

Criminal Justice Committee Meeting
Douglas County, Nebraska
Tuesday, October 23, 2018

The meeting convened at 12:20 P.M. in Room 903, Omaha-Douglas Civic Center, 1819 Farnam Street, Omaha, NE. A copy of the Open Meetings Act is located on the wall near the entrance of the room. A notice of the meeting was published in the October 12, 2018, issue of *The Daily Record*. County Commissioners present at the meeting were Mike Boyle, Marc Kraft, Chris Rodgers, Clare Duda, P.J. Morgan, and Mary Ann Borgeson. Others present included Patrick Bloomingdale, Diane Carlson, Catherine Hall, Leia Baez, Marcos San Martin, Joe Lorenz, and Dianne Wallace, County Administration; David Sleeter and Kathy Allen, 911/Communications; Paul Johnson and Jason Casady, Emergency Management; and Kim Bollow, County Clerk/Comptroller's Office. Commissioner Boyle chairs the committee.

A video recording of the meeting is available on the Douglas County Website:

<http://commissioners.douglascounty-ne.gov/board-meetings/videos>.

Time markers for when each topic/item occurs during the video are in parentheses.

Introduction (0:00 to 6:00) Commissioner Boyle led introductions around the room and provided the purposes of the meeting, including concerns on emergency management, weather emergencies, public safety & how to work better for citizens. He wants to meet again in the future with some solutions.

2. 911 update

4. Public Service Commission update and 911 funding

(6:00 to 34:00 –Listed second and fourth on the Agenda, but discussed first.)

David Sleeter, 911/Communications: provided updates on staffing, 911 answer times, call location processes, FCC regulations, wireless and landline issues. He expects an update soon on improved technologies available through the major wireless carriers, and strongly supports land lines over cellular phones for finding 911 caller locations. Mr. Sleeter addressed mobile apps & integration challenges, as well as issues with multi-level buildings. He approximated his department handles 45,000 calls to 911 per month, then addressed questions from Mr. Bloomingdale and Commissioners Morgan and Boyle regarding locations, texting, and photo/video. Mr. Sleeter relayed that Next Generation 911 will eventually be able to access multiple types of information from wireless devices, but there is a large amount of logistics to prepare for receipt of this information so that 911-call levels are not negatively affected.

Mr. Sleeter: expecting approximately early January to start moving in 911 equipment at Fitzgerald Home renovation; entire transition process still to be determined.

Commissioner Boyle: suggested the county starts to prepare legislation, resolutions, and/or a plan to prepare for these upcoming issues with Next Generation 911. He also requested a tour for all Commissioners once the new 911 Center is complete.

Commissioner Morgan: relayed recent problems with emergency services unable to access private gated communities.

Kathy Allen, 911/Communications: explained current processes to keep gate-codes private while provide proper access for emergencies.

1. Emergency Management update (34:00 to 59:00 - Listed first on the Agenda, but discussed third.)

Paul Johnson, Emergency Management: provided Attachment A, "Siren Project and Proposed Approach," then outlined the current siren system and reasons for an update. He explained federal systems and mobile apps in regards to emergency management. He requested to provide all Commissioners with an on-site presentation, of which he'll provide potential dates to Karen Cole. Mr. Johnson expects an approximate \$150,000 price-point for the new system, of which he's reserved \$60,000 in his own department budget and would need another \$90,000. He estimates a new system would need to be installed over three years, in three stages/increments, and thus three payment installments of approximately \$30,000 each (totaling that remaining \$90,000 needed to equal the \$150,000 total cost). He also proposed an update to the back-up system which is currently inoperable, approximate cost \$50,000. He gave some examples of when the city or the county are decision-makers and manage assets/costs. Mr. Johnson explained a co-op type of emergency recovery process.

Mr. Bloomingdale and Commissioners Kraft, Duda, and Boyle added to the discussion, including inquiring on mobile apps, adopting new technologies, connecting to other in-place systems.

Commissioner Boyle requested Marcos San Martin display the current siren coverage maps on the overhead screen for a follow-up meeting. He also requested Leia Baez take part in social media aspects of future discussions.

Dianne Wallace, County Administration: commented on timing of the needed upgrade; mentioned use of the NextDoor app & social media.

3. Discussion regarding 311 and alternatives (Listed third on the Agenda; this was mentioned in Commissioner Boyle's introduction to the Committee Meeting.)

Commissioner Boyle: city has turned down 311 procedure; other cities are using it.

5. Other Business

None.

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 P.M.