

**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 January 17, 2023 in the Cheyenne County Commissioners Meeting Room, Cheyenne County Court House, 1000-10th Avenue, Sidney, Nebraska. A notice of this meeting was published 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, Joe Aikens and Tim Smith. Also present were Communications Center Director Heidi Gillespie and Beth Fiegenschuh.

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

The Minutes of the meeting on October 17, 2022 were reviewed. A motion was made by Frerichs, seconded by Aikens to approve the Minutes as written. Roll Call: Aye: Johnson, Scott, Frerichs, Aikens, Smith. Nay: None.

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

The term of Tim Smith, Member at Large on the Communications Center Authority Board, expired on December 31, 2022. A motion was made by Aikens, seconded by Frerichs to reappoint Tim Smith to the Authority Board as Member at Large with his term to run from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024. Roll Call: Aye: Frerichs, Aikens, Smith, Johnson, Scott. Nay: None.

Casey Kantor, Transportation Director for the City of Sidney, and Lane Kizzier, Chief Financial Officer for the City of Sidney, discussed dispatching for the City of Sidney transportation bus. No action was taken.

Next, the Board addressed the By-Laws. Director Gillespie was directed to contact County Attorney Paul Schaub for review.

The United States Air Force has requested to have access to local radio frequencies for emergency use only during incidents that may occur on or near any missile silo locations in Cheyenne County. After a discussion, a motion was made by Frerichs, seconded by Aikens to allow the Air Force access to local radio frequencies for

emergency use only as requested. Roll Call: Aye: Aikens, Smith, Johnson, Scott, Frerichs. Nay: None.

Director Gillespie then updated the Board on Center activities. Gillespie reported that there is an immediate need to replace the primary server. The server is becoming unreliable. When a new primary server is purchased, the current server will become the backup server. Gillespie stated the new server could be purchased using the cell phone surcharge fees. A motion was made by Scott, seconded by Frerichs to purchase a new server to be paid from the cell phone surcharge fees. Roll Call: Aye; Smith, Johnson, Scott, Frerichs, Aikens. Nay: None.

Director Gillespie has reached out to the Village Boards from the Village of Lodgepole and the Village of Potter inquiring if there would be money available to aid in the purchase of a new console. Neither Village had any available funds.

Gillespie stated that she is submitting an application to request Homeland Security grant funds. She also reached out to the Buckley Trust Board. The Board stated that it would be necessary to approach the Board only after all other resources have been exhausted.

There was a discussion regarding the funding of a new console. The possibility of the City and County utilizing the ARPA funds was explored.

Gillespie stated that it is necessary to upgrade the windows operating system for the radios. The current operating system is no longer supported. A motion was made by Frerichs, seconded by Aikens to approve the purchase of the windows upgrade for the radios. Roll Call: Aye: Johnson, Scott, Frerichs, Aikens, Smith. Nay: None.

The next regular meeting of the Authority Board is scheduled for April 17, 2023 at 1:30 P.M., in the Cheyenne County Commissioners Meeting Room, Cheyenne County Court House, 1000 10th Avenue, Sidney, Nebraska.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:16 P.M.

Beth E. Fiegenschuh
Recording Secretary