

At a Regular Meeting of the 911 Communications Oversight Committee on Monday, March 14, 2022, at 1:30 p.m., in the Commission Chambers of City Hall located at 300 South 5th Street. The following Committee members were present: Dr. Irvin Smith, Carol Gault, Jewel Jones, Eddie Jones and Kevin Kauffeld (5). Chairperson Kevin Kauffeld presided.

Also present were Police Chief Brian Laird; Fire Chief Steve Kyle; Finance Director Jon Perkins; and Communications Manager Pam Spencer.

City Clerk Lindsay Parish took the minutes of the meeting.

APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Eddie Jones offered motion, seconded by Mr. Jewel Jones to approve minutes for February 28, 2022. All in favor.

REVIEW MOU & INFORMATION GATHERED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairperson Kevin Kauffeld lead the Committee through a review of the Memorandum of Understanding which formed the 911 Communications Oversight Committee.

Funding

The Committee agreed that of the things that the Committee has been charged with, the funding is the most critical. Commissioner Gault will have Stacey Blankenship present at the next meeting of the Committee on all potential funding vehicles (water meters, parcels, etc.) and the pros and cons of each.

Commissioner Eddie Jones provided a copy of the Marshall County Ordinance which provides for funding by charging \$7 per electric meter. The Ordinance is currently in litigation. Commissioner Eddie Jones commented that he liked Section 4 of the Marshall County Ordinance related to a due process route.

Upgrades for Special Fire Districts

The Committee discussed whether all entities should be brought up to a 800 MHz system and whether that cost should be included in the capital expenditure. The Committee discussed the needs of the Special District Fire Departments and Mercy Health. The Committee concluded that it is not necessary for Mercy Health to be included or on an 800 MHz system.

Commissioner Carol Gault offered motion, seconded by Commissioner Eddie Jones that the board make part of their recommendation to the City Commission and Fiscal Court that radios for special district fire departments be included in the capital expenditure.
All in favor.

Timeline

Chairperson Kauffeld made a comment about the February 1st deadline contained in the MOU. The Committee will continue to work as quickly as possible toward recommendations for the McCracken County Fiscal Court and Paducah City Commission.

RFP Process

The Committee discussed moving forward with an RFP process.

Police Chief Brian Laird will request a quote from Federal Engineering for assistance with the RFP process. Once an RFP is issued, there will likely be about 2 months before bids would be back for review.

Dr. Irvin Smith offered motion, seconded by Chairperson Kevin Kauffeld that the committee recommend to the Fiscal Court and City Commission to proceed with an RFP process for a 6-tower system. All in Favor.

OTHER 911 DISCUSSION

Kentucky State Police Model Discussion

The Committee discussed having the Kentucky State Police come to a future meeting to talk about a potential partnership. The Committee agreed that it would be good to have someone come at a future meeting, but not the meeting on March 28th

ADJOURN

Mr. Jewel Jones offered motion, seconded by Dr. Irvin Smith to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:06 p.m.

ADOPTED: March 28, 2022