

Call to Order:

Curtis Powell called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., in the Oneida County Law Enforcement Center Community Room.

Approval to the Agenda:

Curtis Powell asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda. There being none, a motion was made by Jim Clark (Portage) and seconded by Carol McLaughlin (Price) to approve the Agenda. All were in favor.

Adoption of Last Meeting's Minutes:

A motion to approve last meeting's minutes was made by James Seidl (Taylor) and seconded by Mark Handlin (Lincoln) to approve the minutes. All were in favor.

Resignation of Sgt. Gerald Thorpe, NEWCOM Vice Chair:

A motion to accept Sgt. Gerald Thorpe's resignation as Vice Chair was made by Brad Henricks (Langlade) and seconded by John Sweeney (Oneida). All were in favor.

Status of Obey Appropriation:

Ear marks were cut – fund 2006 levels. Asking for request Feb-March. NEWCOM will continue to seek appropriations when available.

Future Direction of NEWCOM – Strategic Plan:

- 1.) Form a sub-committee to come up with a draft of a Strategic Plan for NEWCOM.
The sub-committee will include the following people:
John Sweeney (Oneida)
Frank Szczepawiec (Oconto)
Mark Handlin (Lincoln)
Brad Henricks (Langlade)

Committee Structure:

There will be 3 standing sub-committees formed.

- 1.) Finance Committee – responsible for finding funding and grants.
- 2.) Communications Committee – responsible for technical advances and changes in the communications field.
- 3.) Liaison Committee- responsible for keeping relations with state and federal departments.

Andy Faust will work on organizing the above committees.

“Plain Talk” Issue – Radio Interoperability:

The current APCO 10 codes seem to be the main radio codes used in law enforcement. The fire fighters are taught not to use APCO 10 codes. Common sense needs to be taken when there is an emergency that requires multi – agency response and “plain talk” should be used. No official action was taken on this issue at this time.

NEWCOM Budget:

A balance sheet handed out, detailed available upon request.

A motion to approve the balance sheet of 2006 and authorize to pay invoice of \$539.34 for supplies, copies, meeting costs, and postages was made by Jim Clark (Portage) and seconded by James Loughrin (Waupaca). All were in favor.

A request was made by the North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission to cover expenses for 100-120 hours per year, setting up meetings, travel, mailings, website updates, searching for funding sources and writing grants in the amount of \$2500. This item will be discussed at the annual meeting on July 11th 2007.

Encryption Discussion:

Most counties are going to the use of the NEWCOM encryption codes. A handout of the codes was made available. For more information contact Frank Szczepawiec (Oconto). This still does not address the issues of counties using AES vs. DES-OFB.

OJA Proposal:

OJA is currently accepting proposals for projects to be submitted with the State’s request for Federal funding. Nine areas of interest, one area is radio interoperability. A proposal focused in this area will be the goal of NEWCOM. The proposal will be submitted to the State before January 26th.

Other Business:

Annual Meeting was set for July 11th 2007 at 10:00 a.m. in Portage County. The discussion of asking tribal participation in NEWCOM, election of a new vice chair, expenses for the NCWRPC will be placed on the agenda for the annual meeting.

Adjourn:

A motion was made by Curtis Powell to adjourn the meeting at 10:56 a.m. All were in favor. A tour of the Oneida County 911 Center was given immediately following the meeting.