

## COMMITTEE REPORT

**COMMITTEE: Communication Up-Grade Committee**

**CHAIRPERSON: Mike Moser**

**DATE/TIME: August 20, 2009 @ 5:30 pm**

**PRESENT:**

John Duerr	Kevin Turner	Tom Winter	Scott Toot
Randy Baysinger	Ben Petitgout	Dan Schleicher	Mike Moser
Bill Cooper			

**ABSENT:**

Joe Heim    Byran Bohnsack    Jerry Westemeier

Other Members: None

Others: None

A) Minutes Approval:

Ben Petitgout made a motion to approve the committee minutes of July 16, 2009. John Duerr seconded and the motion passed.

B) Citizens' Comments: – None

C) Unfinished Business:

a) Review task items for radios.

Equipment list from most all town and entities in Jo Daviess County were submitted and a spread sheet will be created to show what equipment will need to be upgraded.

D) New Business

a) Narrow Banding.

There was much discussion on the subject and it was determined that most agencies wanted any new system to remain easy and flexible to use and along the same lines of the system that is now in place in the county.

b) Interference.

The Civil Defense frequency is experiencing crosstalk since nearby agencies have started to use the frequency. Talk over is being received from Pecatonica, Middleton, Sun Prairie and Princeton Illinois. Sgt. Moser has contacted some of the agencies and they are aware of the problem. Sgt. Moser stated that we need to correct these crosstalk and false signals before the problem escalates.

c) Upgrades.

The committee will investigate grants and what grants are available for equipment upgrades. Bill Cooper stated that Rep. Jim Sacia has considerable funds to distribute to the districts he represents. The monies can only be used for infrastructure purposes. The amount for Jo Daviess County is approximately \$100,000.00. Chairman Marvin Schultz is checking to see if the funds can be used for equipment upgrades and if this project falls into that category. A list of items will be prepared and then prioritized. Cell phones were ruled out, for paging, because of the problem with cell coverage. A back up procedure will have to be established in the event of system outage.

d)Responsibility.

The question of where, the responsibility of the county communications system lies, as to costs and upgrades. Is it the counties responsibility or the 911 committee?

e) Assigned tasks.

Lt. Turner will explore different engineers that have a working knowledge of these types of communications.

Tom Winter will look into methods of paying for this system upgrade.

Dan Schleicher and Randy Baysinger will put together the “needs and wants” of the end users.

Kevin Turner made a motion to adjourn. Randy Baysinger seconded and the motion passed.  
Meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.

The next meeting of the Communication Up-Grade Committee will be on September 17, 2009 at 5:30 PM.