Moore for his work.

Commissioners Haigh and Taylor also thanked Mr. Moore for his work.

### **Radio COMU FOG Updates**

There was no update.

### **9-1-1 Calls in Real Time Enhanced Location**

Mr. Bill Behar with Commercial Electronics gave a presentation to the Commission on closing the gap in real-time monitoring. This ability would give responders the ability to listen to 9-1-1 calls and see location information.

### **NGA 9-1-1: It Takes a Village**

Mr. Darold Whitmer with NGA 9-1-1 gave a presentation to the Commission on what it takes to build a NG 9-1-1 system.

### **Cloud Based Call Handling**

Ms. Bev Slocum with Atos gave a presentation to the Commission on cloud based 9-1-1 call handling.

### **Interoperability, Black Sky Technology for Blue Sky Days**

Mr. Dennis Murray gave a presentation to the Commission on interoperability.

### **Update on 9-1-1 Call Routing Changes and Tower Study**

Mr. Ryan Olson gave a presentation to the Commission on a project fixing call routing on the cell towers in Idaho.

### **Committee Updates**

PSAP Committee

Commissioner Haight reported that the PSAP Committee is moving forward with re-activating their quarterly POST approved training, starting summer 2021. The training this summer will be “First Responder Resiliency.” The PSAP Conference is being worked on and will be held October 19-20 in Boise.

Commissioner Haight reported that there is no mandate for Idaho PSAPs to use emergency medical dispatch when taking 9-1-1 calls. It’s time for Idaho to take a look at EMD seriously. The PSAP Committee has initiated the process of looking into EMD mandates.

### **DIGB and Tribal Updates**

DIGB 2 – Commissioner Taylor reported that they received updates from the SWIC. The next meeting will be 10 Jun 2021 at 0900 PDT.

DIGB 3 – Commissioner Boeger passed along a report they had an update from the SWIC. Their next meeting will be May 20.

DIGB 4 – Commissioner Greenberg reported they had nothing to report.

DIGB 5 – Commissioner Guiberson reported there was nothing to report.

DIGB 6 – Commissioner Hulse passed along a report that they are working on their regional plan to migrate their regional radios to meet the new encryption plan.

## **Open Forum/Discussion**

Commissioner Guiberson and Commissioner Boeger wanted to remind the Commission of the upcoming Peace Officer Memorial Ceremony.

## **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned.