

SIRCOMM JOINT POWERS BOARD

February 20, 2025 Co. West. 275 Martin Street TWF

Co. Comm. Room Twin Falls, ID 83301

In Attendance:

Commissioner Mark Bolduc

Commissioner Don Hall

Kristy Churchman, SIRCOMM

Lt. Ty Larsen, Mtn. Home PD (via Zoom)

Nathan Smith, White Cloud

Scott Bishop, TWFCSO

Duane Rubink, JPD (via ZOOM)

Tyler Williams, Sircomm Legal (via Zoom)

Eric Myers, SCPHD

Jackie Frey, TFCO-OEM

Commissioner Rebecca Wood-Phone

Mariann Schiewe, SIRCOMM

Eric Smallwood, White Cloud

Gary Taylor-JCSO

Steve Mullen, Filer Fire

Aaron Zent, RCFD

1. Meeting called to order 1332 hrs. Commissioner Don Hall/ Pledge of Allegiance

2. Public Comment/Correspondence: None

3. Action Item: Approval of current Fiscal Statements/Invoices: Commissioner Hall requested explanation on several items and after clarification:

Commissioner Bolduc made a motion to approve payment of invoices in the amount of \$14,519.77 for the "A" budget and \$206,209.89 for the "B" budget. Commissioner Wood second. All in favor, motion passed.

4. Action Item: Approval of the minutes from January 16, 2025:

After a review by the Board, Commissioner Bolduc made a motion to accept the minutes as presented from January 16, 2025 second by Commissioner Wood. All in favor, motion passed.

5. Directors Report:

a. Staff Report: Dispatch: 16 full-time, 3 of those are trainees, 2 in the first phase of training and 1 in her third phase. 3 Part Time. Interviews were held on Tuesday, with one candidate moving forward; two applications on hold.

NPSTW Week: April 13th-19th is National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. A planned family dinner is scheduled for April 17th and a calendar invite will be sent out to the JPB.

Anniversaries: September: Mariann-10yrs./October: Stephanie Bowman-10 yrs/January: Tami Mulliner-15 yrs/July: Dory Alleman-10yrs/in 2026 Brian Murphy: 20 yrs.

Training: 4 Dispatchers to ILETS Training Feb/March. Two supervisors to "Leadership Training" @ the JCSO and "ALERRT (Rapid Response) Training in March and the "Every 15 Minutes" for Jerome High School in March.

b. TB9400 Repeater Installations & IP Transition: Eric Smallwood & Nate Smith from White Cloud shared that the Twin Falls Silo, Sunset Tower and Jerome repeater projects are complete. Parts are on order for Gooding, Hansen, Hagerman & Dietrich; however, it was noted that the redundancy from the Sunset to Hagerman Tower has become an issue with the old equipment's failure and the inability to secure parts to repair the issue. It was recommended that SIRCOMM begin to move to an IP Base Solution beginning with the Sunset Tower. The approximate cost to do so at each tower is \$97,039.70 and the time frame for each tower would be 30/45 days per project. The Board members asked for time to digest and discuss the provided information and noted that an emergency meeting may be required before moving forward with the IP Project.

c. Lava Ridge, Taurus Wind and Snake River Projects on Hold: It was shared that all webinars regarding the wind projects have been canceled & Commissioner Hall noted that the state had received an executive order halting the projects.

d. Everbridge Emergency Notification System-ReGroup Transition Started: A termination of services was sent certified to Everbridge after the data breach inside the company; however, no response from Everbridge has been received. Plans to regroup and move forward are in progress, and SIRCOMM Legal will advise on how to proceed. It was noted that when a new response system is in place counties/agencies and the public will be notified regarding re-enrollment. The reverse 911 service will still be a free service to the public. Jackie Frey (IFCO-OEM) offered to create the new forms, notify the other counties and assist wherever possible.

e. Bank Signers: Paperwork at 1st Federal Bank is awaiting Commissioner Howell and Commissioner Woods signatures and ICCU is awaiting the signed minutes from the JPB Meeting where Commissioner Johnson stepped down and Commissioner Hall joined the Board.

6. Discussion Item: South Central Public Health District Building: Commissioner Hall and the Business Operations Manager for SCPHD, Eric Meyers, shared the first lot documents from 1997 the board shared questions regarding the line adjustment along the chain link fence dividing the SIRCOMM property and the SCPHD facility. Mr. Meyers shared the proposed plans for the expansion of the facility that will include a training room with kitchenette, restrooms, conference room and the proposed parking lot. After reviewing the shared information, it was proposed and agreed upon to request a lot line adjustment from the city.

7. Discussion Item: Mountain Home Police Department Inquiry re: SIRCOMM providing dispatch services: Lt. Ty Larsen from the Mountain Home Police Department shared that due to a recent “political fight” between their city and county, that the county will discontinue their dispatch services in two years. Therefore, they are approaching SIRCOMM as a possible option in the future. Questions to the JPB was (1) is it even realistic/possible for the SIRCOMM Dispatch Center to service the Mountain Home and (2) Would SIRCOMM be interested in doing so.

A lengthy discussion entailed including: the possibility of radio link and infrastructure, number of calls received by their department per day, number of officers being served, area to be served, cost to do so and the radio system they are currently using.

All parties agreed that much research is needed on all sides of the issue and will be revisited in the future when more information is available.

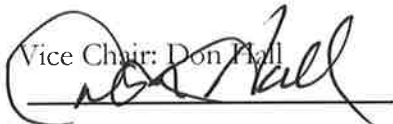
8. Discussion Item: “Billable” Calls for Service: Director Churchman shared that in calculating the “Calls for Service” report used for calculating the “County Contribution” fees, that not all calls for service were added in with the numbers being off by an estimated 18%. The Director shared the list of calls not to be considered, and the fact that they do require attention and time from dispatch. In referring back to the Joint Power Boards by-laws, it states all calls be used to calculate the fees, it was unknown as to why & when this procedure was changed. The Board and all entities in attendance discussed the issue and it was agreed that following the original JPB By-Laws, would be put back into practice and “All Calls for Service” to produce an accurate report to be used in the calculation of the annual county contribution fees

9. Action Item: Old Business-PRR (Public Record Request) Fee Schedule: The Director introduced an updated “Public Request Fee” schedule due to the increasing number of requests received each week and the time and manpower it takes to get them out in a timely fashion. There will be no fee charged if (1) The request results in fewer than 100 pages of printed documents, (2) Processing the request results in less than two hours of actual labor. The new schedule is available on the SIRCOMM website or upon request from SIRCOMM.

10. Next Meeting Date: March 20, 2025 1330 hrs. at The Gooding County Commissioners Room. The JPB will meet on the third (3rd) Thursday of each month at 1330 hrs., unless otherwise agreed upon, with location TBD.

11. **Executive Session:** Consider records that are exempt from public disclosure---Idaho Code § 74-206 (1) (d)
Convene at 1510 hrs. Roll Call
Don Hall-Yes
Rebecca Wood-Yes
Mark Bolduc-Yes

Meeting adjourned: 1532 hr.

Vice Chair: Don Hall


Date 3-20-25

Director: Kristy Churchman


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