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## **COMMITTEE REPORT**

**COMMITTEE: Communication Up-Grade Committee**

**CHAIRPERSON: Mike Moser**

**DATE/TIME: February 18, 2010 @ 5:30 pm.**

**Place: Sheriff's Conference Room-Galena, IL**

**PRESENT:**

John Duerr, Mike Moser, Joe Heim, Ben Petitgout, Scott Toot, Randy Baysinger

**ABSENT:**

Byran Bohnsack, Kevin Turner, Bill Cooper, Tom Winter, Jerry Westemeier,  
Dan Schleicher

Others: none

**A) Minutes Approval: (1736)**

Petitgout made a motion to approve the committee minutes of January, 2010.  
Duerr seconded and the motion passed.

**B) Citizens' Comments: – None**

**C) Unfinished Business: - None**

**D) Old Business**

**RFP:** After a conversation between Jerry Westemeier and Andy Lewis (on the afternoon of the committee meeting day) there was concern regarding a law on consulting/engineering that preclude the cost of a project being discussed prior to selecting the consultant. Moser had asked Dan Reimer to contact Lewis. Reimer received a copy of an article/code referencing the law as Senate Bill 1453. Reimer has since sent the RFP (existing form) as well as the code reference to States Attorney Kurt for review and interpretation. I was unable to find this bill to read it in its entirety. Since our RFP requested that information, it may need to be amended pursuant to any applicable law. The process subsequent to the review is yet to be determined.

**GRANTS:**

Heim reported that East Dubuque Fire received a grant for portable radios; however, neither Heim nor Duerr had any progress to report on the

infrastructure grant. The lack of communication from FEMA could be taken either way.

Petitgout discussed that Grants that involve the county should follow with Law & Courts, so the FEMA- Fire grant request for \$174k with a potential 10% match, should be brought to Law & Courts.

FCC:

License was received under KEL404 call sign, which is the same as East Dubuque Fire's. There was discussion about re-licensure.

Discussion about radio repair/customer service issues.

Duerr commented on the Pepin's (Stockton Grant Writer) lack of apparent experience with FEMA grants. Other grant applications were discussed.

Baysinger commented that doing grants before the study may be counterproductive.

F) New Business.

HB5103: Discussed the written version of the HB that presented to Rep. Sacia. The concern about the compatibility statement, would lead one to believe they it requires the use of Starcomm. Side discussion about Starcomm ensued. Heim discussed the push from ILEAS and MABAS.

EMS Grants:

Moser discussed the receipt of information EMS grants received from our resource hospital. Moser had asked that this topic be discussed at the coordinators meeting; however, the meeting was cancelled.

Duerr brought up Public Safety Sales Tax with discussion ensuing.

Moser discussed the radio project with Grant County Dispatch and they had positive feedback. Heim will host the Grant Co meeting in April, so he will discuss it at that time.

Baysinger discussed NIMS compliance and grant opportunities or exclusions, with discussion following.

Motion was made by Duerr, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Toot to adjourn. Motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm.

The next meeting of the Communication Up-Grade Committee will be on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 5:30 PM, at the Sheriff's conference room, Fl-2, Galena Illinois.