

Wyoming Public Safety Communications Commission



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Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

The Public Safety Communications Commission (PSCC) met via videoconference on Friday, June 23, 2023. Chairman Mark Harshman presided, calling the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

II. Roll Call

The following members were present constituting a quorum:

Mark Harshman, Chairman Dwane Pacheco, Secretary

Jonathan Downing, Commissioner Cindi Shank, Commissioner

Phillip Franklin, Commissioner John Wetzel, Commissioner

Karl Germain, Commissioner Darin Westby, Ex Officio

Monte McClain, Vice Chairman

Commissioners Paul Bertoglio, Matt Carr, Mike Choma, Owen St. Clair, and Matt Waldock were 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. WyoLink System Maintenance Agreement

Mr. Smolinski reported that the WyoLink System Maintenance Agreement (SMA) with Motorola is eligible for a three-year extension. The services included in the SMA are necessary for the continued operation and maintenance of the WyoLink system. The contract was approved by the Wyoming Attorney General's office and is ready to be signed and executed.

The cost of the SMA will be covered by the recently approved, \$8.6 million appropriation that WYDOT will receive for WyoLink per biennium. Once the SMA has been funded, any unspent monies will be directed to other operational system needs.

It was recommended by Mr. Smolinski, moved by Commissioner McClain, seconded by Commissioner Franklin, and unanimously carried to approve the renewal of the WyoLink System Maintenance Agreement.

2. Additional WyoLink Towers

Mr. Smolinski asked the commission to consider a contract for the addition of two WyoLink tower sites in Northern Sheridan County and Saratoga. It is estimated that the cost for the Saratoga site will be \$1.4 million. The Northern Sheridan County site will cost an estimated \$1.5 million.

The Saratoga site will be a colocate with the Union Telephone Company. WyoLink equipment will be hung on Union's tower, but WYDOT will build a shelter to hold the generator and radio equipment. This is a challenging site because it is on top of a mountain. Some roadwork will have to be completed in order to get the necessary construction equipment and shelter to the site.

The Northern Sheridan County site will be a new build. Mr. Smolinski reported that there will be a utility fee because there is currently no power at the site and new lines will have to be installed.

The contract for the two additional sites is still under review by the Attorney General's office, but the commission's approval will be taken into consideration.

It was recommended by Mr. Smolinski, moved by Commissioner Downing, seconded by Commissioner McClain, and unanimously carried to approve the contract for two new WyoLink towers, to be located in Northern Sheridan County and Saratoga.

VIII. Adjournment

It was moved by Commissioner Wetzel, seconded by Commissioner Franklin, and unanimously carried to adjourn the June 23, 2023, emergency business meeting at 11:37 a.m.