

## REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

JUNE 29, 2011, 10:00 A.M.

NCTCOG TRANSPORTATION BOARD ROOM  
FIRST FLOOR

### Minutes

#### **INTRODUCTIONS**

Members who brought others outside the committee were introduced as well as visitors sitting in the galley.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

- Project 25 Regional Overlay System, Long Range Plan
  - Members were sent the plan prior to the meeting and asked to review it. CJ Holt explained that this plan was centered on the Overlay and, if funding were available, how the system would be built out throughout the 16 counties of the Region. Commissioner Bill Dodson asked if it would help with Narrowbanding and CJ Holt stated it would not. Pat McMacken pointed out that the initial impression from Washington is that grants will be cut by at least 50% next year making it difficult to fund an outward move of the system unless another revenue stream was found. Fred Keithley pointed out that all possibilities would be evaluated.
    - Motion to Approve made by Pat McMacken, City of Irving
    - Second By Craig Rudolph, City of Red Oak
    - All members in favor, none against.
- Regional Interoperable Communications Plan-2
  - Members were sent the plan prior to the meeting and asked to review it. CJ Holt explained that this report would be sent to DPS who would use the contents to prepare a statewide report for the Texas Legislature. The proposed plan is a high level view of what it would take to migrate all agencies to a Project 25 trunked radio system throughout the region by 2015, including all costs of procurement and installation. CJ Holt also explained that this was aimed only at municipal public safety agencies for this round and that additional
    - Motion to Approve by Gerard Eads, City of Arlington
    - Second by Pat McMacken, City of Irving
    - All members in favor, none against.

- Overlay Modifications Sub-committee
  - Chairman Cinquemani explained that a small subcommittee was needed to focus specifically on items related to the Overlay System. These items could include adding and removal of talkgroups, evaluation of policies, recommending funding for the Overlay, and looking at users fees. The committee would not supersede the authority of the Governance Committee but would prevent the larger committee from having to meet every few weeks to look at Overlay issues. Staff recommended using members from the site and switch owners (DFW Airport, City of Dallas, Collin County, Denton County and City of Fort Worth) plus the Texas Department of Public Safety and the NCTCOG. NCTCOG would be a non-voting member. Additional personnel who volunteered for the committee included Gerard Eads (Arlington), Benny Nelson (Richardson) and Barry Turner (Frisco).
    - Motion to approve formation of the Committee Jeff Haislett, East Texas Medical Center EMS
    - Second by Steve Carter, City of Lewisville
    - All members in favor, none against.

## **PROGRESS REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- State Communications Interoperability Plan: Focus Group Strategies **CC and CJ**
  - CJ Holt, NCTCOG Staff, explained that the state of Texas required that each county participate in a SCIP Focus Group Session. In the past he explained, the data was collected via online surveys with limited responses. Staff would try to cluster several counties together and would hold meetings in those counties. Volunteers who wanted to hold the meetings were encouraged to contact CJ.
- Update on Overlay System,..... and, What Is It to Be Called?
  - Fred Keithley, NCTCOG Staff, began by pointing out that the Overlay System might need a name. The term Overlay System was too generic and might cause some confusion. Members were encouraged to submit names for possible use. CJ Holt, NCTCOG Staff, also pointed out that over 3000 radio IDs had been issued for use on the overlay system at that point in time. He further pointed out that the system would be opened up very soon to additional potential agencies who wanted to use it.
- “Thank you” to the Search Committee/Members rolling off:
  - Chairman Cinquemani thanked the members of the Search Committee for submitting names to Staff for possible selection on the Governance Committee as some of the members have served their time on the committee. Fred Keithley, NCTCOG Staff, noted that bringing new personnel onto the committee brings new ideas and fresh “eyes” to look at the projects. Members who were interested in staying on the committee were encouraged to notify staff that they were interested in being considered for reappointment.
- Recognition of Jim Baron
  - Jim Baron, Consultant, was honored for his hard work with the NCTCOG throughout his many years with RCC Consulting with a presentation of an honorary elevator pass thanking him from his many years of selfless service to the region.

## **MORE NEW BUSINESS**

- No new business was brought before the committee

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- No old business was brought before the committee

### **ADJOURN**

- Motion to Adjourn made by Pat McMacken, City of Irving
- Second By Gerard Eads, City of Arlington
- All members in favor, none against.

Members in Attendance: 20 of 38

Patrick Adams, City of Mineral Wells  
Steve Carter, City of Lewisville  
Charles Cinquemani, DFW Airport  
David Davis, Rockwall County  
Bill Dodson, Ellis County  
Gerard Eads, City of Arlington  
Jeff Haislett, ETMC EMS  
Derrell McCravey, Somervell County  
Pat McMacken, City of Irving  
Jonathan Morgan, City of Garland  
Benny Nelson, City of Richardson  
Michael Price, City of Dallas  
Jimmy Roland, City of Mesquite  
Craig Rudolph, City of Red Oak  
Shawn Scott, Parker County  
Dennis Story, DART  
Steve Streiffert, City of Fort Worth  
Mark Weathersby, Dallas County  
Rick White, City of Wylie  
Alan Williams, Denton County