



KWIEC Meeting Minutes

1:00 – 3:00 pm

Monday, November 17, 2003

101 Cold Harbor Drive

Frankfort, Kentucky

I. Committee Attendees

- **Members** - Rodney Murphy, Michael Clark, Jim Ramsey, John Lile, Lt. Col. Rob Miller, Col. David Casey, John Penfield, Malcolm Franklin, Col. Ray Nelson, Mike Rosenstein, Lonnie Lawson, Paula Williamson, Dean Peak, Lt. Col. Cynthia Brooks, Terry Anderson, Mike Phillips.
- **Visitors** - Aldona Valicenti, Shirley Rodgers, Gerry Hann, Ken Mitchell, Ken Born, Bob Stephens, Roy Cunningham, Stuart Hammond, Dave Steinwert, Chris Nolan.

II. Call to Order

- Rodney Murphy, Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed committee members and visitors.

III. Introduction

- Formal members of the committee introduced themselves.

IV. Approval of Minutes

- Lt. Col. Rob Miller made a motion that the minutes be accepted and Terry Anderson seconded.
- Approval was unanimous

IV. KWIEC Charter

- Chair called for discussion or recommendations for Charter
- A recommendation was made to change the wording on Section 7c. A discussion ensued and the final decision was to eliminate Section 7c and make the original wording a separate paragraph.
- A motion was made to accept the Charter at this meeting with the amended material to be approved at the next meeting.
- Motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

V. Legislative Committee Report

- Aldona gave an update on the report to the Legislative Committee presented on October 2nd, 2003. Aldona commented that Representative Weaver has become

“well educated” in these issues and is one of our most engaged promoters. Aldona asked that committee members thank Representative Weaver for his support.

- Aldona reported that the central discussion of the Legislative Committee was what could be added to this bill to make it stronger.
- She reported that, on the Federal level, the need is for grants to have more conditions attached requiring interoperability tests, adherence to standards, and coordination of users on a regional or statewide level
- Rodney added that committee members had read material given to them before the meeting and they asked questions and made comments that this was an important issue for the Commonwealth. They suggested we get local and State agencies involved and also get both the A & R committees more aware of the need to upgrade the KEWS infrastructure.
- Information from the upcoming administration of Governor-elect Fletcher has shown support for Public Safety Wireless Interoperability issue.
- Rodney commented that he was discouraged that none of the capital plans GOT had submitted to the State capital planning advisory committee made the top 10 list of high priority projects for this legislative session. Rodney added that this was not “the kiss of death” for these projects as many times projects not on the list are approved.
- Rodney announced that Aldona would be leaving her post as GOT’s CIO and the Commonwealth CIO at the end of November. To acknowledge her many achievements, members of the committee and visitors gave Aldona a standing ovation.
- A question was raised concerning the administration change slowing down the momentum of the Interoperability initiative in the Commonwealth. Rodney said that GOT has not received any contact from the transition team concerning this issue but that there is Legislative support for this issue. Aldona replied that this was a bi-partisan issue and there was support and cooperation from both parties. She added that Interoperability was not a Federal but a National issue and that she has seen nothing but support for this issue. Aldona reported that SAFECOM, the Federal name for the Interoperability issue for first responders is even one of the 24 topics on President Bush’s “e-government initiatives” and that the Nation cannot succeed if the States do not succeed concerning this initiative.
- A question was raised as to whether vendors were also pushing for this initiative to which Aldona responded that, while the vendors had a powerful voice, this will have to be achieved in the private sector first. Other players are Federal agencies, such as the FCC, who have been slow to get involved. It will have to be the operators, the private sector that supplies the product and the FCC who will be the people who get this done.
- A question was raised concerning how the committee would communicate to SAFECOM in Aldona’s absence to make sure that any solution we come up with for Kentucky does not turn out to be a “stove pipe” operation in the Nation. Aldona replied that SAFECOM is well publicized and information is available. Rodney said there is opportunity for the Commonwealth to submit proposed standards and get advice from PSWN (now SAFECOM).

