

Seward County Communications Board
January 23, 2025 7:00 PM
Seward Municipal Building
147 N 7th St, Seward, NE 68434

The Seward County Communications Board held a regular meeting on January 23, 2025 at 7:00 PM at the Seward Municipal Building, 142 N 7th St, Seward, NE 68434. Notice of this meeting and the corresponding agenda were posted on the public bulletin boards at the following locations: the Seward, NE County Courthouse, the Seward, NE City Hall, and the Milford, NE City Hall. Notice of this meeting and the corresponding agenda were duly transmitted to all members of the Communications Board.

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ANNOUNCE LOCATION OF COPY OF OPEN MEETING LAW

7:00 PM

- Quorum achieved. Acting Chairperson Jessica Kolterman called meeting to order, asking all members present to rise for recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and announcing copy of the Open Meetings Law is posted on the wall of the meeting room of this building.

ROLL CALL

- Acting Chairperson Jessica Kolterman asked for a roll call of members present. The following Communications Board members were in attendance: Darrel Zabrocki, Curtis Deremer, Jessica Kolterman, Scott Pekarek, Maria Scamehorn, Troy Schaefer (for Mike Vance), John Singleton, Brian Peters, Darrin Kremer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- No discussion.
 - Motion to approve: Singleton
 - Second: Deremer
 - Affirmative: Deremer, Kolterman, Schaefer, Singleton, Peters, Kremer
 - Negative: None
 - Abstain: Zabrocki, Pekarek
 - Motion carried.

ACT ON BILLS/BUDGET REPORT

- No new large expenses since last report. Training expenses are up due to most of staff having to certify/recertify for CPR/EMD. Weekly overtime is about half of what it has been; expect to continue this trend with the release of two trainees in the next few months.
 - Motion to approve: Singleton
 - Second: Kremer
 - Affirmative : Zabrocki, Deremer, Kolterman, Pekarek, Schaefer, Singleton, Peters, Kremer
 - Negative: None
 - Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS & FACILITY PLANNING

- Zuercher: Crete PD scheduled for go live April 1. Butler County looking to purchase for David City PD. Due to administrative turnover, Zuercher stakeholder meetings will be reinstated on a bimonthly basis beginning February 24.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- One trainee has been released and is working on own shift; doing well. A second trainee, now registered for EMD after difficulties with registration prior. Should be ready to release onto own shift pending successful completion of EMD. New hire, with experience, needs to certify in CPR & EMD prior to release from training onto own shift. One open position; currently working with HR.
- Question posed if dispatchers could utilize the county provided CPR Stop the Bleed training. Director Scamehorn advised BLS CPR is required for dispatcher compliance with state standards.
- NESCA conference located in Kearney in April; two staff members will be attending.
- National NENA conference scheduled for Long Beach, CA; registration opens soon.
- National APCO conference scheduled for Baltimore, MD; registration opens April 1.
- Implementing Power DMS.
- NE Public Service Commission provided update on the Lumen 911 outages in August 2023, April 2024, July 2024. It is a possibility the PSC may be looking for a new service provider.
- Director Scamehorn has been invited to proxy for the current representative as the local representative for the State of NE with the CJIS Advisory Meeting Board working group at the next scheduled 4 day session in Pittsburg, PA. All costs are covered by the FBI.
 - Motion to approve Director Scamehorn attending the CJIS Advisory Board meeting as proxy to find out more about the opportunity. : Kolterman
 - Second: Singleton
 - Affirmative: Zabrocki, Deremer, Kolterman, Pekarek, Schaefer, Singleton, Peters, Kremer

USER BOARD

- Pioneer Trasport approved to use county frequencies when working with Seward County Fire/Rescue on calls. Pioneer Transport is an ALS provider with stations in Seward & Omaha. Director Scamehorn will reach out to Pioneer Transport administration. Discussion regarding difficulties with volunteer recruitment, Cass County model of staffing.
- Mutual Aid Meeting: March 12, 2025 Beaver Crossing

GENERAL DISCUSSION/NEW BUSINESS

- GovWorks/CommsCoach
 - Recap: AI based program; uses agency calls for service, phone calls, radio traffic, to create training materials. Training items can be crafted to meet specific subject matter and/or requirements. Gives chance to utilize skills in a 'live' environment without the liability. Uses home agency specific policies/information.
 - Does not qualify for Drug Fund expenditure.
 - It does qualify for 911 Fund expenditure. State of NE is currently working on QA policy; waiting on approval. Initial quote provided at October 24,2024 meeting has been reduced by over 10% due in part to York and Butler Counties already having purchased the program. This is being offered as a fixed annual rate.
 - Motion to approve going forward with GovWorks CommsCoach: Peters
 - Second: Kremer
 - Affirmative: Zabrocki, Deremer, Kolterman, Pekarek, Schaefer, Singleton, Peters, Kremer
- Election of Officers: Will be placed on agenda for next meeting April 24 2025 at 7:00 PM.

SET DATE NEXT MEETING

- April 24,2025 at 7:00 PM

ADJOURN

- Motion to adjourn: Acting Chairperson Kolterman
- Second: Singleton
 - Meeting adjourned 7:50 pm.

Submitted by Kate Luedke, Secretary
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