

## SHEBOYGAN COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL MINUTES

Sheboygan County Sheriff's Department  
By Phone Bridge or:  
525 N. 6<sup>th</sup> St.  
Sheboygan, WI 53081

**April 21, 2021**

**Called to Order: 5:01 PM**

**Adjourned: 5:44 PM**

Members Present: Russ Schreiner, Kristy De Blaey, Todd Stange, Blaine Werner, Chris Lewinski, Mike Brungraber, Steve Steinhardt, Bryan Olson, Eric Bushman, and Jacob Immel.

Members Absent/Excused: Dan Althaus and Jason Ebert

Others: James Langer

### Call to Order

Chairman Schreiner called the meeting / virtual meeting to order at 5:01 pm.

### Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### Certification of Compliance with Open Meeting Law

Kristy De Blaey certified compliance with the open meeting law. The meeting notice was posted on April 19, 2021, at 9:30 am.

### Approval of Minutes of October 21, 2020, Meeting

Motion by Mike Brungraber and seconded by Chris Lewinski to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2021, meeting. Motion carried with no nay votes.

### Correspondence

None

### Update on Interoperability with Ozaukee County

Russ Schreiner updated the Council on zoom meetings that occurred between Sheboygan and Ozaukee County personnel related to interoperability for law, fire, and EMS units. Todd Stange also provided an update about a fire meeting that occurred independent of the shared meeting. The fire recommendation will be going before the Sheboygan County Fire Chiefs Association for approval. Law units have reached an agreement on operations. Another meeting is scheduled for June 3rd.

### Update on Homeland Security Use of Sheboygan County Radio System

Russ Schreiner updated the Council on a radio loan that will occur between the Sheboygan County Sheriff's Office and Homeland Security. The radio will be programmed, left at the county airport, and used to communicate with the Sheboygan County Emergency Communications Center in the event of an emergency situation. Steve Steinhardt made a motion to inform Law Committee only; seconded by Mike Brungraber. Motion passed with no nay votes.

### Update on the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee to study the primary and secondary EOC communications / capabilities

Steve Steinhardt updated the Council on a COVID relief grant the county will be receiving. There was discussion on how those funds would potentially be spent. There were questions from Council members about specific funds coming in and / or specific needs with those funds.

Chris Lewinski updated the Council on a potential for broadband expansion within the county related to these funds. Eric Bushman also discussed a bandwidth expansion within the City of Sheboygan, again related to the relief funds. They indicated there is time for spending the funds.

Steve also updated the Council regarding the potential upgrade of the antenna at the EOC. They have identified the need and why, but it now comes down to the budget process.

#### Review radio system's operations

Russ Schreiner reported the firmware and hardware upgrades have been completed. George Macias is still working to upgrade virus protections on the PC's. George is also working on a system upgrade to 911.

#### Interoperability update

Russ made a comment, indicating the Dept of Military Affairs has been granted authority to upgrade and / or replace the existing WISCOM radio system. It is unknown which direction this will go.

#### City/County IT Update

Chris Lewinski reported that the firewall project will be moving forward with a completion date in mid-August. They will communicate with affected personnel in relation to down times. There will also be a Net Motion / VPN upgrade.

Eric Bushman reported new MDC's were rolled out in the squads last week. They are looking to install redundant firewalls at the Wastewater Treatment plant.

#### MABAS Update

Kristy De Blaey reported the 2021 MABAS Conference is scheduled to be in person in Stevens Point, but has been pushed back to the last weekend of September. The committee is making plans now.

#### Public Comment

James Langer posed a question related to the airport radio authorization. Kristy De Blaey indicated she will get the answer to the question.

#### Scheduled Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for July 21, 2021, at 5:00 pm.

#### Adjourn

Motion by Blaine Werner; seconded by Bryan Olson to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 5:44 pm.

Submitted by Kristy De Blaey  
Recording Secretary

Russ Schreiner  
Chairman