



**KWIEC Meeting Minutes**  
10 am – 12 pm  
Monday, September 29, 2003  
375 Versailles Road  
Frankfort, Kentucky

**I. Committee Attendees**

- **Members** - Rodney Murphy, John Patterson, Mike 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, Lt. David Boggs, Lt. Col. Cynthia Brooks, Mike Phillips, Doug Tackett
- **Visitors** - Aldona Valicenti, Steve Dooley, Shirley Rodgers, Gerry Hann, Ken Mitchell, Ken Born, Mary Pedersen, Danny Ball, Walter Atherton, Bruce McMichael, Ray Stone, David Lucas, Ed Scheumann, Chris Reid, Brian O'Reel, David Barker, Bob Stephens, Mike Englehaupt, Stuart Hammond, Ken Ackerman, Dave Steinwart

**II. Call to Order**

- Rodney Murphy, Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed committee members and visitors.
- Mr. Murphy reminded all that this is a legislated committee and that meetings are subject to the Open Record Rules and open to the public.

**III. Introduction**

- Formal members of the committee introduced themselves.

**IV. Welcome**

- Aldona Valicenti, Chief Information Officer, Commonwealth of Kentucky, welcomed the attendees and talked about why she is excited about this committee, its purpose, vision, and goals. She said that, until HB309, interoperability looked as if it was a "fading goal". HB309 provided a means to focus our combined resources to achieve interoperability in the Commonwealth. The committee and the citizens of the Commonwealth will be the winners when government agencies can communicate with each other when needed.

**IV. KWIEC Charter**

- Mr. Murphy stated that future meetings would include minutes of previous meetings.

- Mr. Murphy gave a brief overview of the proposed KWIEC Charter, but said voting for the KWIEC Charter would be deferred until the next meeting.
- Mr. Murphy said several members of the legislature have shown an understanding of what the Committee is charged with trying to accomplish. We have an opportunity to gather support from the upcoming legislature.
- Mr. Murphy introduced Ken Mitchell. Mr. Mitchell is part of the Strategic Initiatives Team at the Governor's Office for Technology (GOT). He will be coordinating work activities and the source for copies of meeting rosters, minutes etc. Mr. Mitchell can be contacted at [ken.mitchell@mail.state.ky.us](mailto:ken.mitchell@mail.state.ky.us).

#### V. **HB309 Presentation**

- Mr. Mitchell gave a short presentation of the purpose of HB309 which is:
  - To advise the Chief Information Officer regarding strategic wireless initiatives to achieve public safety voice and data communications interoperability.
  - Define terms; prescribe committee membership and organization structure.
  - Require the Chief Information Officer to establish and implement a statewide public safety interoperability plan.
  - Establish a Public Safety Working Group.

#### VI. **Legislative Report**

- Mr. Murphy said that Aldona Valicenti would be making the first annual report of this Committee to the legislature on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2003.

#### VII. **Community and Regional Reports**

- Mr. Murphy informally proposed that the Community and Regional Reports and the State Reports be standing agenda items.
- Bruce McMichael with the Louisville Metro Criminal Justice Commission gave a brief update of the Louisville Metro Communications interoperability status in light of the recent merging of Louisville and Jefferson County.
- Walter Atherton, Deputy Director of Daviess County Emergency Management, gave a brief overview of Public Safety Communications in the Owensboro/Daviess County area.
- Lonnie Lawson, Executive Director of The Center for Rural Development, gave a brief background of the Mobile Data Project in the Fifth Congressional District and how The Center for Rural Development is helping to bridge the gap between agencies statewide.
- Danny Ball gave a PowerPoint presentation of The Center for Rural Development's Wireless Component of the Law Enforcement Technology Project.

