

SIRCOMM JOINT POWER BOARD

April 23, 2024 1330 hrs.

ISP Meeting Room

218 W. Yakima

Jerome, ID 83338

In Attendance:

Commissioner Mark Bolduc
Shaun Gough, GCSO
Kristy Churchman, SIRCOMM
Scott Bishop, TWFCSO
Mariann Schiewe, SIRCOMM
Lane Sickles, JCFD
Ron Aguerri, RCFD
James Rohm, MVP
Tyler Williams-SIRCOMM Legal-By Phone

Commissioner Charlie Howell
Commissioner Rebecca Wood
Missy Shurtz, GCOEM
Gary Taylor, JCSO
Angel Hunsaker, SIRCOMM
Aaron Zent, RCFD
Stan Flint, MVP

Meeting called to order 1332 hrs. Comm. Johnson not in attendance/ Pledge of Allegiance

1. **Public Comment/Correspondence:** Director Churchman shared that there has been a very good response form the SIRCOMM Facebook site. Director Wood also commented on the community response from the KMVT spot on Lincoln County.

2. **Action Item: Approval of current Fiscal Statements/Invoices for April 2024: After reviewing the invoices presented and a short discussion:**

Commissioner Bolduc made a motion to approve payment of invoices in the amount of \$13,281.00 for the "A" Budget and \$200,453.71 for the "B" Budget. Second by Commissioner Wood. All in favor, motion passed.

3. **Action Item: Approval of the minutes from March 20, 2024:**

After a review by the Board, Sheriff Gough made a motion to accept the minutes as presented from March 20, 2024. Second by Commissioner Bolduc. All in favor, motion passed.

4. **Staff Report: Deputy Director Hunsaker:** Dispatch: 14 full-time (two which are in training), with 4 part-time dispatchers. There are still two openings with two applications waiting the next round of hiring.

5. **Directors Report:** Director Churchman

- a. **NPSTW:** Good participation with staff & families. Thank you, Sheriff Gough, for cooking the prime rib & searing it with your weed burner. Thank you, Commissioner's Bolduc & Wood and your guests, for coming out to support us.

- b. **State GIS Project Update:** New Idaho 911 Program Manager, Eric Newman, will bring to IPSCC meeting on May 2, 2024 a proposal to use grant money to fund a GIS person to work on the SIRCOMM area 20-25 hours a week, so the project is really moving forward. Commissioner Howell shared information on the county jail using a CSI student working on a mapping project; Director Churchman shared that Jerome County GIS person Mark Reyes has been very helpful to the state team and willing to help SIRCOMM in any way, however Central Square has denied him access to their mapping system. The Board offered to write a letter to Central Square if that would help.
- c. **TB9400 Repeaters-Next Site, Jerome:** White Cloud is moving along replacing all of the old repeaters and the Jerome Tower is next with three repeaters ordered.
- d. **SOP Manual Revisions:** The Standard Operation Policy Manual is in the final revisions phase. It has not been updated since 2004. There will be a staff meeting on May 2 at 1800 hrs. where hopefully the final version will be disseminated to staff.
- e. **Power Outage:** Idaho Power contacted SIRCOMM regarding a planned outage as they work on their equipment at the Bell Rapids/Hagerman Tower site from 7-5:30 on April 29th, with only 90 customers to be affected.
- f. SIRCOMM is sending three ECO's to the ILET'S conference in May.

6. **Lava Ridge** (Attorney General's inquiry) A short discussion entailed regarding concerns with the project and its effect with radio interference, transmission, air traffic control and communications. Commissioner Wood will share her county's resolution with Director Churchman. The Deputy Attorney General of the Energy and Natural Resources Division requested a phone call with Director Churchman to discuss SIRCOMM's concerns; Director Churchman will schedule that phone call, to include Tyler Williams.

7. **Action Item: ICRMP Joint Powers Subscriber Agreement:** SIRCOMM Legal has reviewed and updated the ICRMP agreement for review and approval. The policy was last signed in 2005.

Sheriff Gough made a motion to accept and sign the ICRMP Subscriber Agreement as presented. Commissioner Bolduc seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

8. **Action Item: FY 24/25 A-Budget:** Three budget proposals were presented by Director Churchman with a short explanation for each: a 6% wage increase with an extra dispatch position added to the budget for the future, an 8% COLA wage increase, and a 10% wage increase with the concept of staff retention. After a lengthy discussion, with input from all agencies present regarding the time and cost of training a new candidate versus retaining the great staff presently employed, especially with other agencies attempting to lure them away. The discussion also included possible ways to relieve the A-budget side to assist in reducing county contributions - this is still being explored. The Board conferred amongst themselves and:

A motion was made by Commissioner Wood to accept the 10% wage increase for the SIRCOMM "A" Budget for the 24/25 fiscal year. Commissioner Bolduc second, all in favor, motion passed

9. Action Item: Old Business-None

10. Next Meeting Date: May 15, 2024 1330 hrs. Location JCSO

11. Executive Session: NONE

Meeting adjourned at 1435 hrs.

Chair: Commissioner Howell

Charles M Howell

Date 5/15/2024

Director: Kristy Churchman

Kristy Churchman

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