

Finance and Asset Management Committee

Special Meeting Minutes



December 14, 2023, at 5:30 pm.

Hybrid In-Person and Virtual Meeting

304 E. Grand River Ave., Board Chambers, Howell, Michigan

Zoom Virtual Meeting ID: 399-700-0062 / Password: LCBOC

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3997000062>

Members Present: Nick Fiani, Douglas Helzerman, David Domas, Frank Sample, Wes Nakagiri, Jay Drick, Roger Deaton

Members Absent: Martin Smith, Jay Gross

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Committee Chair, Nick Fiani at 5:30 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

3. Roll Call

Roll call by the recording secretary indicated the presence of a quorum.

- Comm. Nakagiri left the meeting at 6:14 pm
- Comm. Helzerman left the meeting at 6:30 pm
- Comm. Drick left the meeting at 6:32 pm

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the Agenda as presented.

It was moved by D. Domas

Seconded by Frank Sample

Yes (7): N. Fiani, D. Helzerman, D. Domas, F. Sample, W. Nakagiri, J. Drick, and R. Deaton

Absent (2): M. Smith, and J. Gross

Motion Carried (7 to 0)

5. Call to the Public: None.

6. Discussion

6.1 911 Tower/Radio Proposals

Fiani turned the meeting over to **Mr. Laird Stabler**, of Defero, to proceed with his presentation.

Mr. Stabler advised that he was just notified that 1,134 Units would need to be replaced as part of the project but his numbers will not take that into consideration due to timing. He proceeded with his presentation. He went through the proposed project timeline, as well as rough financials.

- Committee members questioned the presenter.

Sheriff Mike Murphy questioned Defero's experience working with the public safety sector. He went on to state that he felt the State's Contract with Motorola would take precedence.

- Public Safety sector is looking for a long term solution and sustainability so money is there for perpetuity.
- Best way forward would be to issue an RFI when we're ready.

Bobby Brite, of Defero, was in the audience and stepped up to confirm that it was an 18-month old company but they had the financial backing and experience to do the project at a much lower cost.

- Geographical Survey would be needed to firm up some of the prices and possibly lower the bid. At this point they don't have any concrete stats of what will be called for.

Fire Chief Adam Carroll, of Hartland Deerfield Fire Authority, questioned the presenter.

[Comm. Nakagiri left the meeting at 6:14 pm]

Q & A continued.

[Comm. Helzerman left the meeting at 6:30 pm]

[Comm. Drick left the meeting at 6:32 pm]

EMS Director, Dave Feldpausch questioned compatibility of new system.

Committee Chair Fiani reminded those present that this is a starting point, an attempt to get the ball rolling on a project that is much needed.

Bradley Stoddard, Director of Michigan's Public Safety Communications System (MPSCS), addressed the Committee.

- It would be beneficial for the County to set up a meeting with the State team and they can provide you with background and advise of possible pitfalls.
- Just finished up migration of Oakland County.
- The MPSCS is here to help the County meet their financial goals.

Comm. Fiani asked Mr. Stauder if he could weigh in on the two main questions that came up this evening:

1st Question: If we were to integrate and put up the exact system that the State required, using Defero versus Motorola, would the State maintain it as part of the Maintenance Agreement.

- Director Stoddard advised that they have standards in place. If those standards are not met then the County would have to pay separately for that maintenance.

2nd Question: Can Defero install the equipment to exact specifications of MPSCS, if they moved to tower top radio heads? Is there the possibility to move Livingston County away from current Motorola system to a PTT solution.

- Stoddard cautioned that those devices are not ruggedized device for the field. If you are looking at a PTT Solution, it's an augmentation to the system, not a replacement.

Rich Uslan of Motorola addressed the Committee.

- Current Contract is valid from 2019 to 2029.
- Motorola's bid is based on State standards and lists specifications as required.

Q & A continued.

Discussion took place regarding replacement cost and various situations where things would be covered by Motorola.

Comm. Deaton questioned about how this ties in with Fiber Project.

7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 pm.

It was moved by F. Sample

Seconded by Roger Deaton

Yes (4): N. Fiani, D. Domas, F. Sample, and R. Deaton

Absent (5): D. Helzerman, W. Nakagiri, J. Drick, M. Smith, and J. Gross

Motion Carried (4 to 0)



Carol Sue Jonckheere, Recording Secretary

UNAPPROVED