

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

DATE: December 13th, 2016
Room 417, Dennis Building
10:00am

SUBJECT: Minutes of SC CMRS Emergency Telephone Advisory Committee Meeting

ATTENDEES: Committee Members - Ted Creech-Chairman (Wireless Rep.), Ben Spearman (Wireline Rep.) by telephone, David Morrison (RFA), Jim Lake (PSAP Rep.), Jack Maguire (Consumer Rep.), Dent Adams (Wireless Rep.), Katie Morgan (RFA Appointment), Joey Avery (PSAP Rep.) by telephone. Staff - Frank Rainwater (Executive Director RFA), Amy Simpson (RFA) Guests - Josh Morton - Saluda, Eric Daenecke - NICE, Philip Penny - Misson Critical Partners. Phone Guest - Linda Mitchell - Union.

1. Chairman Creech welcomed everyone to the meeting and took roll call.
2. Approval of the minutes from the meeting on September 20th, 2016
~Dent Adams made motion to approve the minutes after the correction was made, Jack Maguire 2nd the motion. All voted aye, and the minutes were approved.
3. Committee Member Status
~Chairman Creech addressed the Committee stating that he has served as the Chair for 2 years and would be stepping down, however, he was reappointed to the Committee by Gov. Haley and will stay on to serve as a Wireless Rep. Joey Avery will also be stepping down as Vice Chair but will also remain on the Committee to serve as PSAP Rep. Two positions to be filled are: Chair and Vice Chair.
*Chairman Creech asked to hear a nomination for a new Chair that would begin starting January 1st, 2017. Joey Avery nominated Jim Lake as the new Chairman, Jack Maguire 2nd the motion. There was no discussion requested by the Committee, all members voted aye and Jim Lake was appointed as the new Chairman for 2017. Chairman Creech thanked Mr. Lake for his willingness to serve.
*Chairman Creech then asked for a nomination for the position of Vice Chair; Joey Avery nominated Ben Spearman to serve as Vice Chair, Jim Lake 2nd the motion. No discussion was requested by the Committee members, all voted aye and Ben Spearman was appointed as the new Vice Chair for 2017.
*Chairman Creech congratulated both Chairman Elect Jim Lake, and Vice Chair Ben Spearman and thanked them both for their willingness to serve.
4. Draft Legislation and Proviso
~Chairman Creech stated that David Morrison and Executive Director Frank Rainwater had sent out a draft of the Legislation and wanted to get feedback from the Committee before turning it over to Legislative Council.
*Mr. Creech started the discussion stating that one suggestion he would like to make is that the new Legislation is clear on what 911 monies can and cannot be used for. He wanted to tighten up the existing language to make sure the monies collected from Wireless are used solely for 911. (Ex. Not for radios, buildings, etc.) After some discussion on this topic, Frank Rainwater suggested that in the interest of time, they go ahead and submit the draft to Legislative Counsel while the Committee continues to do their work. Katie Morgan added that there needed to be some timelines established moving forward. Frank added that they should have a draft by early January so the Committee could take a look at the draft and have a couple weeks to make any edits or changes. Josh Morton from Saluda County addressed the

Committee and stated that his PSAP depends heavily on these funds to run his PSAP (with the exception of salaries) and wanted the Committee to keep the smaller PSAP's in mind when writing the new legislation. His concern is that if it is too restrictive, the smaller will suffer. Chairman Creech and Jim Lake acknowledged Mr. Morton's concerns and added the new legislative draft (with respect to restrictions) was written to mirror the current legislation with the only exception being aerial photography being taken off the list. Katie Morgan made the point that as things change, we need to have the flexibility in the new legislation to monitor the situation one way or the other. Before moving on to the next agenda item, Frank Rainwater stated that when RFA receives the Proviso, they were going to include that as part of the Budget Request hearing which would be held around the end of January and he welcomed any support from the community to attend the meeting. Once the schedule is developed he would let everyone know.

5. RFP for ESInet

~ David Morrison opened the discussion stating that with talking to Frank Rainwater, they decided not to wait to see if new legislation gets passed before starting work on creating an RFP; they agreed it would be a good idea to get a head start. Additionally, when researching other states and how they approached this issue, many used a consulting firm who had experience with this type of technology. David added it was something they needed to think about; do they want to write the RFP themselves or hire outside to help guide them?

*Ted Creech asked Jim Lake his opinion on this issue since he has experience with this type of arena. Jim stated that it was difficult for Charleston County to write an RFP for something that is this complex but they were able to manage that. However when you start to talk about the complexities of the entire State of South Carolina, his feeling is that we will probably need some outside help. It will take considerable effort considering the technical aspect and the time it will take to write it.

*Ben Spearman asked if there was an RFP from another state that they could use just as a review. David said that Indiana would share their RFP with him and once he received it, he would send it out to the Committee.

*Katie Morgan thought it would be a good idea to hire a consultant to "help" but not to "do" so that the State of South Carolina remains in control, similar to what was done with the strategic plan.

6. Other Items and Questions

~Ben Spearman asked that the Committee set the next hearing date. It was tentatively set for January 17th, 2017 at 10:00a.m. Jack Maguire mentioned he will be out of town but would call in. There were no other Items or Questions from the Committee or Audience.

~With no further business pending, Jack Maguire made motion to adjourn, Katie Morgan 2nd the motion. All members voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

The next scheduled meeting is scheduled for January 17th, 2017 at 10:00a.m.

Attachments: Agenda, Meeting Materials

Public Notice of this meeting was posted at <http://rfa.sc.gov/e911>

These minutes were approved on 2/21/17.



Amy Simpson