

IDAHO PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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OFFICIAL MINUTES

A meeting of the Idaho Public Safety Communications Commission was held on November 05, 2020, via WebEx.

Members Present:

- Michele Carreras, Vice Chair, IDHW State Comm
- Craig Kingsbury, ICOPA
- Rick Youngblood, Treasurer, Legislature
- Brad Richy, IOEM
- Kevin Haight, ISP
- Jeff Weak, ITA
- Kent Searle, IAC
- David Gates, IFCA
- Ward Crawford, DIGB 1
- Dave Taylor, DIGB 2
- Carmen Boeger, DIGB 3
- Jacob Greenberg, DIGB 4
- Bill Guiberson, DIGB 5
- Sam Hulse, DIGB 6

Members Absent:

- Garret Nancolas, Chair, IAC
- Len Humphries, ISA
- Stephen Bartlett, 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
- Kristi Wilde, FirstNet
- John Joseph
- Connie Allred
- Bryan Olson

- Ben Call
- Dave Hopkins
- Stephanie Johnson
- Steven Ortega
- Tony Lafferty
- Eric Farsch
- Ira Mavis
- Tom Keely
- Cullin Sherman
- Adam Warr
- Brian Shields
- Russ Clark
- Jason Verdubo

Commencement

Commission Vice Chairman Michele Carreras called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Chair Carreras asked for a roll call.

There was a change to add a new item to the action agenda under new business discussing a statement in support of face coverings.

MOTION: Commissioner Greenberg moved, Commissioner Youngblood seconded, that the agenda change be accepted. The motion passed.

Consent Agenda

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9-1-1 Program Manager Report

Grants Manager Report

MOTION: Commissioner Gates moved, Commissioner Taylor seconded, that the Commission approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed.

Action Agenda

Unfinished Business

There was no Unfinished Business.

New Business

Discussion of Support of Face Coverings Statement by IPSCC

Commissioner Greenberg reported that his county has been holding weekly meetings with their EOC and EMS operators. They have decided to let their community know the importance of wearing face coverings during this pandemic to not only help protect themselves, but to also protect all first responders who are most at risk.

Commissioner Greenberg recommended that the Commission draft a letter of support and advocate wearing face coverings in public settings to help protect Idaho's front-line workers.

MOTION: Commissioner Gates moved, Commissioner Haight seconded, that Commissioner Greenberg draft a letter the Commission could sign in support of people wearing face coverings in public settings, the letter be sent to Commissioners for review, and sent to the Chairman for signature. The motion passed.

ITS Update on GIS Proposal to CFAC

Commissioner Weak reported that there has been no movement on the issue of the GIS proposal going before the CFAC.

Commissioner Youngblood commented in that some meetings he has had, he still believes the issue is still doable.

Discussion on Lease of 4.9 GHz by States to Commercial Entities

Commissioner Gates reported that the 4.9 GHz will be coming available for states to lease, which could have significant revenue implications.

Mr. Ben Call with Public Safety Communications reported that the FCC has made some changes to rules regarding leasing the 4.9 GHz band, allowing it to be leased or subleased to commercial entities. Mr. Call recommended that the IPSCC assign this issue to a sub-committee to provide guidance about the 4.9 GHz band spectrum priorities, and how the spectrum should be allocated.

Commissioner Greenberg suggested the Broadband Committee be tasked with the topic.

California Law Classification of Dispatchers to First Responders

Mr. Craig Logan presented a news article to the Commission about the State of California classifying their ECOs as first responders. The change will put them in the same category as police officers and fire fighters.

Commissioner Haight thanked Mr. Logan for bringing this to the Commission. There is a statute in Idaho that effectively does the same for Idaho's ECOs – IC 72.451.6.d.V. It will sunset in 2023.

Federal HR 451 Driving FCC Rules on 9-1-1 Expenditures

Mr. Logan reported the FCC has filed a notice of inquiry on 9-1-1 fee diversions. This puts a spotlight on how states spend their funds, and if those funds are being spent on 9-1-1 activities.

Future Meetings

January 07, 2021 – Ada County PSAP, or virtual

March 04, 2021 – Ada County PSAP, or virtual

May 06, 2021 – East Idaho, or virtual

MOTION: Commissioner Haight moved, Commissioner Greenberg seconded, that the March meeting location be approved, or virtual as needed. The motion passed.

Information Agenda

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

9-1-1 Program Manager Report

Mr. Logan reported that Tyler Technologies was compromised by a ransomware attack in September. Tyler Technologies supports CAD. Info was put out on how to decrease susceptibility to similar attacks.

There was 9-1-1 service outage affecting 13 states, but Idaho was not affected. A networking mis-configuration at Entrado caused the outage. The FCC and NASNA are now involved in investigating the issue.

NASNA has been holding virtual meetings. The fall meeting discussed Carrie's Law, which deals with three-digit emergency calling instead of first needing to dial a number to reach an outside line, such as "9" before calling 9-1-1.

Grants Program Manager Report

Mr. Dave Moore reported that the FY2019 grants ended October 31. FY2021 grants went into effect November 01. Auditing will begin on the FY2019 grants. Many projects came in under the estimates, and the funds will be returned to the grant fund.

Committee Updates

Funding Committee

Mr. Clint Berry reported that he met with the funding committee, and discussed updating the Commission's business plan in regards to the grant fee, and how to approach the counties and cities not participating.

Commissioner Youngblood suggested that the committee get Craig Logan involved, and get a paper put together that can be presented to the counties and cities.

PSAP Committee

Commissioner Haight reported that the last PSAP Committee meeting was cancelled. Virtual training has begun, with 217 ECOs around the state registering. The APCO meeting is still scheduled for March in Idaho, but if the current conditions persist, that might change.

LMR Committee

Commissioner Taylor reported that the LMR Committee is still working on the encryption issue, and finalization will be scheduled soon.

DIGB and Tribal Updates

DIGB 1 – Commissioner Crawford had nothing to report.

DIGB 2 – Commissioner Taylor reported that their last meeting was postponed. Their next meeting will be November 12 as a virtual meeting.

DIGB 3 – Commissioner Boeger reported that their next scheduled meeting will be November 19 as a virtual meeting, and thanked Mr. Logan for help with setting that up.

DIGB 4 – Commissioner Greenberg reported there was no report.

DIGB 5 – Commissioner Guiberson reported that they met on October 14 and discussed ISP encryption. Their next meeting is scheduled for December.

DIGB 6 – Commissioner Hulse reported they held a meeting September 24. Their next meeting will be November 12, discussing ISP encryption.

Open Forum/Discussion

There were no additional comments.

Adjourn

MOTION: Commissioner Gates moved, Commissioner Greenberg seconded, that the meeting adjourn. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m.