#### VIII. **State Reports**

- Malcolm Franklin, Director of the Division of Emergency Management, Department of Military Affairs, showed a PowerPoint presentation about Emergency Management and its role to coordinate state agencies at the scene of a disaster. Mr. Franklin emphasized the importance of communications between public safety agencies in order to improve coordination efforts in responding to

disasters. Currently, many public safety agencies cannot communicate with each other, making coordination of resources difficult for Emergency Management. Mr. Franklin discussed Federal Homeland Security funds available for local jurisdictions through Emergency Management. Mr. Franklin also emphasized the importance of having interoperable systems for communications instead of the stand-alone systems currently located throughout the Commonwealth.

- Rodney Murphy gave a presentation on a potential Kentucky's Road Map for Public Safety Wireless Communications showing GOT's vision for the future, what GOT has to offer, and the importance of developing a participatory planning model for Kentucky.
  - Aldona Valicenti mentioned the Capital Planning Advisory Board has asked the Executive branch for ideas or ways on how to fund high priority projects that have been submitted.
  - Bruce McMichael asked if this committee was charged with looking into preventing stovepipe communications systems not only in the public safety agencies but also in the public service industries like utility companies. Mr. Murphy answered that this was not in the specific language when crafting HB309, however, there are other opportunities to partner with public service agencies on communications interoperability.
  - Colonel Ray Nelson suggested that the agriculture industry and the CIO of the National Guard be included in sitting members of the Committee. Aldona Valicenti suggested creating a working group that could take advantage of the opportunities we have at this time to modify legislation and add amendments to HB309 or other possibilities to include the agriculture industry and CIO of the National Guard.
  - Rodney Murphy said Ken Mitchell would, over the next few weeks, canvas the members for their ideas for changes and ask for volunteers for this working group.
- Ken Born gave a presentation on the Public Safety Awareness Initiative that will educate and inform local governments about the idea of statewide public safety interoperable communications and how to achieve it. The four key areas of study are:
  - 1) Coordination and Partnerships
  - 2) Technology
  - 3) Spectrum
  - 4) Funding
- Mary Pedersen discussed the Unified Criminal Justice Information System (UCJIS) Project, who they are, what they are doing, and why they are doing it. Ms. Pedersen emphasized the importance of improving timeliness and accuracy of data available to Law Enforcement officers as a part of this important project. She gave projected dates of milestones and discussed other projects that are going on in UCJIS. If anyone would like more information about UCJIS, please contact Mary Pederson.
- Jim Ramsey, Chief Information Officer for the Transportation Cabinet, gave a history of their Mobile Data Project. In the project, their equipment was capable of using two mediums for data communications; satellite and cellular. The equipment would select automatically the most effective communication medium

for the particular terrain the vehicle was traveling through. The Transportation Cabinet is presently developing an RFP. Rodney Murphy added that there are standards in The Center for Rural Development's RFP and Transportation's RFP that will require vendors to be able to interconnect and be compatible at the application layer throughout the Commonwealth.

- Lt. Colonel Rob Miller discussed the background of the CAD/RMS project. He defined interoperability as real time, on demand access to information for a certain response or certain instance. He described a possible regional interim interoperability solution having the radio communications system at each KSP Post installed with BIM cards. This solution will allow KSP to connect disparate radio systems and could be made available to local communities, if they so desired. Lt. Colonel Miller mentioned great cooperation among agencies in the past four years that was unheard of previously and that Kentucky should be proud of the spirit of cooperation that is taking place among agencies.

#### **IX. Open Discussion**

- There was no open discussion

#### **X. Next Meeting**

- The next meeting is tentatively set for Monday November 17th, 2003 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm at the Governor's Office for Technology, 101 Cold Harbor Drive in Frankfort. Official meeting notices along with a map will be sent out to committee members.
- Rodney Murphy asked that the committee bring suggestions, comments (both positive and negative) and ideas for agenda items.
- It was suggested that today's PowerPoint presentations be made available. Ken Mitchell will send these out via email or have them burned onto a CD upon request. He will also work on a website where future presentations will be located.

#### **XI. Adjourn**

- The Chair asked for a motion to adjourn.
  - The motion was made by Lt. David Boggs, seconded by Lt. Colonel Rob Miller and the first meeting of the Kentucky Wireless Interoperability Executive Committee was adjourned.