

Executive Summary of the January 10, 2014 911 Coordinating Council Teleconference

The purpose of this executive summary is to provide a more timely means of making stakeholders aware of activities and decisions of the 911 Coordinating Council. The document is intended to be informational and is not intended to replace the official minutes of the meetings. The official meeting minutes supersede any information contained herein.

On January 10, 2014, the 911 Coordinating Council conducted a teleconference meeting. During this meeting the following items were discussed:

1. The Council approved the December 6, 2013 meeting minutes. The minutes are available at <http://www.kansas911.org/105/Meeting-Minutes>.
2. The Legislative Post Audit report was completed on December 20, 2013 by Stone Carlie and has been submitted to the Post Audit Committee of the Kansas Legislature. The report will be formally presented to the Committee on January 22, 2014 at noon. The report establishes that 911 funds are being spent appropriately within the State and that the revenue created by 911 fees will most likely not be sufficient for migration to NG 911.
3. By statute, the Kansas 911 Act will be reviewed by the legislature this session. In light of this, a few proposed amendments to the legislation have been presented by the Council. These changes would, if adopted:
 - Create definitions of “911 call” and “911 system operator”. It was felt that these definitions needed to be added due to the diverse methods of contacting 911 that NG technology will bring. A change clarifying that a “service provider” may also be a “911 system operator” was also proposed.
 - Increase the voting membership of the Coordinating Council to 13 by removing the law enforcement officer appointment and adding a representative of the Kansas Sheriff’s Association and the Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police. Terms of the representatives would be changed accordingly.
 - Remove Kan-Ed representation, since Kan-Ed has basically disbanded, and change the Kansas Division of Information Systems and Communications (DISC) to the Kansas Office of Information Technology Services (OITS).
 - Allow for approval and extension of the LCPA contract by a super majority vote (9 of the 13 voting members) of the Coordinating Council, removing legislative coordinating council participation in the process.
 - Change the name of the house and senate committee to which the annual report of expenditures are submitted to reflect name changes of those committees.
 - Increase the authorized amount of administrative expenses of the Council from 1.5% to 2.5% of the total receipts from providers to increase budget authority for Council administration and projects. Also allows individuals

appointed to sub-committees of the Council, who are not Council members, to be reimbursed for meals and travel expenses for participation in the sub-committee meetings.

4. The 2014-2015 grant fund award philosophy and policy statement was adopted. For this grant period grant funds will be prioritized towards two major areas:
 - Design, implementation, operation and ongoing maintenance of the statewide ESInet, including required consulting and program management services, and any agreed upon operating costs by selected providers.
 - Conduct of statewide GIS Gap analysis, GIS database remediation work by contracted vendors, and Audit of GIS database remediation work. Included are agreed upon costs to operate a state level GIS database.

Provisions for granting PSAPs in urgent situations assistance in acquiring 911 CPE are also provided. The full text of the philosophy and policy statement are available at <http://www.kansas911.org/DocumentCenter/View/34>.

5. A statewide ortho imagery project has been proposed, which would acquire 12 inch digital ortho rectified imagery for the entire state. This imagery would be available to all levels of state and local government for use. The imagery would be acquired on a subscription basis, rather than a purchase basis, but could be downloaded or streamed for use by any governmental agency or a vendor contracted by a governmental agency to perform governmental work. The only prohibition on the use of the imagery would be the sale or gifting of the imagery. The GIS sub-committee had been tasked with making a recommendation in regard to this project. After presentation of their recommendation, the sub-committee was directed by the Council to perform three tasks in regard to this project:
 - Obtain a guest login to the vendor's website to review the imagery
 - Further investigate other options for acquiring imagery either through subscription or purchase and to investigate potential funding partnerships between the Council and other governmental agencies
 - Draft and publish a competitive RFP for acquiring statewide imagery

The GIS Sub-Committee report to the Council in regard to this project is available on at <http://www.kansas911.org/DocumentCenter/View/266>.

6. The Technical sub-committee provided an update on the infrastructure design project that is currently underway. The contractor for that project, Mission Critical Partners (MCP) conducted a trade study that compared the advantages and disadvantages of several options within four areas of focus. The Technical sub-committee reviewed the trade study with MCP and developed a recommendation for each of the focus areas. The sub-committee presented the findings of the trade study and their recommendations to the council. These recommendations are:

- In regard to physical network design, the committee recommended a hybrid design of a statewide ring with regional rings interconnected to it. This was seen as the most cost effective method.
- In regard to network monitoring and management, the committee recommended that a third party vendor be selected through an RFP process to provide overarching monitoring and management of the network. Governmental entities would be eligible to bid for this function.
- In regard to call handling solutions, the committee recommended a single manufacturer be selected for statewide deployment. This would be the most cost effective and manageable solution and provides great advantages in training and mutual aid provision.
- In regard to call handling architecture two options were presented, traditional hosted CPE and Software as a Service (SaaS). These two options were seen as equal in cost/benefit analysis and no recommendation was made toward either of the options.

The recommendations will guide further development of the NG911 Strategic Plan which is due in April of 2014. The strategic plan will provide more specific guidance to PSAPs regarding 911 equipment specifications. The Technical sub-committee report to the Council in regard to these recommendations is available at <http://www.kansas911.org/DocumentCenter/View/264>.

7. An update on the GIS Enhancement Project was provided. Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) were sent out to all of the PSAPs on Monday, January 6, 2014. As of the time of the teleconference, 29 of the MOUs had been received back. A white paper detailing the process and goals of the project was distributed with the MOU. This white paper is available at <http://www.kansas911.org/DocumentCenter/View/265> and additional informational documents will be posted in the very near future.
8. The next meeting of the Council will be held in Topeka on February 7, 2014.