

Iowa County Justice Committee  
Radio Communications Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes  
11/30/2010 6 p.m.

1. Meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Chairman Anderson.
2. Roll call was conducted and all members present (additional persons included Chairman Bauer, several other board members, numerous fire and ems personnel and representatives from E.F. Johnson (see roll call sheet for complete list of attendees)
3. The meeting certification notice was read.
4. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Ed Weaver, seconded by Dan Nankee and passed unanimously.
5. There were no comments from the public.
6. An update was made on the RCC study, which was made by Sheriff Steve Michek and Emergency Management Coordinator, Keith Hurlbert. The result of this update was to direct Michek and Hurlbert to get information on the feasibility of doing narrow band pager testing with the Minotaur V pagers.
7. An update on the Wiscomm system was provided by Sheriff Steve Michek and Emergency Management Coordinator, Keith Hurlbert. Hurlbert announced that Iowa County was given approval for funding by OJA to conduct a study on the feasibility and cost of upgrading the county to Wiscomm. The study was believed to take approximately 60 days. Hurlbert also advised that there was a grant through OJA that would potentially provide approximately 1 million dollars toward the project with a 1 to 1 match. He advised that he also has applications in for another grant to assist with this upgrade cost. In addition, he was advised by OJA that there appeared to be another pool of money that would assist the county and emergency service agencies in purchasing mobile and portable radios. Sheriff Michek commented that the Wiscomm system did not include paging issues that the county has.
8. The committee then viewed a presentation by EF Johnson in regard to a preliminary proposal for upgrading the county to Wiscomm. The presentation was conducted by Lisa Beyer, Kerry Peck, Paul Singh and Brad Pointon. The estimate for this proposal was 2.9 million dollars, with \$872,000 for site and equipment, \$1.8 million for fire and ems subscribers and \$260,000 for law enforcement subscribers. The presentation did not include the cost for the highway department, but did include costs for ems and fire departments, which reside outside the county, but cover areas within Iowa County. Brad Pointon did advise the committee of a state tower site in Governor Dodge State Park that may be an alternative to building a new tower in Dodgeville.

9. In moving forward the following were items that additional information was needed.
  - What are the current fiber connections to existing and proposed tower sites?
  - What is the microwave capability of the site at Governor Dodge?
  - Is the Governor Dodge site feasible for use by the county and how would that affect coverage as opposed to new tower in Dodgeville?
  - What is the cost and ability of the county to test narrow band paging?
  - What would the cost of hybrid tower sites in far north and south sections of county?
  
10. The next meeting date was left open based on the return of information from the points in #9
  
11. A motion to adjourn was made by Ed Weaver, seconded by Dan Nankee, and passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Anderson.

Minutes recorded by Chairman David J. Bauer