

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY TECH.ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes: April 20, 2017

Commission Chambers Governmental Center

PRESENT:

Carol Crawford
Chris Clark
Steve Drzewiecki
Chief Theo Weber
Gregg Bird
Jason Torrey
Leah Hornacek
Andrew Down
David Cutway

AGENCY:

G.T. County Board of Commissioners
G.T. Sheriff's Department
T.C. Police Department
G.T. Rural Fire Department
G.T. Emergency Management
G.T. Central Dispatch
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Long Lake Fire Department
Green Lake Emergency Services

Call to order

Gregg Bird called the meeting to order at 10:01 am.

Approval of Agenda

Gregg Bird introduced the agenda. Jason Torrey requested to add Fleet Nav Systems presentation. Motion by Weber to approve agenda as amended. Support by Bird. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

Gregg Bird introduced the minutes from the last meeting. Motion by Chief Weber to approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Supported by Clark. Motion passed.

Fleet Nav Presentation

Jake Jorns with Fleet Nav Systems gave a presentation to the Committee reference mobile trackers. Fleet Nav is a web based application and is an authorized dealer for Geo Tab.

They are currently being utilized in our county by the K9 units, Snowmobile Patrol, and recently the Animal Control department.

Fleet Nav currently outfits all MSP K9 units in the state.

Fleet Nav offers a few different options:

Microtracker GL300 3G – This is a low cost alternative to a full blown navigation system. It is 3G (2G is now obsolete). This unit's battery charge lasts 1-2 weeks on a single charge, charging takes approximately 1 hour to full charge. The price for the microtracker is \$150 per unit with a monthly charge of \$25. This unit offers 1 minute tracking updates.

GEOTAB GO7 – This unit plugs into the data port in a vehicle. It will monitor the vehicle diagnostics as well as tracks vehicle. This unit utilizes the vehicle's power supply to operate. The price for the GEOTAB GO7 is \$100 with monthly tracking fee ranging from \$20 - \$32. The information obtained can be delivered to the client via the web.

Both units have a 1 year warranty.

Old Business

Jason Torrey gave the following updates:

- Revised Regional Mutual Aid 800MHz Template – The proposal was to remove the old Hern channel (28MMC) and rework the EMDD7 channel as this is used by Emergency Management. Discussion. Jason will take this back to the next Region 7 meeting as approved.
- Active 911 – Cory has been fielding and answering questions from our departments on this application. Torrey would like to see departments go with a single countywide application. This would reduce costs for each department and enable Central Dispatch to provide better service. Weber is willing to move to this system if it is county wide. Down is concerned with associated costs as this system is more expensive than his current system. At this time, Down is not supportive of this change. Torrey advised the possibility of Central Dispatch assisting with costs on the back end if it is a countywide buy-in.
- Telerad Maintenance Agreement – We currently have warranty coverage, bumper to bumper coverage runs out on July 1, 2017. When this runs out, we would be responsible to remove radios, box them up, send them in, and reinstall once the unit is fixed. The total for this Telerad agreement would be \$656 per month for a four year period with a locked in price. Hornacek will refresh the individual department's cost and redistribute them. A motion for decision will be made at the next board meeting in May.
- Motorola Meeting With the Fire Chiefs – The fire chiefs have been inquiring about modifying radio configurations. This would be a good time for all departments to have a discussion with Motorola. Please make a list of proposed modifications. A date and

time for this meeting has yet to be determined. Once the lists are complete Torrey can set up a meeting with Motorola. Motorola will be bringing in a product specialist to assist in answering questions.

New Business

Radio and Management Policy Reminders

- Torrey advised those in attendance to utilize the personnel change form to add, delete, or modify changes within their departments. Employees have to go through their chiefs to get this done and not just email or call on their own for changes.
- Torrey stressed the importance of communications and proper radio use. Non-essential radio traffic should not be on the main channels. No more use of 10 codes per policy. When calling into dispatch – call in, wait for acknowledgement, then go with radio traffic. Discussion on dispatcher multi-tasking.
- A pager accessory pricing sheet was distributed.
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Meeting adjourned at 10:58hrs