

**MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2009, 6:30 PM  
BOCES, 1879 W. Genesee St. RD, Auburn, NY 13021**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Hon. Peter Tortorici, Chairman, AT 6:30PM.

**ROLL CALL:** Mary Jones, Clerk of the Legislature, all Legislators present, except Murphy, Petrus, and Schuster.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**MOMENT OF PRAYER:**

**PRESENTATION:** By Motorola on the County Wide 911 Radio System (Motorola Proposal Overview) Attached to original minutes.

**Questions from Legislators:**

Axton, are there towers we can use.

Motorola, 8 towers we can use.

Sincebaugh, is there an annual fee.

Motorola, lease towers, monthly fee, we recommend you own the sites.

Sincebaugh, sites not included in the 23 million price.

Motorola, we estimate 3.7 to 4.7 million increase if you own the towers.

Mills, need 15 sites, can we phase that in.

Motorola, need all or loose quality.

Palermo, 800 or VHF needs 6 towers.

Motorola, VHF needs 6 of the 15.

Tortorici, need 5 or 6 different models of radios, do we have to purchase from you?

Motorola, no, you can use others., base line system, 1,900 radios, 900 pagers, 3.7 million extra for facilities, 4.7 million to buy sites and towers total cost 23.5 to 24.5 million.

Tortorici, this was the only bid received.

Motorola, not many can do the whole system.

Fearon, what about using satellite.

Motorola, you would pay every time you use it, in line site, can't use in building.

Cuddeback, system is old and outdated, how long will it take to phase out old system.

Motorola, 18 to 24 months at this point.

Tortorici, what is the life of the system.

Motorola, 15 years and it is upgradable.

Tortorici, 25 million pay over a period of 12 years at 2.5 million a year.

Sincebaugh, you guarantee 97% what if it's 95%?

Motorola, it's 97%

Tortorici, we have work to do, we have more questions and need more answers.

Cuddeback, 6 VHF sites, 97% coverage with these sites.

Motorola, tactical coverage.

Cuddeback, tie sites together.

Mills, 1,900 radios and 900 pagers, can we use old equipment?

Motorola, no.

Mills, can we use the towers in Onondaga County?

Motorola, yes, one in Oswego.

Mills, can we share?

Motorola, would have to be close.

Mills, we could lease them?

Motorola, consortium, so we share.

Axton, new tower sites cost 1 million apiece, now you're talking additional 4.7 million?

Motorola, 1 million per. Site.

Axton, cost went way up/

Motorola, cost didn't include radios.

Axton, so now that's 1.5 million.

Motorola, operations and maintenance additional cost, 5 to 8% for maintenance costs.

Tortorici, no money has been put aside for this, we will look for grant money, leasing towers and other things.

Mitchell, fund balance is from tax payers, debt rating has moved up, fund balance slips, cost to borrow goes up, will depend a lot on the state.

Mills, if several sites go down, what happens?

Motorola, it's a big circle, point to point, you would lose sites.

Mahunik, maintenance fees are a concern me.

Motorola, equipment costs 700,000. To 800,000., we don't know how many Counties will be in the consortium, could work with Counties on cost. System comes with full 1 year warranty.

Mahunik, 15 sites for towers, but we haven't bought sites yet.

Motorola, we picked 15 sites, some are high some are not, they could be changed or modified.

Axton, we think of it everyday, we are not saying we don't want it, but it is a lot of money. We need to be sure, we know it needs to be done.

Lattimore, the City has 800mhz, what would it cost to have the best?

Motorola, 800mhz not necessarily the best, needs to be based on the trunking. 800mhz means more sites, more money.

Tortorici, we have a radio committee that meets regularly, we will work on this and move forward.

Cuddeback, how long is the RFP good for?

Lockwood, December 2010.

Sincebaugh, is there another system out there?

Lockwood, this body needs to reject proposal and go back out to bid.

Denise Stayton, 911 Director, RFP went to vendors on State Contract.

Lockwood, price for sites, may use emanate do mien.

Tortorici, I think there are other systems, either we go with this of reject and go back out to bid. We have a lot of questions, and we need to know the complete price.

### **Questions from Audience:**

Keith Batman, 97% coverage, so 3% not covered.

Motorola, we are testing, difficult to find dead spots, to get 99% to 100%, you would need 5 more sites.

Keith Batman, do you anticipate 100%?

Motorola, better than 97% but not 100%.

Keith Batman, 800mhz you would need more towers.

Mike O'hara, 10 years ago we had a problem, we can't take care of the system we have now. Systems are changing, why not use satellite?

Motorola, can't change speed of light, you would have delay times.

Bill Balyszak, why was there only one bid?

Tortorici, that's all that was received.

Denise Stayton, sent to vendors on NYS contract.

Bill Balyszak, why?

Denise Stayton, not may can handle this project.

Motorola, not many can do whole system.

Bill Balyszak, 22 million, questions on what's included.

Motorola, proposal is 21.9 million, includes radio equipment, towers and sites are separate.

Bill Balyszak, towers not included?

Motorola, 3 to 4 million more.

Doug Lafane, what is the life of the system?

Motorola, 15 years, can upgrade with software.

Ryan Hultz, 7 frequency now used.

Motorola, use as needed on demand, trunking, sharing benefit.

Peg Bradley, can we look at the maps again, coverage not so good up north.

Gus Taft, we need to do something, how much has been put aside for this.

Tortorici, no money has been put aside at this time.

Gus Taft, what about the reserve?

Tortorici, that would be up to the Legislature.

Gus Taft, so it's up to the tax payers.

Mike O'Hara, Cayuga County indebtedness is 42 million, were at 30 million for this system

Mitchell, it's 15 million.

Mike O'Hara, grants available, contact others that have gone through this.

Bill Balyszak, 5% to 8% extra cost for maintenance each year.

Motorola, yes.

Stephen Fedrizzi, what happens if someone dies?

Axton, we think of that everyday, we need to be sure, it's a lot of money.

Ron Quill, we don't know the actual cost of the towers, we haven't bought the land yet, people will want more for the land now.

Doug LaFay, it's a lot of money, but we need it.

Kevin Foster, I didn't like having to pay for a new furnace, but I needed it, you still need the system.

Patrick Burns, what are you going to do with the coverage problems up north?

Motorola, maybe try a different frequency.

Patrick Burns, high band radios, our equipments no good, do we get 1 for 1, does our equipment have any value?

Motorola, not sure if 1 for 1

**Motion by Lockwood, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fearon to adjourn at 8:20PM, all in favor.**

**12-14-09 Minutes approved on 2-23-10 Motion by Lattimore, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pinckney, all in favor.**

