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Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

The Public Safety Communications Commission (PSCC) met via videoconference on Monday, May 8, 2023. Vice Chairman Monte McClain presided, calling the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m.

II. Roll Call

The following members were present constituting a quorum:

Mark Harshman, Chairman	Monte McClain, Vice Chairman
Paul Bertoglio, Commissioner	Dwane Pacheco, Secretary
Matt Carr, Commissioner	Owen St. Clair, Commissioner
Jonathan Downing, Commissioner	Cindi Shank, Commissioner
Phillip Franklin, Commissioner	John Wetzel, Commissioner
Karl Germain, Commissioner	Darin Westby, Ex Officio

Commissioner Mike Choma was absent.

III. Introductions

The following attendees participated in the meeting:

Nathan Smolinski, Chief Technology Officer Kimberly Chapman, Commission Secretary

IV. Agenda Adjustments

No adjustments were made to the agenda.

V. Action Items

1. Use of ARPA Funds to Upgrade WyoLink Microwave Network

Mr. Smolinski requested the commission's support on a contract with Motorola to upgrade the WyoLink microwave network. The network is currently running on legacy equipment that is no longer supported by the manufacturer, which has made it increasingly challenging to operate the system. The microwave system is mission critical as it provides a connection between all WyoLink sites and Cheyenne, making it a true statewide interoperable communication system.

The existing system technology will not be able to keep up with the growing demand as other features are upgraded and subscriber use increases. The new system will

provide up to 160 megabytes of capacity compared to the 1.5 megabytes of capacity currently per site.

Motorola's project proposal was valued at \$12.8 million but the contract awards up to \$15 million. This was done to allow for "known unknown" or unforeseeable project costs. The extra funds may be used to reinforce towers to handle the load of extra equipment, which will be determined by equipment mapping and structural analysis to be completed at each site.

The project will have a tight deadline as the ARPA funds underwriting this project must be expended by December 31, 2026. The funding deadline necessitates a detailed, precise project schedule that accounts for the seasonality of construction and site access.

Action: It was recommended by Mr. Smolinski, moved by Chairman Harshman, seconded by Commissioner Germain, and unanimously carried to approve the contract with Motorola to upgrade the WyoLink microwave network.

VIII. Adjournment

It was moved by Commissioner Pacheco, seconded by Commissioner Wetzell, and unanimously carried to adjourn the May 8, 2023, emergency business meeting at 11:39 a.m.