

## AMENDED SPECIAL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 13, 2006 – 4:30 P.M.

Present: Chairman Lawler; Supervisors Barrett, Grattidge Janik, M. Johnson, Trottier, Lucia and Yepsen; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Paul Lent, Emergency Services; John Bergeron, Taxpayer; Barbara Murphy, League of Women Voters; Press.

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

Mr. Lent gave a brief overview of a meeting he attended with the APA regarding revisions to the Lake View Site as follows: He said a meeting was held with the APA at the new proposed location at Lake View. Balloon simulation flights were done, and based on what was seen today and photos that were presented, the initial reaction was very favorable, he said. It was thought to be a big improvement over what the APA thought may have been a concern with the other site. After the initial review, there was a very positive feedback, he said. We are going to work with all due diligence and the APA is going to assist to hopefully have this in front of the Commissioners at the November meeting.

Mr. Lawler said based on the time line that the APA suggested to Mr. Lent in terms of providing information to them so that we could, in fact, be on the November agenda; we feel pretty confident that we can get done what has been asked of us in the time frame, with the expectation of being on the November agenda.

Mr. Lawler said the meeting dates are scheduled for November 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> and all committee members will be notified and are encouraged to attend.

Mr. Lawler said this is a matter of public safety, it is not a matter of just being able to make a cell phone call or a matter of convenience. We have done everything we can do and have taken every suggestion they have given us. I believe that we have met the threshold of being substantially invisible both in the letter and spirit of the law and that is the guideline. Hopefully the spirit of cooperation and compromise that we have established with APA will pay off with our being on the November agenda, and the draft permit.

Mr. Lent said a lot of the questions that were asked in the first round now go away because we have taken care of the Lake View site. Some of that homework goes away with some new work being added with the new site.

Mr. Grattidge asked if the idea is to put an RFP out to obtain a price so that if the people who are working on the budget for next year wanted to think about whether it would fit in. If we don't get into the cycle of the budget, we lose another year, he said.

Mr. Trottier said it is a very good system and I think it will fit the counties needs throughout the whole county. Every municipality, if they want to utilize it for whatever reason, they certainly have the authority to do that whether it is a boil water effort, water main break, or bridge or road out.

Mr. Grattidge asked, are we looking at if it was established at the countywide level that each municipality would decide how they would want to use it?

Mr. Lawler said, that is what we were looking at, it is a countywide program.

Mr. Lent said he has put it together and made it as generic and non-specific as possible to accommodate some of the vendors that are out there. The only item that is not on there is a date for return, he said.

Mr. Lawler asked what the committee's pleasure would be for a return date? He suggested 30 days.

Mr. Lent said he has talked to several vendors who have assured him that it is a very quick turnaround.

Mr. Lent said from a landline count, the last count received from 911 was 131,000 access lines that are active in the county with a population of approximately 200,000.

Mr. Lawler said, for purposes of flushing this thing out, lets do the RFP and see what we get.

Mr. Barrett asked what kind of response was given to 911 number checks.

Mr. Lent said they are averaging well over 100 a day. Approximately 340 calls have come in in the last week and there were only seventeen errors, he said. Most errors that are taking place are with other than the franchised phone providers, he said.

Mr. Lawler asked Mr. Lent if he had the names and addresses to move forward with the RFP? Mr. Lent said, yes, but he would have to go through Mr. Pratt.

Mr. Lawler said the return date would be a week before the next meeting.

**On a motion made by Mr. Trottier, seconded by Mr. Barrett the meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Sansom