

**FINANCE MEETING  
COMMISSIONERS' HEARING ROOM  
Wednesday, March 11, 2015, 1:30 pm**

**Present:** Commissioners Barbara Cross, Jim Hertzler and Gary Eichelberger; Larry Thomas, Chief Clerk; Bob Shively, Brian Hamilton and Claudia Garner, Public Safety; Justin Smith, GIS; Sid McConahy, Mission Critical Partners; Steve Marroni, The Patriot News; Daniel Walmer, The Sentinel.

Chief Clerk Thomas welcomed everyone to the Finance meeting. The topic for discussion:

**Public Safety/911 – Regional Assessment Report – Bob Shively & MCP** (see attached Presentation)

Sid McConahy reviewed the PowerPoint Presentation to the Board. The revised assessment report was submitted to the Commonwealth February 2<sup>nd</sup> prior to the Wireless Grant application. Information in the report was updated into a spreadsheet.

Sid explained how some calls go to Dauphin County and Cumberland County receives Dauphin's calls.

Lease from Comcast \$1,500/mo.

Commissioner Cross questioned the National Bandwidth issue. Sid need a seamless transition.

1. Regional GIS/Mapping

Is based on the phone number. Gaps that exist deters the system from knowing where to place the call.

Chief Clerk Thomas questioned the GIS standards that everyone is using. Sid explained the zip codes and address numbers that start with a zero.

2. Regional CAD Sharing

The County currently uses Archonix and by year 2017 Archonix will no longer do any updates.

Larry questioned upgrading archonix? Sid says no. They do not have more than 60 – 70 customers. Larry questioned regionalization.

3. Regional Radio System – Open Sky - proprietary system

911 Funding expires 6-30-15

The Proposed funding discussed has been \$1.75 - \$2.00/device.

Commissioner Hertzler questioned if the State is going to look at this compared to surrounding Counties. Bob Shively explained that they were looking at the 8 counties but consolidated to the 3 local counties. Sid explained the true cost savings through PSATS.

Chief Clerk Thomas asked about savings and investments. In reality 911 would not be a cost savings. He explained they are working on making 911 more efficient. Sid explained GEO diversified your facility. Commissioner Cross stated the system is aging, it is 10 years old. There has been some upgrades, some postponed. Technology is ahead of us.

Chief Clerk Thomas explained a temporary strategy to go along with short term efficiencies by cooperating with other counties like Perry. Sid suggested that could be an easy fix with Perry County.

Chief Clerk Thomas sees a lot of parallels compared to Transportation and funding strategies. We cannot wait for the State to make a decision, so the County could work with other Counties and upgrade together to cut costs.

Commissioner Hertzler discussed the 911 State Study and suggested the 8 County 911 Directors get together to come up with a plan.

Commissioner Cross mentioned the County needs to consider who would make the purchase of the Regional Shared System.

Larry PEMA allowed the 8 county region, did some counties not send in an assessment report? Claudia Garner stated if they do not that county would lose their Capital funding.

Commissioner Hertzler mentioned that this is one of CCAP 's top funding priority.

Sid explained PEMA's report on savings and that there should be consolidation.

Chief Clerk Thomas asked how well the western end of county system is working. Bob Shively stated it is running well.

Adjourned at 2:40.

Jennifer Crum,  
Administrative Coordinator