

# 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 March 04, 2021, at 4040 W Guard St, Bldg 616, Rm 10, Gowen Field, ID 83705, and via WebEx.

### **Members Present:**

- Garret Nancolas, Chair, IAC
- Michele Carreras, Vice Chair, IDHW State Comm
- Craig Kingsbury, ICOPA
- Kevin Haight, ISP
- Jeff Weak, ITA
- Brad Richy, IOEM
- Kent Searle, IAC
- David Gates, IFCA
- Len Humphries, ISA
- Dave Taylor, DIGB 2
- Jacob Greenberg, DIGB 4
- Bill Guiberson, DIGB 5
- Sam Hulse, DIGB 6

### **Members Absent:**

- Rick Youngblood, Treasurer, Legislature
- Stephen Bartlett, ISA
- Ward Crawford, DIGB 1
- Carmen Boeger, DIGB 3

### **Others Present:**

- Craig Logan, 9-1-1 Program Manager
- Dave Moore, 9-1-1 Grants Manager
- Clint Berry, Consultant
- Nathan Reed, IPSCC Admin Assistant
- Adam Warr
- Robert Hugi
- Ryan Olsen
- Stacey, Intermountain

- Stephanie Johnson
- Stephen O'Mera
- Steve Fullerton
- Steve Woodall
- Tony Lafferty
- Jared Hertzler
- Jason Verduzco
- Jason Wellonen
- John Archer
- John Joseph
- Jonathan Hayes
- Joshua Jackson
- Julie Berthelote
- Tyler G.
- Bruce Richter
- Chandler Clark
- Christine Ballard
- Damir Nadarevic
- Dave Hopkins
- Greg Warner
- Ben Call
- Bev Slocum
- Bill Reynolds
- Brad Jordan
- Brian McNealy

## **Commencement**

Commission Chairman Garret Nancolas called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

## **Consent Agenda**

*07 January 2021 Minutes*

*December 2020 and January 2021 Financial Reports*

*9-1-1 Program Manager Report*

*Grants Manager Report*

**MOTION: Commissioner Gates moved, Commissioner Carreras seconded, that the Commission approve the Consent Agenda.**

**Chair Nancolas asked for a roll call vote:**

**Commissioner Nancolas – Yes**

**Commissioner Kingsbury – Yes**  
**Commissioner Carreras – Yes**  
**Commissioner Youngblood – Absent**  
**Commissioner Richy – Yes**  
**Commissioner Haight – Yes**  
**Commissioner Weak – Yes**  
**Commissioner Searle – Yes**  
**Commissioner Gates – Yes**  
**Commissioner Humphries – Yes**  
**Commissioner Crawford – Absent**  
**Commissioner Taylor – Yes**  
**Commissioner Boeger – Absent**  
**Commissioner Greenberg – Yes**  
**Commissioner Guiberson – Yes**  
**Commissioner Hulse - Yes**

**All present voted Yes. The motion passed.**

## **Action Agenda**

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **PSAP Committee MOU Idaho NENA/APCO Chapter Discussion/Approval**

Mr. Logan updated the Commission on the discussion at the last meeting about an MOU between the PSAP Committee and the Idaho NENA/APCO Chapter. The document has been signed by Commissioner Haight, and it is available for approval by the Commission.

Commissioner Greenberg had a concern about the liability shortfall that falls on the PSAP Committee when there is a balance due from the PSAP Conference.

Commissioner Haight answered that the Committee has not come anywhere near the amount listed in the MOU, and it shouldn't be a problem.

**MOTION: Commission Greenberg moved, Commissioner Richy seconded, that the Commission approve the MOU as written. The motion passed.**

#### **Update on Mobile Carrier Billing Discussion (Verizon)**

Mr. Jason Verduzco, the new government representative for Verizon, introduced himself to the Commission, and updated the Commission on Verizon's efforts to update network users' primary place of use. Mr. Verduzco also updated the Commission on the network capacity issues that Verizon is aware of, and if there are any other issues that the Commission would like to bring to Verizon's attention to please contact him.

### **New Business**

#### **Discussion on Grant Funds Not Utilized and Turned Back to Program**

Commissioner Greenberg brought up an issue concerning state code 31-4819 dealing with grant funds being used for Next Generation 9-1-1 systems within the state. These funds are currently being used for grants to counties to upgrade their systems, but could these funds be used by the Commission to build a NG9-1-1 system.

Mr. Adam Warr commented that there is a provision in Idaho Code that the funds have to be used by eligible entities, and those entities are those that are paying into the fund.

