



The Iowa Chapter of NENA held their annual spring conference at Prairie Meadows, in Altoona on Thursday, April 14, 2016. President Bob Seivert called the meeting to order at 12:23 p.m.

Motion to approve the agenda, Rob Koppert – Cass County. Seconded by Jason Hoffman – Carroll County. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

The minutes of the fall meeting have been distributed and were made available on the web site. There were no questions or corrections. Motion to approve the minutes, Ken Rasing – Chickasaw County. Seconded by Marilyn Stayner – Worth County. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

The budget report was given by Treasurer Pam Freshwater. We have receipts of \$19,475.72 and deposits of \$17,960.00 with a balance of \$34,935.72. None of the spring conference has been paid, yet. We expect the conference to cost around \$19,000 which should leave an ending balance of around \$16,000. There were no questions and the budget was accepted as reported.

In the Committee Reports, Rob Koppert gave the update on the Legislative Committee. Rob visited Capitol Hill in the morning and reported on the House side, HF 2439, which increases the pass through to 60%, passed. The Senate made an amendment that changes the distribution formula. Out of the \$1 surcharge, which takes in roughly \$28 million/yr; 60% would go to the PSAPs based on the current 65/35 allocation, 22% goes to the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management for network costs and to include the \$3.5 mil set aside for a catastrophic failure, 15% goes into a Find a Friend fund to encourage consolidation. This will amount to approximately \$4.4 million which has an end date of June 30, 2017. The distribution of this fund is at the discretion of the Director and Program Manager and may provide grants to PSAPs deciding to do a total consolidation or equipment sharing options. The House bill language expends the remaining funds annually, the Senate bill does not. The remaining funds would then be up to the Director and Program Manager to expend. We will be looking at this language quite a bit as we would like to see it zero out the balance. The final 2.5% goes to the wireless carriers for cost recovery. Things will be moving very fast as the legislative session winds down in the next few weeks. Bob Seivert advised we may be sending emails with specific requests to reach out to legislators.

The next item on the agenda is retaining the lobbyist. President Seivert reported APCO met yesterday and made a motion to retain the lobbyist and he would like to see NENA support that. Jason Hoffman made the motion to maintain Advocacy Strategies as our lobbyist and to push the message we do not support the use of 911 surcharge funds to be used to fund the statewide LMR system. Seconded by Doug Hawn – Greene County. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Ken Rasing questioned what the push to consolidate PSAPs is. Is it intended for within a county or do they want county to county consolidation? Jason Hoffman stated legislation believes less PSAPs is more efficient. Sally Hall stated past bill language was requesting a study be done, is that language still in what is proposed? Bob Seivert advised we will have to wait until the full writing is released before we know. Consolidation is left defined as either full consolidation of PSAPs or consolidation by equipment sharing. Ken Rasing stated prior to

enhanced 911, Chickasaw met with the surrounding counties to consider forming a regional dispatch and there was no thought to do that. They could not come together to agree. Bob Seivert advised there have been national studies that show it is not cheaper. Rob Koppert advised it will be the end of the year before those funds will be expended but the grant will go away. The grant wasn't sustainable long term. Jason Hoffman said 80% of that \$100,000 per PSAP would be agreeable. Rob Koppert advised the percentage back to the PSAP is better in the long run as it allows the county to save up for large projects. Jason Hoffman asked what is the E911 Council's discussion on how the funds will be spent? Rob Koppert mentioned the distribution is still being decided; if the funds will still be distributed quarterly or if they will go to a single annual payment at the end of the year. Marilyn Stayner asked if they don't sent payments quarterly, won't the legislators see that balance growing until the end of the year and try to grab it again?

In other business from the floor, Ken Rasing brought up the National NENA Conference in Indianapolis, IN. President Seivert advised a few of us are going, it's very cutting edge. If you get an opportunity to go, you should. It gives us a better vision for Iowa. President Seivert opened the floor to a representative from national NENA who thanked the Telecommunicators in the room. NENA sponsored a short video thanking Telecommunicators during National Telecommunicators Week that is being shown every 15 seconds all through the month of April, in Times Square! She touched on the DC Caucus. It is run by Telecommunicators for Telecommunicators. There are three bills currently being addressed by the government affairs.

- 1) Kari's Law which requires direct access to 911 from hotels. This was introduced after a child tried to dial 911 from their hotel room during a domestic. The bill addresses direct access and assumes the number "9" for all hotels.
- 2) The Kelsey Smith Act which requires wireless carriers to provide timely call location to law enforcement in the event of an emergency.
- 3) The Swatting Bill which addresses spoofing and swatting 911 calls.

NENA has reached the 10,000th member. We have an on-going chapter challenge for the chapters, the largest percentage of new members and the one with the most new members will receive a free NENA Course for their conference. Someone asked if Kari's Law relates to all businesses or just hotels? It's just directed to the hotel industry, not businesses.

President Seivert thanked the NENA Officers for their work all year long and especially to Cara Sorrells for all she has done for NENA. Cara does all the set up and take down for the conference.

There was no further business. The fall meeting site is still being discussed. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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