

MINUTES
THURSDAY, JULY 01, 2021
TECHNOLOGY SERVICES COMMITTEE
OF OCONTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COURTHOUSE LEC CONFERENCE ROOM SOUTH ROOM #CR1389B
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(Draft minutes, not yet approved)

COMMITTEE PRESENT: Greg Sekela, Guy Gooding, Dick Doeren

COMMITTEE ABSENT: David Parmentier, Gary Frank

OTHERS PRESENT: Wayne Sleeter, Technology Services Director; Ashley Schaefer, Technology Support Specialist; Todd Skarban, County Sheriff

TIME MEETING BEGAN: 10:01 a.m.

1. Approval of Agenda

A. Change of Sequence – Motion by Doeren/Gooding to move 4H, 4K, and 5 to be discussed after 4B. The motion was voted on and carried.

B. Removal of Items – None.

Motion by Gooding/Doeren to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was voted on and carried.

2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting held June 3, 2021

Motion by Doeren/Gooding to approve the June 3, 2021 minutes. The motion was voted on and carried.

3. Communications – None.

4. Meet with TS Director

A. Discuss IP Radio Project

Sleeter reported that he is still working on negotiations with land owners. He has given an offer to an owner in Suring that was not accepted. Sleeter also reported that the ordinance for the Mountain tower passed, and the NVI tower has been approved. The courthouse tower is still being discussed and Sleeter is working with corp council on an agreement with Bertram. Sleeter is also negotiating with an Abrams land owner. Discussion followed. Informational only, no formal action taken.

B. Discuss Existing Towers T1 Costs

Sleeter reported that Centurylink raised the cost of the T1 lines. The current contract expired and Centurylink will not negotiate a new contract as they are trying to phase out these lines. Sleeter is looking at options and costs to move the T1 lines to Ethernet lines. Until a switch can happen, the county will need to continue to pay the higher cost. Discussion followed. Informational only, no formal action taken.

C. Update on S2 Panic Buttons

Sleeter reported that there is currently no new updates on this project. Informational only, no formal action taken

D. Discuss NVI Internet Options

Sleeter recommended on holding off looking for internet options and instead looking at the Bertram agreement for the new tower and negotiating the inclusion of an internet connection with the new tower. Discussion followed. Informational only, no formal action taken

E. Discuss Paperless Project

Sleeter reported that the LAW committee received their tablets, and Highway committee will be getting theirs this week. Discussion followed. Committee asked to have the file names looked at to make sure they are uniform. Informational only, no formal action taken

F. Update on Budget Meetings

Sleeter reported that he has met with all departments to discuss the technology costs and budget for 2022. Sleeter went over a summary of notes from each meeting. Discussion followed. Committee members asked for a copy of the notes to be sent to them. Informational only, no formal action taken

G. Discuss Hot Mix Plant Tower

Sleeter reported that Bertram is interested in putting up a tower at the Highway hot mix plant. Sleeter is working with Corp Council on a negotiation. Informational only, no formal action taken

H. Update on Spillman Heat Mapping

Sheriff Skarban reported that heat mapping has been working and will start to roll out to the municipalities this fall. The sheriff is excited about the program and looking forward to the many uses of the new product. Liz from the sheriff department will present a demo of the program to the committee at the next meeting. Discussion followed. Informational only, no formal action taken

I. Update on Land Conservation Network

Sleeter reported that land conservation has been moved to fiber and is working great. He will be removing the old equipment next time he is in Lena. Informational only, no formal action taken

J. Discuss Zoning GCS Software

Sleeter reported that the permits are online. Final testing is happening tomorrow. Overall project is going well. Informational only, no formal action taken

K. Discuss 911 Issues

Sleeter reported that 911 has been down since Friday. Calls still come in, however caller information like location does not. Sleeter is working with the vendors to get the issue resolved. At&T are redoing circuit to see if that fixes. Dispatch is prepped to send workers to Marinette to take calls if needed. Right now, one dispatcher is stationed at Marinette to take county calls, and then sends the call back to Oconto dispatch to complete. Discussion followed. Sleeter also praised the dispatch team on how well they have been handling and working with the situation. Informational only, no formal action taken

L. Discuss Internet Grants

Sleeter reported that he has been working with OCEDC on plans to improve internet in Oconto County. Spectrum has received a grant to run fiber through the entire county. Discussion followed. Wayne to send committee members the ardof link as well as find out how spectrum plans to connect physical houses to the fiber lines and if there will be costs associated with the connection to home owners. Informational only, no formal action taken

M. Discuss Commission on Aging

Sleeter reported that he met with Elora from the Commission on Aging. He is giving them recommendations on how to straighten up their computer and phone issues. Discussion followed. Informational only, no formal action taken

5. Approve TS Job Descriptions

Sleeter handed out two new TS job descriptions for 2022. Current TS employee Tim, would move to the new networking position full time, and current sheriff employee Liz, would move to a full time TS position for a public safety/forensics position. Discussion followed. Motion by Doeren/Frank to approve the two new positions as presented and to forward them to Personnel and wages committee in July. The motion was voted on and carried.

6. Approve Phone System Upgrade

Sleeter is asking to reallocate money that is in the capital budget that was for the imaging project, and moving it to be used to update the current phone system. The current phone system is nearing end of life and is now more of a priority over the imaging system. Discussion followed. Sleeter is unsure of total cost to update the phone system. Motion by Gooding/Doeren to allow Wayne to get a quote and put a plan together for updating the phone system. Then the project can come back for approval by committee. The motion was voted on and carried.

7. Announcements /General Information – None.

8. Set Next Meeting Dates

Next meeting set for August 5, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

9. Adjournment

Chair Sekela declared the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Ashley Schaefer, Recorder

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