

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE**  
**Radio Communications Sub-Committee of the JUSTICE COMMITTEE**  
**March 10, 2011**

The Radio Communications Sub-Committee met in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting Room in the Court House in the City of Dodgeville on Thursday, March 10, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. and was called to order by Chair C.L. Anderson.

Roll Call – Members Present: B. Cushman, E. Drachenburg, D. Nankee, E. Weaver, and C.L. Anderson. Absent: J. Thomas. Several additional board members, numerous fire and ems personnel, and employees attended.

The meeting certification notice was read.

Approval of Agenda for March 10, 2011 meeting – Weaver moved; Drachenburg seconded.  
**Approved**

Approval of November 30, 2010 meeting minutes – Drachenburg moved; Nankee seconded.  
**Approved**

Open Session – No comments

This meeting consisted of several updates --

- 1) Kimball Testing –Keith Hurlbert shared that Kimball, an independent consulting company, had completed their testing, but as of today the results have not been shared with OJA or Iowa County.  
Iowa County remains in contention for funding. It was recently learned that OJA has ranked Sawyer and Kewaunee Counties as #1 and #2 for the WISCOM funding. Iowa County is ranked #3. All three are working with E.F. Johnson.
- 2) It was reported that at the February 15, 2011 Iowa County Board meeting, there was a motion to authorize the Justice Committee recommendation to move forward on a Public Safety Communication Solution under the following framework:
  - The initial portable radio coverage of a new system not be less than 80% with a goal of 95% by the year 2015 dependent on available funding.
  - The system will be a Digital/Trunking, two Hybrid Channel, 5-site simulcast paging, 300 foot tower solution (EF Johnson Proposal #2)
  - Project cost not to exceed \$1.5 million contingent on the matching grant funds from the Office of Justice Assistance Grant program.
- 3) Sheriff Michek reported on work being done to enhance the current radio system. The initial study was completed and changes will be made.
- 4) K. Hurlbert reported on the testing that has been done with the two active Iowa County Towers (Highland and Blue Mounds). Coverage maps were shown and consistently gaps existed around the Mineral Point area and northwest corner of the county. The testing revealed that the coverage maps are very accurate. Additionally, when the Outer Band was added and that consists of towers in Richland County, Grant County and Sauk County, the coverage improved to over 95%. There was discussion about whether or not a tower in the Darlington area was in this outer band and could be used. A new 300 foot tower in Dodgeville would be needed for

the equipment and this has been in the proposals. A 300 foot tower has been identified as the desirable height – there would be no benefit for it being taller.

There was discussion about WISCOM subscriber fees 2015 and beyond. There would probably be a subscriber fee of \$50 per radio annually.

- 5) In the Governor's budget released March 1, there is \$1,062,200 for WISCOM in FY12 and \$421,700 in FY13. Primarily the WISCOM funding comes from OJA

Drachenburg moved; Cushman seconded that if the stipulations as authorized can be met, Iowa County needs to move ahead with what has been proposed. **Approved**

There was some discussion about what happens if the OJA Grant funding doesn't come through.

A next meeting is dependent on what happens in the next few weeks. Weaver suggested a sub-committee meeting that includes all of the invited fire and EMS personnel be held in concert with a regular Justice Committee meeting.

Weaver moved to adjourn; Drachenburg seconded. **Approved**

7:35 p.m.