Bonner County Communications Advisory Board (BCCAB) Minutes

A Regular Meeting of the Bonner County Communications Advisory Board (BCCAB) was held on Thursday, April 13th, 2017, at 1:30 p.m., in the Sheriff's Office Training Room.

Attendance: Bob Howard, Dan McDonald, Daryl Wheeler, Les Kokanos, Marcus Robbins, Mike Nielsen, Pam Finley, Shannon Mitchell, Trace Drumwright.

I. Call To Order – The meeting was called to order at 1:31 p.m. by chair Wheeler.

II. Adoption of Agenda and Minutes.

Mike Nielsen moved to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded and all were in favor.

Bob Howard moved to adopt the minutes. The motion was seconded and all were in favor.

III. Old Business

A. Update on Little Blacktail / Generator Purchase - Marcus Robbins

We could not access the Little Blacktail site because of accessibility conditions.
Marcus has been in contact with American Tower at the Little Blacktail communication site, however, American Tower is struggling with information, such as the address of the site. It is probable they will not allow another generator without charging for it.
TransCanada is liquidating their equipment. We are making arrangements so the county can stay in the building.
Clark Fork was our second choice as a location for the generator, however, the landowner has not given us permission. The county should pursue the Clark Fork site as a possibility.
Marcus was able to find a Kohler generator for just under $13,000 including the transfer switch.

IV. New Business

A. Discussion/recommendation of projects to fund from the BHS grant money - Daryl Wheeler

Whatever projects we recommend must benefit all Bonner County Public Safety entities.

Bob Howard stated $27,000 in available grant funds.

Sheriff Wheeler presented documents from Industrial Communications for a radio console project and an antenna install for the public safety mobile command center. Mike Nielsen made a motion to spend $8,000 of the grant money for the mobile command unit. The motion was seconded. All were in favor.

Les Kokanos put in for a $15,000 diesel generator for Priest River, diesel. However, the county can't put diesel generators on communication sites, so he will have to utilize it elsewhere.

Priest Lake ambulance needs handheld replacement radios. Industrial produced a quote for 8 radios for $6,090. Would be part of the EMS contract.

The grant money needs to be spent and in our possession by June 1st.

Bob Howard stated he would like to obtain a 700 MHz dual band radio for Emergency Management. The estimate for this radio is $4,746.33.

Bob Howard made a motion for Emergency Management to obtain a dual band radio for multi agency support. The motion was seconded. All were in favor.

Currently, $8,000 is to be committed to the mobile command unit, $6,000 to Emergency Management's dual band radio, and $13,000 for a generator. A Special Meeting will need to be called at the end of April because of the grant deadline of June 1st.

At 2:05 p.m. Bob Howard made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and all were in favor.

Shannon Mitchell, BCCAB secretary