

911 Coordinating Council  
Minutes  
December 6, 2013

Council Members in Attendance: Michele Abbott, Sen. Pat Apple, Bob Boaldin, Pat Collins, Jay Coverdale, Keith Faddis, Sen. Marci Francisco, Rusty Griffin, Dick Heitschmidt, Coleen Jennison, Chris Kelly, Mike Koss for Kim Winn, Mike Leiker, Mike Napolitano, Kim Pennington, Phill Ryan, Jimmy Reed, Rob Roberts, Chris Stratmann, Jimmy Todd, Walt Way, Chair, and Ivan Weichert.

Council Members Absent: Kyle Hoffman, Coleen Jennison.

Also in attendance: Scott Ekberg, 911 Liaison; Dennis Kriesel, LCPA, and visitors in the audience.

Walt Way called the meeting to order. He recognized the individuals on the phone: Kim Pennington, Michele Abbott, Dick Heitschmidt, Rob Roberts, and Eric Stenning. The council members introduced themselves.

Walt Way called on Ivan Weichert, who announced his upcoming retirement.

Chairman Way turned to approval of the minutes. Chris Stratmann moved approval of the minutes and Mike Napolitano seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ivan Weichert provided an introduction on the Statewide Ortho Imagery Program. Tim Crago gave a presentation on the program. He explained there has been a shift in how customers look at imaging programs. He explained that his company owns the imagery and make it available to a variety of parties; this creates a consistent database and is less costly to an individual customer. They have 52% of the state completed, starting in the west and moving east. He said that early spring is the target to complete the state, weather dependent. State, counties, and cities will have access to the imagery. The license is a statewide license with unlimited use and access. The only restriction is it cannot be distributed to the private sector, as the company will use it for commercial purposes. An annual subscription provided to the state government will provide access to all state agencies. Every three years the images are updated and the data is refreshed with older imagery staying online. The company will resume the imagery in late February or March, 2014. Twenty flights remain, and should take 2-3 weeks. The western half of the state is being processed and should be available the first part of February. The rest of the state should be available by July 1. Chair Way asked about 1-foot imagery, noting that 6-inches is used often in urban areas. Tim Crago explained 1-foot is the pixel size of choice in statewide efforts, and they can do a buy-up option on the 6-inches level, but pricing depends on the size of the area. He cannot provide pricing but they can do it and

expect it will be required for some areas. Chair Way asked when he would need to know what areas need 6-inch images. Scott Ekberg noted 42 separate grants to counties were done for aerial photography via the wireless grant system. Ivan Weichert noted many PSAPs don't know when their data was last gathered, and that this effort would update everyone, and he recommends the Council fund this proposal for at least the first three years. Senator Apple asked if the 6-inch scale would be county-by-county, by city limits, or how would it be determined? The presenters noted that it can vary. Senator Apple asked what is done elsewhere in the country. The presenter noted there is a high degree of variance. Senator Apple asked what this project will save the counties, such as initial work or more. Ivan Weichert responded that since any governmental entity can access it, it makes it attractive to all, and the have-not counties that lack modern imagery will benefit the most but this can be very attractive to urban counties as well. It is the way things are moving in the industry. Senator Apple asked if it would reduce staffing in GIS departments. Ivan Weichert didn't think it would, since imagery products are already acquired from outside sources in all his known instances. The presenter noted many states do a three-year spread on getting all the photos done, but this approach would give everyone valid data for three years since it's all done at once. Chair Way noted this would have benefits beyond 911. Tim responded that you end up at a level where all government agencies get to use the same base data. Jimmy Reed said he assumes he can see any location in the state's data, and that it could be beneficial during emergency response situations where mutual aid is being provided. Tim confirmed this is true. Chair Way indicated this would be assigned to the Tech Committee for further study.

Walt Way provided the Administrative Committee report. He noted the documents that had been provided ahead of time, and referenced the 2014 Work Plan, which had no changes since October, other than trimming the meeting countdown to seven in 2014. Chair Way noted that Phill Ryan would arrange for web-ex meetings in 2014. Mike Napolitano moved to approve the Work Plan and Jimmy Reed seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Chair Way moved onto the proposed 2014 council budget. Chair Way noted that at the earlier committee meeting it was discussed whether \$2,000 was sufficient for the NENA annual conference. Mike Napolitano moved to approve the budget and Jimmy Reed seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Chair Way turned to the draft 2013 annual report to the legislature. Chair Way noted it is very similar to what was seen at the last meeting but has been updated. Chair Way asked for consent to move forward finalizing the report, and the council agreed verbally.

Chair Way noted that Legislative Post Audit is doing an audit of the 911 system using an outside contractor, Stone Carlie. It is proceeding and it will be done by the end of December. A draft report is expected next week and the Administrative Committee will review it. The committee

has one week for review with comments due back to LPA. Chair Way said no real concerns have come up, and noted that all 117 PSAPs responded to the survey. He thanked Scott Ekberg and Melissa Wangemann for helping motivate the PSAPs to participate. Chair Way discussed what questions the survey attempts to answer, notably that PSAPs don't know if they have enough money for NG911. Chair Way discussed the potential for 911 legislation in 2014, noting some clean-up language telecoms want for the 911 law, and that the changes aren't expected to have a substantive impact on PSAPs. Chair Way wants the cleanup bill to address the term limits on the LCPA contract and the possible need to raise the 1.5% cap on 911 Council spending due to all the contract work proposed. Senator Apple said it would be a good idea to get the bill drafted early.

