

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHEYENNE COUNTY  
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER AUTHORITY BOARD**

The Cheyenne County Emergency Communications Center Authority Board held an open and public meeting on December 18, 2023 in the Cheyenne County Commissioners Meeting Room, Cheyenne County Court House, 1000-10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Sidney, Nebraska. A notice of this meeting was published on December 7, 2023 in the Sidney Sun-Telegraph, posted on the bulletin board in the County Court House and on the Cheyenne County website. A copy of the Agenda was posted on the Court House bulletin board and on the Cheyenne County website, transmitted to each member and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

Chairman Darrell Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M., with the following members present: Darrell Johnson, David Scott, Adam Frerichs and Tim Smith. Absent: Joe Aikens. Also present were Communications Center Director Heidi Gillespie and Deputy Director Monique Christensen.

Chairman Johnson announced a current copy of the Open Meetings Law is posted in the Commissioners Meeting Room.

The Minutes of the meetings on July 17, 2023, were reviewed. A motion was made by Frerichs, seconded by Smith to approve the Minutes as written. Roll Call: Aye: Johnson, Smith, Frerichs, Scott. Nay: None. Absent: Aikens.

The current Agenda was reviewed. A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Frerichs to approve the Agenda as written. Roll Call: Aye: Johnson, Scott, Smith, Frerichs. Nay: None. Absent: Aikens.

Director Gillespie gave the following updates on the Communication Center activities:

1. There is a back-up response plan if there is no ambulance service available from Morrill County;
2. Morrill County Emergency Medical Services and the Sidney Fire Department have entered into an automatic aid assistance plan;
3. The frequency the ambulance uses for their Med 9 Radio is in need of replacement. The license is held by the Sidney Regional Medical Center who is aware of this need.

The South Central Regional Phones Group Interlocal Agreement was reviewed. After consideration, a motion was made by Scott, seconded by Frerichs to approve this Agreement. Roll Call: Aye: Frerichs, Smith, Scott, Johnson. Nay: None. Absent: Aikens.

Next, Director Gillespie gave an update on the radio project. All of the equipment has arrived. Training on this equipment will begin in January 2024 with expectations to go live by July 1, 2024.

Director Gillespie then informed the Board of a new software platform known as Rapid SOS. She explained the advantages this software would provide. The cost of this project would be approximately \$4,500.00 which would be paid out of the Wireless 911 Fund.

Cheyenne County Treasurer Bowlin advised the Board that the Certificate of Deposit is due in January 2024 and stated the differences in interest between a 1-year term at 5% versus a 3-year term at 3.5%. It was agreed it would be advantageous to go with the highest rate of interest at this time.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:57 P.M.

Lori Kennedy  
Recording Secretary