

IDAHO PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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OFFICIAL MINUTES

A meeting of the Idaho Public Safety Communications Commission was held on September 03, 2020, via WebEx.

Members Present:

- Garret Nancolas, Chairman, IAC
- Michele Carreras, Vice Chair, IDHW State Comm
- Rick Youngblood, Treasurer, Legislature
- Brad Richy, IOEM
- Kevin Haight, ISP
- Jeff Weak, ITA
- Kent Searle, IAC
- David Gates, IFCA
- Len Humphries, ISA
- Ward Crawford, DIGB 1
- Dave Taylor, DIGB 2
- Carmen Boeger, DIGB 3
- Jacob Greenberg, DIGB 4
- Sam Hulse, DIGB 6

Members Absent:

- Craig Kingsbury, ICOPA
- Stephen Bartlett, ISA
- Bill Guiberson, DIGB 5

Others Present:

- Craig Logan, 9-1-1 Program Manager
- Dave Moore, 9-1-1 Grants Manager
- Nathan Reed, IPSCC Admin Assistant
- Kristi Wilde, FirstNet
- Brian Shields, SWIC
- Ryan Olson, 3rd Signal
- Luke Kilcup
- John Joseph

- Todd Quast
- Russ Clark, Voice Products
- Whitney Maxwell
- Tyler G., Goodman
- Greg Warner
- Adam Warr
- Greg Brooks
- Amy Magyoto
- Lisa Kelly, CenturyLink
- Bill Reynolds
- Sarah Rollins

Commencement

Commission Chairman Garret Nancolas called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Chair Nancolas welcomed new commissioners Crawford and Guiberson to the Commission.

Consent Agenda

09 July 2020 Minutes

June 2020 and July 2020 Financial Reports

9-1-1 Program Manager Report

Grants Manager Report

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

Action Agenda

Unfinished Business

There was no Unfinished Business.

New Business

Discuss and Approve FY2020 PSAP Budget Change

Commissioner Haight reported that the PSAP Committee budget has been split into two items: travel and training. Due to the pandemic it has become difficult for dispatchers to obtain the 40-hour training requirement. Training has been identified that can be provided this fall virtually. Commissioner Haight asked the Commission for approval to merge budget items into one to pay for this training.

MOTION: Commissioner Carreras moved, Commissioner Richy seconded, that the Commission approve the PSAP Committee's request to combine their travel and training budgets into one budget. The motion passed.

Commissioner Haight presented the proposed virtual training that would be provided to Idaho's PSAPs, and asked for approval to sign the training contract.

MOTION: Commissioner Boeger moved, Commissioner Taylor seconded, that the Commission approve the PSAP Committee's training proposal. The motion passed.

MOTION: Commissioner Youngblood moved, Commissioner Carreras seconded, that the Commission Chair sign the training contract on behalf of the Commission. The motion passed.

Discuss and Approve FY2021 Grant Request Recommendations

Commissioner Carreras reported that the Grant Committee met in August to review all grant applications. The Commission has awarded close to \$20 million through FY2020. The list of grant recommendations was presented to the Commission:

Adam County - \$26,399.87
 Bear Lake County - \$16,269.36
 Benewah County - \$38,252.89
 Bonner County - \$118,438.92
 Butte County - \$15,250.00
 Camas County - \$19,502.18
 Canyon County - \$16,605.00
 Lemhi County - \$257,216.58
 Lewis County (joint with 12 counties) - \$650,727.00
 Nez Perce County (joint with 3 counties) - \$159,986.60
 Owyhee County (joint with 14 counties) - \$168,000.00
 Owyhee County - \$42,231.13
 Power County - \$49,280.36
 SIRCOMM (4 county system) - \$347,847.05
 Valley County - \$19,668.83
 Washington/Payette counties - \$378,279.60
 IPSCC Grant Admin - \$51,632.00

MOTION: Commissioner Youngblood moved, Commissioner Haight seconded, that the Commission approve they FY2021 grant awards as recommended by the Grant Committee. The motion passed.