VI. Legislative Amendments/Changes

- Ken Mitchell updated the Committee on proposed language that would strengthen HB 309
- A discussion of the proposed amendment changes resulted in the following:
 - Standards need to be written and accepted before making the language of HB309 stronger.
 - Bullet point #4 should be changed to read “Maintenance and technology upgrades for the Public Safety Infrastructure component shall be given higher priority
 - Do not recommend that the CIO of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture and the CIO of the Department of Military Affairs be added to the KWIEC. Adding these two positions would cause an imbalance between State and Local representation on the Committee and could make the Committee too large.
 - Further amendment modifications should be addressed by the Legislative Working Group

VII. Creation, Organization, and Tasks of Working Groups

- Mr. Mitchell described the purpose of the Public Safety Working group chaired by Mr. Bob Stephens as dealing mainly with the Public Safety frequency spectrum.
- Mr. Mitchell discussed the purpose of the Legislative working group as keeping the Committee informed on any legislation coming from outside the Committee as well as working on legislation coming from the Committee
- Mr. Mitchell then described the Architecture/Standards work group as one that worked with the former Wireless Steering Committee. That work group may now be in charge of formulating the Architecture and Standards of Public Safety Interoperability.
- The Funding Work Group would be in charge of funding issues and grants.
- A sign up sheet for each Work Group was passed around for Members and visitors to sign if interested.
- Mr. Murphy asked Mr. Ken Born to coordinate, develop, and set up the Architecture/Standards workgroup. Mr. Murphy said that GOT has been working on Standards for Wireless communications and other aspects of our infrastructure. Some of these ideas could be pulled from existing documentation and used as a basis for the Committee to work with.
- Mr. Mitchell volunteered to send out a list of the members of all the Working Groups
- Mr. Stephens commented that a request to allocate the 4.9 Gigahertz frequency spectrum needed to be completed as quickly as possible. Mr. Stephens also reported the 700 Megahertz frequency plan was in progress.
- Mr. Murphy stated that “marketing” this initiative would best be done by the Public Safety working group

VIII. Community and Regional Reports

- Mr. Franklin reported that the 14 local Hazmat teams continued to struggle with a system that was not interoperable. He also reported that area 4 in Bowling Green

there is a project to enable communications between the ambulance services, hospitals, and health departments. This project will have to be designed so that it can expand to the whole Commonwealth.

- Mr. Lawson said that they are continuing to deploy a CAD system in the 42 county area of District 5 and that they are in negotiations with a potential vendor concerning their Mobile Data project.
- Lt. Colonel Miller told the Committee that the CAD/RMS system had been turned up in the London area recently and that KSP and the locals in the Post 10 area would be done in December.
- Rodney reported that he attended a meeting of the Criminal Justice Council and saw impressive new technology that resulted from UCJIS. There are hopes that more funding will come out of the next legislative session.

IX. State Reports

- Lt. Colonel Miller added that work was being done to incorporate standardized electronic reporting such as warrants, crime reports, citations, and collision reports into the normal work process.
- Mr. Ramsey reported that the KVE satellite/radio combo IP project initiation document was being formulated. Funding has been procured for this project.
- Mr. Franklin reported that work was being done on the 2004 basic Grant Information Package. It will be a totally different and standardized application process for grants. The Commonwealth is still analyzing this information. He also said that he attended a pre-bid meeting concerning a satellite communications package for a mobile data command post. He added that there were two other projects, one for Civil Air Patrol in which funds had not been spent yet and the other project was for a communications trailer for Military Affairs/National Guard

X. Open Discussion

- A comment was made to suggest we partner with other vendors related to the Public Safety personnel such as Utility companies.

XI. Next Meeting

- The next KWIEC meeting will be held February 16, 2004 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm at the GOT Cold Harbor training room

XII. Adjourn

- The chair asked for a motion to adjourn and the motion was made and seconded.