

UMATILLA MORROW RADIO & DATA DISTRICT

Hermiston Station #3

March 22, 2016 – 1:00PM

Present: Director Pratt Director Kennedy Director Lieuallen
Director Roxbury Director Matlack

Absent: None

Guests: William Rudoff, Mission Critical Partners Brian Malinich, Mission Critical Partners
Marlon Johnson, Day Wireless Loren Dieter, Boardman Police Department
Ron Spencer, Motorola Jim Nichol, Motorola
Tim Brandt, Motorola (telephonically)

Staff: Shawn Halsey, Rosanna Brown, Brett Mueller

I. Call to Order Recognition of Guest(s): The meeting was called to order at 1:17pm.

II. Roll Call: Directors Pratt, Kennedy, Roxbury, Matlack, and Lieuallen were present.

III. Changes/Additions to the Agenda: None

IV. Business from Guests: None

V. New Business

A. Motorola Presentation: Public Safety System Lifecycle Sustainment Plan

Board questions and comments during the presentation:

With regard to upgrading to newer versions, engineering jumps 2 versions at a time. Upgrading from version 7.9 to version 7.16 would take 3 jumps and would be considered a “fork-lift” upgrade.

Shawn said moving to version 7.13 would give more flexibility when deciding when to switch to digital. Just upgrading to 7.13 is the smartest thing to do, though the District would lose the volume discount. The equipment in use right now is fine. The security plan has never been purchased because it is very expensive and unnecessary. The system could be easier to maintain with an upgrade and there is some risk if the system isn’t upgraded. Shawn asked Motorola to check options for solution with less capacity. The current system has the capacity for 100 sites and the District currently has 2 sites and 3 dispatch centers.

Director Lieuallen left the meeting at 2:34pm.

Motorola said there is a system that will run 5 dispatch centers and 10 sites. Shawn expects the system to have 3 simulcast sites after the next system upgrade. The smaller system option would still be enough capacity for that growth. Motorola had not provided prices for the lower tier system at the time of the meeting.

Jim noted that that option is an L Core, which does cost less than an M Core and the District must go digital to use an L Core and abandon the M Core. There would be additional costs when migrating to digital. A new core is necessary with either option. The investment of this lifecycle plan would flow into a digital system. These services are appropriate for analog or digital.

Director Kennedy asked how the options relate to equipment going down and Shawn said that service is part of a maintenance agreement, not a lifecycle plan.

Jim explained that these are two separate plans, one to fix broken things and one to fix and upgrade the integrity of the system.

Director Roxbury said that the District needs to plan for the future, but cannot let what is in place now go without maintenance. Adding anything that isn’t directly part of the transition would be a waste of money. There could be chaos if another vendor came in.

Ron suggested that the District work on a funding plan now, so there will be money when the analog SmartX is at the end of service. Technical service is not available with version 7.9. Motorola suggests a maintenance plan and lifecycle plan so the system is always in the supportable range. It is an annual cost of about \$260,000.

Director Roxbury asked for Shawn’s recommendation and Shawn said that the District should upgrade to 7.13, if there was enough money. The price of the upgrade is about \$440,000 and that is the price of the new site to be built in North Umatilla County, to upgrade the microwave system. The microwave system is very important because all of the radio communications, site communications, and CAD depend on it. Both upgrades need to be done, but there is only enough

money for one project this year. The microwave system must be upgraded before the District gets a new system and goes digital. The assessment from Mission Critical Partners will take about 6 weeks. Shawn will have a better recommendation based on their report.

Ron suggested checking on a port security technology grant for the Port of Boardman. Shawn felt that grants could pay for subscribers only, not a new system.

VI. Open Discussion: None

VII. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:53 was made by Director Kennedy.

Director Kennedy: Aye

Director Pratt: Aye

Director Roxbury: Aye

Director Matlack: Aye

The next board meeting is scheduled for April 5, 1:30 p.m. at Hermiston Fire Station #3.