Approve FY2021 Admin Budget

Commissioner Youngblood presented the FY2021 IPSCC admin budget to the Commission.

MOTION: Commissioner Gates moved, Commissioner Greenberg seconded, that the Commission approve the FY2021 Commission budget. The motion passed.

Idaho TERT Overview and Vision Discussion

Commissioner Haight reported on the Telecommunicator Emergency Response Team (TERT), a joint initiative from NENA and APCO, which helps provide additional staffing to overwhelmed and understaffed emergency communications centers during an emergency.

Mr. Brian Shields reported that he is planning on including a TERT component to communications plans that are currently being written.

Future Meetings

November 05, 2020 – Ada County PSAP, or WebEx

January 07, 2021 – Ada County PSAP, or WebEx

MOTION: Commissioner Gates moved, Commissioner Richy seconded, that the November and January meetings be approved. The motion passed.

Mr. Craig Logan asked Commission members to review the list of meetings proposed for calendar year 2021, and provide any comments.

Information Agenda

Unfinished Business

Updates on Grant Participation Counties/Cities

Commissioner Youngblood reported on meeting with an Ada County commissioner to discuss possible participation in the grant program.

Commissioner Greenberg reported that he also spoke with a county commissioner about the possibility of participating in the grant program.

Commissioner Gates reported that Bannock County voted down participation in the grant program, despite his suggestion they join.

Commissioner Hulse also reported that he had communication with Bonneville County, and it doesn't look like they will be joining the grant program anytime soon.

New Business

9-1-1 Program Manager Report

Mr. Logan reported that he has joined a NASNA committee was formed to work with the national 9-1-1 program to chart a path for federal grants.

The FCC report has been submitted.

Mr. Logan provided information on 5G security to the Commission, along with general information on 5G.

Grants Program Manager Report

Mr. Dave Moore reported that despite restrictions on travel and meeting in person, he was glad to be able to get all grants finished up. The approved FY2021 grantees will be notified, and the grants will be ready to start November 01. FY2019 grants will close on October 31.

Mr. Moore reported he will be working closely with counties on the implementation of the approved grants.

Committee Updates

Funding Committee

Commissioner Youngblood reported that when he met with a county commissioner, the question came up about “what is the plan?” The Funding Committee will be meeting to discuss coming up with a business plan. This will help answer questions about why funds are being raised, and why Next Generation 9-1-1 is important to Idaho.

LMR Committee

Commissioner Taylor reported that the LMR Committee is working on the encryption plan, which will hopefully be able to come before the Commission soon.

DIGB and Tribal Updates

DIGB 1 – Commissioner Crawford introduced himself to the Commission, and commented that he is looking forward to serving on the Commission.

DIGB 2 – Commissioner Taylor reported that they held a meeting August 18, and received reports from the SWIC and Mr. Logan. Their next meeting will be October 22.

DIGB 3 – Commissioner Boeger reported they did not hold a meeting, but held a vote for board positions.

DIGB 4 – Commissioner Greenberg reported there was no report.

DIGB 5 – Commissioner Gate reported that DIGB 5 voted to support Butte County’s move to DIGB 6, and discussed ISP encryption, and participation in the grant fund. The next meeting will be October 14.

Commissioner Haight commented on ISP’s decision to encrypt their radio communications, but their traditional frequencies will not be affected.

DIGB 6 – Commissioner Hulse reported that Butte County has moved back to DIGB 6. The board is working through various plans. ISP encryption was also discussed. The board is also looking at CARES funding to improve their radio functionality.

Open Forum/Discussion

Commissioner Taylor commented on the ISP encryption issue from the LMR Committee's perspective.

Ms. Kristi Wilde from the Percent Authority had a comment on the ISP encryption issue, and how CARES funding might be able to help with encryption. Ms. Wilde gave a brief presentation to the Commission.

Adjourn

MOTION: Commissioner Richy moved, Commissioner Haight seconded, that the meeting adjourn. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned.