

**Meeting of the Starcomm Executime Board
with Technical Committee
January 10, 2024**

Starcomm **Executive Board** Members Present

Ed Mahon, Police Chief, South Sioux City, NE
Rex Mueller, Police Chief, Sioux City, Acting Board Chair
Mark Nelsen, Woodbury County Supervisor
Scott Pack, Police Chief, Sergeant Bluff
Bob Scott, Mayor, Sioux City

Executive Board Absent

Sara Beatty, 911 Coordinator, Union County, SD
Tom Everett, Fire Chief, Sioux City, Board Chair
Richard Headid, Police Chief, North Sioux City, SD
Chris Kleinberg, Sheriff, Dakota County, NE
Dan Limoges, Sheriff, Union County, SD
Chad Sheehan, Sheriff, Woodbury County

STARComm **Technical Committee** Members Present

Travis Cipperley, Communications Center Operations Supervisor
Wendi Hess, Communications Center Manager, Woodbury County
Terry McElroy, Electronic Engineering

Tech Committee Absent

Mark Aesoph, Fire Marshal, Sioux City Fire Rescue
Braden Albrecht, Calhoun Communications
Doug Bock, Network Manager, WCICC-IT
Tony Carpenter, Calhoun Communications
Stacy Geesaman, Electronic Engineering
Steve Heide, South Sioux City Police Department
Greg Koinzan, Police Officer, South Sioux City Police Department
Eric Larson, Electronic Engineering
Scott Main, Electronic Engineering
John Malloy, Information Services Director, WCICC-IT
Scott Mitchell, Woodbury County Emergency and Disaster Services
Mike Montino, Emergency Management Coordinator, Woodbury County
Bob Welte, Woodbury County Disaster Services
Eric Wieling, Calhoun Communications

Item 1 Meeting Called to Order

The January 10, 2024, STARComm Executive Board meeting was called to order by Acting Chairperson Rex Mueller at 1005 hours.

Item 2 Approve Minutes of November 15, 2023 Meeting (Rescheduled from October 11)

Bob Scott made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2023, meeting, seconded by Scott Pack. All voting aye, motion carried.

Item 3 FY24 Quarterly Budget Report: Q2 October, November, December 2023

Wendi reviewed the 2nd Quarter Revenue and Expenditure report covering October, November, December 2023. Nothing remarkable to discuss.

Item 4 Open Items

Motorola Flex - Rapid Notification

Rapid text notifications to user agencies had been failing; not all responders consistently carry pagers and were missing calls. Multiple cases were submitted to Motorola with no solution. An online meeting with Motorola was arranged with Rex Mueller, Chad Sheehan, Wendi Hess, and Traci Markowski in attendance. There have not been any reported issues since the meeting. Motorola admitted they had not spent time to resolve this issue.

Wendi remarked that the rapid notification system improves insurance ratings for all communities as it functions as an additional notification.

The Iowa Department of Public Safety's project management team is evaluating the same three systems Sioux City and Woodbury County are using and plan to visit with users, which should incentivize Motorola's receptiveness to any other ongoing issues.

STARComm Mobile Command Bus

FEMA authorized the transfer of the STARComm mobile command bus to Sioux City Police Department and rehab has begun; the former unit will be auctioned. The transfer will push the PD's CIP for a replacement mobile base of operations out to a future year. The unit is available to STARComm users.

E911 Funds for Mobile Bus Equipment

Bob Scott proposed using E911 funds to provide appropriate equipment for the unit and to ensure the funds are not lost. Radio updates, batteries, and battery chargers are necessary and acceptable items for the PD mobile base of operations. A proposal will be drafted for consideration by the E911 Board.

Iowa Code indicates E911 funds may be utilized for receipt and disposition of 911 calls, but not personnel expenses.

Rural communities will benefit from use of the mobile base of operations. Historically rural agencies have been provided with necessary equipment purchased with E911 funds.

AT&T Tower Lease, West Tower/Amendment to Cingular Wireless Lease Agreement.

Since the November 15 meeting, Travis signed off on AT&T's letter rejecting their lease amendment to reduce their monthly tower lease rent by \$625 per month. He has not received a response.

Item 5 Motion to Adjourn

Bob Scott made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Scott Pack; all voting aye, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1021 hours.