

UMATILLA MORROW RADIO & DATA DISTRICT

UCFD #1, Station 23

June 26, 2017 – 11:00AM

Present: Director Lieuallen Director Pratt
 Director Matlack Director Kennedy

Absent: Director Roxbury

Guests: None

Staff: Shawn Halsey, Rosanna Brown

Budget Hearing

- I. Call to Order: The budget hearing was called to order at 11:08 a.m.
- II. Roll Call: Directors Lieuallen, Kennedy, Matlack, and Pratt were present. Director Roxbury was absent.
- III. New Business
 - A. Changes to Budget

During the last budget hearing, a question was asked about the resolution form. Shawn took the resolution to the state and asked for input. They updated the District's form, to match what they looked for, and their version of the resolution was included in the packet. Shawn felt that the resolution provided by the state was a better form and properly organized. Shawn recommended that the Board approve the updated resolution.

B. Resolution 17-06-26-01

Budget Resolution 17-06-26-01 was read by the District Administrator.

A motion to pass Resolution 17-06-26-01, as read by the District Administrator, was made by Director Matlack and seconded by Director Pratt.

Director Lieuallen: Aye

Director Matlack: Aye

Director Pratt: Aye

Director Kennedy: Aye

C. Open Discussion

Director Kennedy asked to talk about the subscriber unit subcommittee. Besides asking the agency heads for a count of how many radios they have and how many they actually need, what questions should the committee ask? Director Lieuallen suggested making sure each agency knows that the subcommittee will be coming around to each agency, checking on their inventory. Shawn agreed and noted that there were several agencies that had radios stored and were not being used. In response to Director Pratt's question, Shawn explained that an inventory is done during programming. He takes a list of agency inventory and compares it to the radios brought to him to be programmed. He seldom gets all of the radios that have been issued to the agencies. The Board directed Shawn to notify the agencies that radios that cannot be accounted for during programming will be turned off.

Directors Lieuallen and Kennedy would like the subcommittee to meet soon, but had to wait for Steve Potts to be available.

Director Kennedy also suggested talking to the police departments about their needs for reserves, specifically if individual portables are needed or if a cache would suffice and what features those radios needed to have. Most agencies will not need or want encryption.

Shawn noted that the new system will not have issues with enough talk groups, there will be plenty of capacity. The Fire Defense Board had been discussing location services through data cards and Shawn planned to get more information about that. Director Kennedy suggested that GPS could be used in vehicles, but not necessarily needed in all portables, for fire. The mapping software could be accessed by the Incident Commander and by Dispatch, but Dispatch would need another screen for the map.

The Board agreed that, if the 911 texts were not working for the fire departments, they should go back to using pagers. Pagers would be a much less expensive option versus portables and would be sufficient for notification. Even frequently replacing pagers would cost less than portables. Director Matlack suggested offering to purchase the pagers for the fire departments, but giving the agencies the option to pay for a more expensive solution if they preferred.

Shawn noted that it could be alright for agencies to buy their own units, as long as they were limited to 3-4 types/brands of radios. The time and expense of having multiple codeplugs would be significant. Programming and tracking would become more difficult. Director Matlack suggested bringing up those points in the meetings with the users.

Director Pratt felt that solving the issue of funding would solve the problem of obtaining new subscriber units. He left that, based on recent grant awards, the District would qualify for and receive substantial grant funding. Shawn agreed that the District looked good for grant awards but that a large part of the decision would depend on which vendor is chosen. A more expensive vendor leaves less money for subscriber units and the District has a limit of about \$6 million for the system and the new units.

Director Kennedy also pointed out that there were 32 portables, issued to OSP, that would not have to be replaced in the new system and Shawn agreed that it would be savings of about \$64,000.

The Board also discussed the benefits and drawbacks of a Codan Daniels system.

Directors Kennedy and Lieuallen will work with Steve Potts to arrange a meeting, a list of questions, and agency visits, and discuss progress at the next Board meeting on July 11.

D. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the budget hearing at 11:54 a.m. was made by Director Matlack and seconded by Director Pratt.

Director Matlack: Aye

Director Kennedy: Aye

Director Pratt: Aye

Director Lieuallen: Aye

The next meeting is scheduled for July 11, 2017, at Boardman City Hall