

## Public Safety Committee Minutes

February 13, 2008 – 2:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Thompson; Supervisors Grattidge, Jenkins, Lawler, Veitch and Yepsen; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Jim Bowen, Sheriff; Paul Lent, Ed Tremblay Emergency Services; League of Women Voters; Press.

Chairman Thompson called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

**On a motion made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mr. Jenkins the minutes of the January 9, 2008 meeting were approved unanimously.**

The Sheriff's monthly report was distributed to all committee members for their review.

Mr. Lent said bids went out for three new towers as part of the Radio System upgrade. These three sites are in the towns of Providence, Milton and Mt. McGregor. The low bidder for the towers was Sabre Communications Corporation of Sioux City, Iowa for a total of \$20,870. The bid includes the purchase of the tower, engineering documents and shipping.

**A motion was made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mr. Veitch to authorize the Chairman to enter into an agreement with Sabre Towers for the purchase of three towers at a cost not to exceed \$209,870. Unanimous.**

Mr. Lent said the county has to vacate the current microwave license because it was sold at the FCC auction. The purchaser of the license was T-Mobile. T-Mobile has agreed to pay the County to \$598,000 to move to another band. For a number of reasons, one of which is time, the county went to Alcatel-Lucent, and asked them to provide a quote off the state contract to replace the system as it exists today, with a new 6GHz digital system. The price for the four-site/three path microwave system is \$543,501.

Mr. Lent requested a resolution to support a contract with Alcatel-Lucent for the purchase of microwave equipment.

**A motion was made by Mr. Yepsen, seconded by Mr. Jenkins to authorize the chairman to enter into an agreement with Alcatel Lucent to purchase a four (4) site – three (3) path microwave system at a cost not to exceed \$543,501. Unanimous.**

Mr. Lent said bids were received for the purchase of 12 communications shelters to be used at each of the sites in the new radio system. The shelters will house all the necessary radio equipment and back up generators at each site. The bid has been structured so that delivery of the shelters does not need to be all at once. We can

purchase off the contract over the next year as we need a shelter for each site completed, he said.

The lowest compliant bidder was CSI Shelter Technologies of Londonderry, NH. Their bid for the 12 shelters as called for in the specification, included shipping and crane services to set the shelter for a total of \$1,010,725. There were five bidders in all, with bid ranges from \$75,805, plus shipping and setting to \$147,179 for each shelter. The high bid was \$1,766,148 for 12 shelters.

Mr. Thompson asked how long these prices would be effective. Mr. Lent said, through the first quarter of 2009.

**A motion was made by Mr. Lawler, seconded by Mr. Grattidge to approve a bid from CSI Shelter Technologies of Londonderry, NH in the amount of \$1,766,148 for the purchase of twelve shelters for discussion.**

Mr. Lawler said if you purchase something, you then cannot include that in a bond resolution. There is between \$4 million and \$6 million that doesn't have an appropriated financing source. Is this going to be taken out of the unappropriated reserve or is the option going to be to bond the project in part or whole to finance the construction? If the project is going to be bonded in whole, it is important to note that whatever is spent today, it most likely cannot be included in the bond resolution.

Mr. Lent said the cost to purchase two shelters would be approximately \$170,000. The shelters would be located in the Towns of Milton and Providence.

Mr. Lawler suggested amending the resolution to purchase two shelters at this time, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.

**A motion was made by Mr. Lawler, seconded by Mr. Grattidge to amend the prior motion and approve and agreement with CSI Shelter Technologies of Londonderry, NH in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 for the purchase of two communication shelters for the Towns of Milton and Providence. Unanimous.**

Mr. Lawler suggested that if there was \$8 million to \$6 million left in the appropriated fund balance, and we know there is a \$4 to \$6 million need beyond that, we will have to finance it anyway. If you are going to finance \$6 million of it, plus the Public Safety Building, etc. it would make sense to look at the total costs. He suggested looking into bonding the projects as a whole.

Mr. Lent requested an amendment to the Blue Wing Services Contract for \$22,500. This is a cost that has to be made filing frequency coordination engineering documents for the FCC. Now that the sites have been all planned and agreed upon, the licensing needs to be revised. Some sites have been added and some taken away through the process. Blue Wing Services will work on behalf of the County with the Association of Public Safety Communications Officers, designed by the FCC as the frequency coordination agency.

**A motion was made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mr. Jenkins to authorize the Chairman to enter into an agreement with Blue Wing Services to provide technical and engineering services needed to obtain licenses at a total cost of \$22,500. Unanimous.**

Mr. Tremblay distributed the Fire Services Report for the month of February to all committee members for their review. The State Fire Training for the month consisted of a Firefighter II course, and an Incident Command System Intermediate –I300.

The Activities for the month included: A Barn Fire on Western Avenue in the Town of Charlton; two fires in the town of Greenfield on Lester Lane and Allen Road; Multiple agencies were requested to respond to a fire in a warehouse located on Route 29 in Broadalbin.

**On a motion made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mr. Jenkins the meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Sansom