

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Pursuant to Section 19.84 Wis. Stats., a special meeting of the **Brown County Public Safety Committee** was held on Wednesday, July 29, 2009 in Room 200 of the Northern Building, 305 East Walnut Street, Green Bay, WI

Present: Andy Nicholson-Chair, Carole Andrews, Bill Clancy, Tom DeWane,
Excused: Andy Williams
Also Present: Executive Hinz, Jayme Sellen, Jim Nickel, Shelly Nackers, Fred Mohr,
Bob Heimann, Chief Arts, Sara Perrizo. Supervisor Jack Krueger.
Other Interested Parties

1. **Call Meeting to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Tom DeWane at 12:02 p.m.

2. **Approve/Modify Agenda:**

Motion made by Supervisor Andrews and seconded by Supervisor Clancy to approve. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **Discussion of the Termination Agreement with FoxComm including Possible Action.**

County Board Attorney, Fred Mohr, was present to give an updated and stated discussion regarding a termination agreement had been ongoing for a long time. Due to some difficulties in communications with Brown County representatives and FoxComm representatives, County Executive Hinz suggested Mohr, along with Brown County Corporation Counsel, John Luetscher, contact Winnebago Corporation Counsel, John Bodnar, directly to work out the details of the agreement. Mohr explained, there are still some points that need to be worked through. He stated he had worked with Bodnar for 25 years, and had contacted him. Together, they had agreed to work out the details and get into an agreement due to the friction that had existed so far with Brown County and FoxComm. Bodnar had asked Mohr to forward him a proposal of the termination agreement that Brown County would want and they would work together from there. Mohr continued that he is hoping to get the agreement out tomorrow.

Supervisor Andrews questioned whether there was still an issue with not having passwords to obtain data. Public Safety Communications Director, Jim Nickel, stated there was access to their data but do not have passwords to do some things that administrators have done historically all along. He stated last Thursday they were surprised to find out that the password was changed for the program that is used to notify fire people by text message. At this time there had been no resolution in re-obtaining access. Andrews suggested adding in the agreement the statement "no more surprises." Nickel stated they are full partners until the end of the year, he was told that our I.S. person had to sign a 3rd party agreement in order to obtain the password but they are not a 3rd party, they are full partners until January 1, 2010. Mohr stated that he had made Bodnar aware and Bodnar was going to make contacts with regards to this issue and it should be resolved shortly.

Chair Nicholson arrived at 5:05 p.m.

Supervisor Clancy questioned if it would be appropriate for the committee to just get an injunction? Mohr responded that at the end of the last County Board meeting the Chairman gave him authority to seek an injunction if he felt it necessary and at this point he does not. Mohr felt that Bodnar was a reasonable guy and that it was an issue with the next level down and someone needed to monitor the situation and Bodnar would do that. Until there is an indication that it's not happening, he wouldn't jump the gun, because once we go to war, we are at war and he didn't feel it was going to be necessary.

Clancy questioned what the window was to have this settled before being sucked into next year. Nickel stated configuration data needs to be transferred and installed by mid August and Incident data by October which directly affected the implementation process.

Supervisor Krueger questioned why take the chance in putting people in danger, Brown County is a full partner and suggested demanding funds back if services aren't being provided when they have already been paid for. Mohr responded that he had spoken with Bodnar Monday and those issues may have been fixed already. DeWane stated that as of today, they do not have the passwords. Mohr stated he will be on the phone as soon as he gets back to the office.

Supervisor Nicholson asked Chief Arts what his concerns were at this point. Arts responded that it was the Incident data which had been address and also equipment but that he would speak with Mohr after the meeting in regards to it.

Information Services Director, Bob Heimann, suggested that they obtain access to the Incident data and configuration data far sooner than the turn-over date. He explained there are a lot of programs that need to be tested before they can go live.

Clancy questioned if the return of the equipment was settled yet. Mohr stated not completely. There is a warranty on the more sophisticated equipment which states it had to be moved by certified movers. There is a list of people who are certified. Nickel suggested that Brown County's IS Dept manage the move.

Clancy questioned if the committee could get info back by next Wednesday. Mohr responded that he hoped he would, and expected that Bodnar would want to move that quickly.

Motion made by Supervisor De Wane and seconded by Supervisor Andrews to direct Attorney Mohr to be in power of the negotiations of the termination of the FoxComm Agreement and to come back to the committee if he needs any further access for action to be taken. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

4. **Such other matters as authorized by law.** None.

Motion made by Supervisor Andrews and seconded by Chairman Nicholson to adjourn at 12:18 p.m. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,
Alicia A. Loehlein
Recording Secretary