Chair Way moved to the proposed 911 State Grant Fund Philosophy & Policy for 2014. Chris Kelly noted the primary point of discussion in the Technical Committee was regarding the grant award criteria and eligibility. Chris Kelly said their concern was funding of CPE at the level of the PSAP; his committee would rather strengthen the language to point PSAPs to hosted solutions in line with the Council's vision. Chris Kelly said his committee would like to take more time to draft appropriate language. Senator Francisco asked if imagery/GIS should be added to the policy, given the Council's interest in using funds to do it. Chris Kelly noted that it would make sense no to support local-level funding if the state effort moves forward, and no 911 purpose would be aided if a local level wanted to move from 12-inches to 6-inches, for example. Walt Way noted going to 6-inch images could be a local option. Chair Way asked the Technical Committee to revisit and return with a recommended grant fund philosophy in January. Action on this item was deferred on the proposal.

Chair Way turned to the Technical Committee report. Chris Kelly introduced the topic of the NG911 consulting services program, and asked Randall White to give the update. Randall White reported that the Mission Critical Partners contract is on schedule. He noted the upcoming meetings with MCP. He discussed the Interoperability Trade Study, which is looking at feasible alternatives for Kansas and will make a recommendation on which direction to go, to impact the detailed design that would follow. He said the specifications are due by March so PSAPs can apply for grants. The system design and network security starts on January 3, 2014. The GIS enhancement is 2-3 weeks behind schedule due to a large number of interested vendors that wanted to be involved. Randall White is doing interim program management and it is ahead of schedule because Walt Way got the program plan completed ahead of time. He noted that they are also under budget. The production program management RFP is on the street now. Randall White noted the budget numbers for FY2014 are currently just estimates; he walked through his budget handout with the Council. Randall White stressed that this is a medium- to high-risk project, due to dealing with leading-edge technology, the program's standards and policies that have not been decided or formalized yet, and these RFPs are cost-

plus. Randall White explained that the project was handled using Cost and Schedule Control System (CSCS). Vendors don't like CSCS because they are hobbled by it; contractors cannot work until they receive a task order. Contracts are awarded but no one does anything until a task order is issued; any work done without a task order is free. The task order will also deal with out-of-scope issues that will require review before approval. Task orders also require acceptance; meaning, actions must have a sign-off. Senator Francisco asked if the companies are expecting an overall timeframe for the projects. Randall White stated yes, there is an overall timeframe which is in the RFP based off of what is presently known. If there is a significant, unexpected change, then a change order will be issued, and more money will be expected from the vendors.

Chris Kelly gave an update on RFI for hosted 911 services. Site visits have been done. Chris Kelly said the committee was impressed with both vendors who conducted the site visits, and the RFIs are now on the Council's website. Chair Way asked if an outreach effort would be done to PSAPs to educate them on the RFIs. Chris Kelly noted Scott Ekberg has talked to the PSAPs that have been having issues.

Chris Kelly moved on to the contract recommendations for GIS Services and turned the issue over to Ivan Weichert for explanation. Ivan Weichert noted who was on the review team. They received and reviewed the vendor responses. They first looked at the technical proposal without examining the cost (part A). An initial group of 10 proposals was reduced to seven during that portion. The low bid was under \$300k, the high bid was under \$2M. Three final proposals were considered. Procurement rules prohibit Ivan Weichert from naming the entity he would recommend. The contract will be a fixed price, not to exceed \$999,000. Part B of the job was to review five vendors who responded on data remediation. The committee considered all five responses to be qualified. Ivan Weichert said no action is required at this time because of the timing -- the review committee needs info back from Part A first. Chris Kelly asked for questions. Chris Kelly noted the Technical Committee endorsed the Part A and Part C recommendations, and the use of the five vendors on Part B, and that the Council would only fund work done by the five. Jimmy Reed moved to accept the recommendation of the Technical Committee, which was seconded by Mike Napolitano. The motion passed.

Chris Kelly moved on to discussion on the continuation of program management services. Chris Kelly praised Randall White's work with the committee, and added that a lot of work is to come in 2014. The RFP just closed on Tuesday, so there is not much to report, other than there are five respondents to the RFP. Chair Way asked the expected date for a recommendation on the five vendors. Jay Coverdale suggested that mid-January would be the earliest date.

Chris Kelly asked Colonel Stratmann to give an update on FirstNet. Chris Stratmann noted there was no real operational conflict between Kansas and other states. They interviewed 12

applicants for outreach positions. The names cannot be given out yet but the person should start on or about January 1. Two separate outreach meetings are planned in February in the Salina area. Stakeholders can also sign up for info via the website. A statement of work will be written; funding was set aside for that effort. A grant administrator was hired, but has resigned and so the position needs to be filled again.

Ivan Weichert extended thanks to Jessica Frye for all her help.

Dennis Kriesel noted that Melissa Wangemann could not attend and that he was appearing in her absence. Dennis Kriesel went over the PSAP payments, and noted the third-quarter minimum payments. He explained the primary payments and the back payments. He reviewed the handout that explains the Council budget versus its actual expense. He explained that the audit of the LCPA had been completed by the CPA firm Summers, Spencer & Company with no concerns raised by the auditors. The lead CPA has been asked to present the audit to the Administrative Committee at the February meeting.

Scott Ekberg gave the Operations Committee report. He noted that the committee worked with Dennis Kriesel to make changes for the 2013 PSAP annual report to better capture relevant information. Scott Ekberg's time has mostly been spent on the three RFPs and the outreach work he has done with PSAPs. Michele Abbott noted Scott Ekberg would be giving some expenditure issues to Melissa Wangemann.

Chair Way asked for new business. Seeing none, he noted the next meeting is February 7, but that mid-January will see a scheduled teleconference to deal with the grant policy document, amendments of the 911 Act and the aerial imagery proposal.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 pm.