



Deschutes County 9-1-1 Service District User Board Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 1000 hours

Location: Deschutes County 9-1-1, 20355 Poe Sholes Drive #300 Bend

Attendees: Tammy Baney, Tony DeBone, Alan Unger, Tom Anderson, Steve Reinke, Rick Silbaugh, Sara Crosswhite, Megan Craig, Chris Perry, Kathleen DeForrest, Evan Clark, Cari Elliston, Kim Morse, Roger Johnson, Shane Nelson, Marc Mills, Bill Boos, Jim Porter, Jeff Blake, Paul Kinsky, Erik Utter, Wayne Lowry, Dave Doyle, Ken Vaughan, Tom Fay, Kent Haarberg, Larry Fulkerson, Barb Campbell, Rich Hoffmann, Dave Phillips, Darryl Nakahira, Joe Sadony, Denney Kelley and Julie Lovrien.

1. Call to order and introductions – Steve Reinke, Director

2. Approval of User Board meeting minutes

Dave Phillips moved to approve September 8th, September 22nd, and October 6, 2015 meeting minutes; Roger Johnson seconded; motion carried.

3. Public comment

Larry Fulkerson commented on the proposed levy. It was his opinion the idea of borrowing money while there is money in reserve to allow future tax payers the opportunity at a savings makes no sense. The idea of saving and having the reserve was to allow current tax payers the benefit of savings. It was his opinion that borrowed money would place the District back into "Crisis management Mode". It makes perfect sense to pay for the radio project out of currently available reserve funds.

He added that maintenance and operations should be from funds from the variable rate levy. Deschutes County 9-1-1 should capitalize on what the Sheriff's Office has already accomplished by not levying the maximum rate available. It is his opinion 9-1-1 could be successful doing the same thing. He also noted that for the work they do, telecommunicators are not paid enough.

4. Staff reports

Steve Reinke reported Telecommunicator hiring is on-going. Three new employees are starting on November 2, 2015. The goal is to hire three to five more in early 2016.

5. Radio project update

Steve reported the current radio system is outdated and in danger of failing. The dispatch consoles are also outdated and need replacement. Regardless of the levy outcome, these items need to be replaced as soon as possible. Rick Silbaugh added there are no manufacturer parts available for the existing radio systems for replacement or repairs.

Denney Kelley made a motion to replace the radio system now; Tom Fay seconded; motion carried.

6. Strategic plan deployment progress

Sara Crosswhite presented an update on the Oregon Accreditation Alliance process for 9-1-1 centers.

7. Levy request discussion

Steve Reinke continued the discussion on the proposed levy. Slides were provided and reviewed with the group and extensive discussion ensued, after which the following decisions were made:

- Use reserve funds for radio system replacement.
- Place the levy election on the May 2016 ballot.
- Start the project to replace the radio system and dispatch console replacement.
- Obtain preliminary public survey results by the end of November.

The Board decided to have the Director establish the maximum levy rate after he confers with the Bend City Manager, who will poll his Council members to see what they support: either 45.0 or 42.5 cents per thousand of taxable assessed value. Once that recommendation is received, Steve will establish that rate in the resolutions he will begin to obtain from Boards and Councils who wish to be included in the new service district.

8. Other items or good of the order – None

9. Adjournment

The next scheduled 9-1-1 User Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, 2015, at 1000 hours at Deschutes County 9-1-1. (NOTE: The meeting was canceled.) The Records Management Systems (RMS) Operations Board will meet the same day at 0900 hours in the Metolius Room.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Steve Reinke and Kim Morse.