

Illinois P25 Working Group
March 9th, 2023 Meeting Minutes 9:30 A.M.
Moline Police Department's Community Room
1640 6th Ave. Moline, IL 61265
Project Manager Sheriff Darren Hart Presiding

Attendees: Jeff Ramsey, Doug Maxeiner, Steve Regenwether, Bob Vitas, Matt Franks, Chris Johnson, Steve Seiver, Darren Hart, and Ron Erickson.

Absent: Mark VanKlaveren, John Winters, and Jamie Morris

Public: Darren Gault, Derek Radosevich and Jason Kratt

1. Approval of the Minutes from the February 9th, 2023 meeting:

Motion made by Steve Seiver, seconded by Doug Maxeiner: Roll call voice vote taken, motion carried.

9- Yes and 0 No

2. Approval of the March 9th, 2023 Financial Report as Presented:

Motion made by Bob Vitas, seconded by Doug Maxeiner: Roll call vote by municipality taken, motion carried.

5- Yes and 0 No

3. OLD BUSINESS:

A) **Final Site Inspections- TNCG:** The True North Consulting Group (TNCG) has gone out to most of the sites and will finish the rest soon. They are conducting final site inspections, verifying the sites are clean and making sure that any surplus equipment is accounted for. The storage cabinets for our sites have been grounded by RACOM.

B) **Agency Migration Update:** Cordova has opted to buy 10-15 more portables. Hillsdale and Coal Valley Fire Departments have taken delivery of their equipment. Silvis Fire, Andalusia Fire and Illinois City Fire are taking delivery of their equipment. Sherrard plans on buying new devices. We anticipate 250-300 devices that will be added to this network. This will help bring in revenue to offset costs of ongoing maintenance. DEA has asked permission to use East and West A primary talk group and narcotics talk groups. Chief Gault and Ramsey approved such.

- C) **Volunteer FD- Fire Paging Update:** We held a productive meeting on February 27th with all of the volunteer fire departments. The larger primary full time fire departments are actively using this new paging system. Coal Valley Fire has been migrated over and we are conducting testing with them successfully. Every agency that attended this meeting has requested that we start migration. Cordova Fire is currently being migrated.
- D) **Radio Issues:** We are having some issues with the current Harris firmware. We are expecting an update soon to correct these issues. Portable radios currently placed in their chargers need to be “cycled” off then back on as transmissions might be missed. Moline had an issue that has been forwarded as well with portable radios being in close proximity (one with a lapel mic and one without) and the transmission was unreadable. RACOM is aware of this situation and several other issues.
- E) **BDA Updates- RIPD:** RACOM and CEC is on site today and are in the process of updating this system.
- F) **QCICC Fiber vs. Microwave Discussion:** RACOM advised that our best course of action is to utilize microwave. Fiber has always been our failure point. Fiber requires an outside entity (3rd party vendor) to manage that system for our use at a large expense. Line of sight between towers is important for microwave. We are exploring this option at this time and will report back their findings.
- G) **Back-up Generator Update:** Rock Island County took delivery of a trailer mounted generator. It was purchased by Rock Island County but can be used for each tower site. The purchase of a power cord that will run from that generator to our sites has been quoted at \$1680 dollars through Lakewood Electric. It is a fifty-foot cord with the proper cam lock attachment for the sites. A motion was made to purchase this cord, not to exceed \$2000.

Motion made by Doug Maxeiner, seconded by Matt Franks: Roll call voice vote taken, motion carried.

9- Yes and 0 No

4. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **BDA Integration RICSO (Johnson Control Bids):** A proposal from Johnson Controls was received to integrate the fire panel at the sheriff’s office. The cost to integrate into the fire panel itself will cost \$6419.92 A second part of the bid is from Tri-City and that is to run some electrical wiring at a cost of about \$5,000. The sheriff’s

office will cover the cost of Tri-City. A motion was made to accept the Johnson Controls cost.

Motion made by Bob Vitas, seconded by Doug Maxeiner: Roll call voice vote taken, motion carried.

9- Yes and 0 No

- B. **Succession Planning for IL P25 Project:** It is prudent to discuss the future of the IL P25 Project. The sheriff's office holds the IGA and processes the billing. Logically the sheriff's office should remain heavily involved in the future management. Sheriff Hart, as the current project manager, will need to transition a new manager of the project in at some point. This may stay internal or even potentially the board may have to look at an outside entity to continue management of the project. Monthly meetings will not be a necessity at some point; they can eventually be reduced to quarterly meetings.

5. **IA/IL Advisory Group Meeting: March 22nd, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.**

6. **Public Comment:** Chief Gault had questions about the ownership of the system as it pertains to their agency auditing. This was discussed amongst meeting participants.

7. **NEXT MEETING:**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, April 13th, 2023 starting at 9:30 a.m.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion made by Matt Franks, seconded by Bob Vitas: A voice vote was taken and the motion carried for adjournment.

9- Yes and 0 No