



QUINCY/ADAMS COUNTY 9-1-1

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QUINCY/ADAMS COUNTY 9-1-1 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

April 18, 2007

9-1-1 Center, 222 N. 52nd, 5:15 p.m.

5 members present: Adams County Board Member John Johnson (Governing Board Chairman), Adams County Board Member Dave Bellis, Adams County Board Member Billy Bennett, Quincy Police Chief Rob Copley, and Adams County Sheriff Brent Fischer.

6 members absent: Quincy Alderman Skip Vahlkamp, Quincy Alderman Virgil Goehl, Quincy Alderman Tony Sassen, Adams County Ambulance Director Paul Davis, Rural Fire Association Secretary Bill Johnson, and Quincy Fire Chief Scott Walker.

Also present: 9-1-1 Director Steve Rowlands, 9-1-1 staff members Jo Liesen and Sharon Tedrow.

Quorum Call

Chairman John Johnson noted a quorum was not present. The 9-1-1 Governing Board meeting was cancelled due to a lack of a quorum. John Johnson stated that the members present would go ahead and proceed with an informal informational meeting.

John Johnson noted and welcomed Adams County Board Member Billy Bennett to the 9-1-1 Governing Board.

E9-1-1 Status

Steve Rowlands stated that on March 13, 2007 the 9-1-1 Center moved operations to the new center and activated Enhanced 9-1-1. Enhanced 9-1-1 is working just fine. A dedication ceremony was held on April 13, 2007.

Wireless 9-1-1 Implementation

Steve Rowlands stated that U.S. Cellular is on line with Wireless E9-1-1 Phase II as of April 10, 2007. He stated that the 9-1-1 Center can locate U.S. Cellular callers who dial 9-1-1. Currently 9-1-1 calls from the other cellular telephone companies are handled as Phase 0 with only a voice connection. Cingular, Sprint/Nextel, T-Mobile, and Symmetry are at Phase 0 and those calls are routed to three dedicated telephone as a voice connection only. Phase I and II wireless 9-1-1 calls will be routed to the E9-1-1 lines. Phase I gives the cell tower location and a call back number, while Phase II adds location information. Steve Rowlands stated that Phase II location information does not come in as fast as landline E9-1-1 calls. Steve Rowlands stated that he expects Cingular and Sprint/Nextel to begin testing Phase I/II within the next 2 months.

Sheriff Fischer asked if we collect the surcharge on all Phase II calls.

Steve Rowlands stated yes, that 9-1-1 receives monthly revenue from the state's WETSA surcharge on cellular bills.

Steve Rowlands went on to state that T-Mobile has only one tower in Adams County. Symmetry is working on providing Wireless Phase I and II and it will probably be the end of the year before they go on line with Phase II. Sprint/Nextel and Cingular testing and implementation goes real fast from what is understood.

John Johnson stated dispatch still has to talk with people to gain good information.

Steve Rowlands said that normally, most of the time, dispatchers obtain good location information from callers.

Steve Rowlands stated that the 9-1-1 Center received a good Voice Over IP (VOIP) test on April 17th from Vonage and Intrado. VOIP is a telephone service over the Internet. VOIP does not give a telephone company derived address. The user must install the address. It works similar to Wireless 9-1-1 calls with regard to E9-1-1 routing to the 9-1-1 Center.

204 Fund Status (WETSA)

The balance of the WETSA fund is \$31,681.40 as of April 17, 2007. The average income is approximately \$18,000 per month + \$90 interest per month. The Loan payment to First Bankers Trust = \$16,224.84 per month. There is approximately \$1,865+ per month that remains. The WETSA surcharge is scheduled to sunset April 2008. There is legislation pending in the Illinois House, HB827, which would extend the wireless surcharge for five more years. It would increase the surcharge from \$0.75 to \$1.50 (for Phase II). We'll increase the amount of money from Wireless if this passes. This new bill is provisioned to sunset April 2013.

John Johnson asked if this bill passes, when does it start?

Steve Rowlands said the increase to \$1.50 per month is for Phase II systems only and for companies that provide Phase II Wireless, and that part of the justification of the increase is to offset loss of revenue to 9-1-1 systems from the state's landline surcharge as people migrate to wireless and VOIP phones.

310 Fund Status (Loan) and Courthouse retrofit

Steve Rowlands stated that the remaining balance on the \$1.3 million loan is \$601,617.31 as of April 17, 2007. There is still an outstanding bills from the telephone company charges for E9-1-1 implementation, which is estimated to be \$180,000.

Steve Rowlands stated that the courthouse retrofit, that includes a contract with Motorola, is estimated to be approximately \$290,000. It includes the E9-1-1 telephone system, recorder, UPS and installation. Electrical and interior work costs have yet to be determined. Steve Rowlands stated that as of now there is a surplus in the loan fund estimated to be \$140,000 to \$160,000.

John Johnson said the remaining balance would be used to make a principal reduction payment.

FY2007-2008 budget

Steve Rowlands said a new line item for cleaning services/custodial would be added to the budget and money moved into that line item.

Dave Bellis asked why IMRF costs go down?

Steve Rowlands stated that IMRF went to 10% of salaries from 11% per city comptroller budget guidance.

John Johnson said that it is based on present funding level and income. In 2001-2002 some IMRF numbers hit 11-12%. It fluctuates every year.

Steve Rowlands said the City's budget hearing was on April 11, 2007 and that the 9-1-1 portion went well. Most questions were on wireless and where we are going with that. He stated that he was also asked about whether the 9-1-1 budget would see future increases as over the past two years.

Dave Bellis asked about the CIPS bill.

Steve Rowlands said it was less than what he thought it would be. John Johnson said we started paying the CIPS bill in August. Steve Rowlands said we worked under load during the colder weather. The January bill was higher than February's. John Johnson said that once we average out one year of use, maybe the heating/air conditioner company could come in to tweak the system.

John Johnson asked if our current budget is on target. Steve Rowlands stated it was and that it would be under executed due to E9-1-1 coming on line in March 2007 instead of December 2006.

The informational meeting concluded.

John Johnson stated that the next quarterly meeting of the 9-1-1 Governing Board is scheduled for Wednesday, July 18, 2007 at 5:15 p.m.

The meeting will be held in the conference room located in the 9-1-1 building located at 222 N. 52nd Street.

Steve Rowlands