Mr. Logan commented that only the grant participating counties are eligible to apply for a grant. The IPSCC cannot expend grant funds on behalf of the state. There is a possibility of setting the unexpended grant funds that are returned at the end of each grant cycle for Next Generation 9-1-1 expenses.

Mr. Warr commented that he would be willing to look into the issue of counties applying for a statewide grant for statewide projects for discussion at the next meeting.

### **Future Meetings**

May 06, 2021 – Gowen Field, and virtual

July 08, 2021 – Pocatello, and virtual

September 02, 2021 – North Idaho, and virtual

November 04, 2021 – Gowen Field, and virtual

**MOTION: Commissioner Gates moved, Commissioner Greenberg seconded, that the Pocatello meeting be moved to July, and have the May meeting at Gowen Field and virtual. The motion passed.**

## **Information Agenda**

### **Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business.

### **New Business**

#### **IRON Presentation Brief**

Mr. Brad Jordan briefed the Commission on a grant that IRON is using to set up an ESI net to share resources throughout the state.

#### **NGCS ROM Information and Brief**

Mr. Brian McNealy and Mr. Jared Hertzler with COMTECH, a company that provides 9-1-1 routing services, and ESI net services, briefed the Commission on Next Generation 9-1-1 network possibilities for Idaho.

#### **Carbyne Information and Brief**

Mr. Steve Fullerton with Carbyne briefed the Commission on the Next Generation 9-1-1 capabilities of a cloud-based system, and options that the state has.

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

Mr. Logan reported that the Shoshone-Bannock Tribe has procured a federal grant for ECC and phone call handling.

Mr. Logan reported that the GIS proposal from the Funding Committee is still alive. The proposal has moved from the CARES Committee to the JFAC. This project will provide one point of contact for GIS mapping systems. The proposal has not yet been listed on the JFAC's agenda.

Mr. Logan suggested that the 9-1-1 Committee look into call handling and call routing pieces of NG9-1-1 to find what works for Idaho, and then that proposal could be taken to the counties. This could be an opt-in solution to progressing toward NG9-1-1.

Mr. Logan presented information from AT&T about their correcting mobile place of use.

Mr. Logan presented a bill that is going through the legislature about suicide prevention and the hotline number 9-8-8. They are patterning the funding mechanism of this from the 9-1-1 funding.

Mr. Logan reported on a cell tower optimization project taking place in Owyhee County. There are several counties participating in this project.

Mr. Logan reported that Clearwater County has filed a complaint against Inland Cellular with the FCC for loss of 9-1-1 service. Inland Cellular has said they are purchasing some equipment which should address the issues.

Mr. Logan reported that the FCC survey may becoming mandatory, and all 48 PSAPs in the state would be required to reply, and the data condensed into a state report.

### **Grants Program Manager Report**

Mr. Dave Moore updated the Commission on FY19 grants. There may be some counties paying funds back. The FY22 grant applications will be ready for the Commission at the May meeting.

### **Committee Updates**

#### **Funding Committee**

Mr. Clint Berry reported he has summarized the Commission's Next Generation 9-1-1 plan into a document that can be shared with state legislators and other interested parties to help them understand the importance of NG9-1-1 to the state.

#### **PSAP Committee**

Commissioner Haight reported that the PSAP Committee has been meeting virtually. They have decided to proceed with plans for the fall PSAP Conference in October. The keynote speakers that were scheduled and canceled from last year have been rescheduled for the current year.

Commissioner Haight reported that the PSAP Committee's virtual training has been completed.

### SWIC

Mr. Brian Shields reported he is still working on the TICP and Field Operations Guide, and it is about half complete.

Mr. Shields reported that there will be a virtual communications leader course being held in June.

Mr. Shields reported that he is putting together a telecommunicator emergency response task force plan with the help of Commissioner Haight.

### **DIGB and Tribal Updates**

DIGB 1 – Absent

DIGB 2 – Commissioner Taylor reported that they met in January and discussed old business. Their next meeting will be March 11, discussing fiber projects that are in progress.

Commissioner Taylor briefed the Commission on a SB 1149 that is going through the legislature dealing with One Imagine Idaho dealing with the CARES Act funding for broadband.

DIGB 3 – Absent

DIGB 4 – Commissioner Greenberg reported that they had a FirstNet update at their last meeting. Their next meeting will be April 07, and will have presentations from IRON, FirstNet 5G, and Carbyne.

DIGB 5 – Commissioner Guiberson reported they had a meeting February 10, and discussed the TICP and FOG.

DIGB 6 – Commissioner Hulse reported that their last meeting was in December, and discussed the various radio platforms.

### **Open Forum/Discussion**

There were no additional comments.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned.