

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE: April 28, 2008

TO: Lee Holloway, Chairman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Scott Walker, Milwaukee County Executive
David A. Clarke, Jr., Milwaukee County Sheriff

**SUBJECT: REQUEST TO APPROVE RESOLUTION CREATING RADIO SYSTEM
ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Issue

In 1992, Milwaukee County began development of an 800 MHz Trunked Radio System with two tower sites to service the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department and Milwaukee County Transit System for countywide, day-to-day communications. Over the past 16 years, numerous public safety and public service agencies throughout Milwaukee County have joined the 800 MHz Trunked Radio System, including police and fire agencies in 17 municipalities, emergency medical service operations, municipal and County public works agencies, municipal health departments and area mall security operations. Today, there are nine analog tower sites located throughout Milwaukee County that provide mission critical communications for approximately 70 agencies in the region. The radio system's primary function is to provide high quality and cost-effective interoperable voice and data communications to public safety and public service government agencies in Milwaukee County, with the needs of public safety mission critical communications as the priority.

Milwaukee County's Department of Administrative Services – Information Management Services Division is responsible for day-to-day administration of the radio system's fixed infrastructure, including project management, contract management, capital and operating budget management, user agency requests, and research and analysis of current and future communications issues.

An 800 MHz Radio System User Group, comprised of the various agencies that utilize the radio system, meets periodically to discuss important issues as they arise. Many public safety and public service radio communication systems throughout the country have formed advisory councils that engage representatives of the user agencies in a more focused and active manner to provide appropriate review, analysis and recommendations on policies, procedures and general operations of the system. The benefits of radio system advisory councils have been recognized through greater coordination, collaboration and accountability.

It is in the best interest of Milwaukee County, the users of the 800 MHz Radio System and the citizens of our community to create a Radio System Advisory Council that is representative of the user agencies to review, analyze and recommend programs, policies, procedures and alternatives to promote the cost-effective operations and long-term viability of an interoperable communications

system for public safety and public service agencies throughout the region.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the attached resolution be adopted to create the Radio System Advisory Council in Milwaukee County government.

Fiscal Impact

There is no direct fiscal impact to creating the Radio System Advisory Council. Existing staff time will be required to attend meetings and manage the appropriate work of the Council.

c.c: Chairman, Judiciary, Safety and General Services Committee
Judiciary, Safety and General Services Committee Members
Cynthia Archer, Acting Director, Department of Administrative Services
Thomas Nardelli, Chief of Staff, County Executive
Steven Kreklow, Fiscal and Budget Administrator
Dennis John, Chief Information Officer, Information Management Services Division
Rick Ceschin, Research Analyst, County Board
Terry Cooley, Chief of Staff, County Board of Supervisors
Linda Durham, Committee Clerk, Judiciary, Safety and General Services Committee

1 By County Executive Walker and Sheriff Clarke
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3 **A RESOLUTION**

4 Authorizing creation of a Radio System Advisory Council of Milwaukee County to
5 analyze and recommend cost-effective solutions that promote interoperable
6 communications for public safety and public service agencies utilizing the 800 MHz
7 Trunked Radio System.
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9 WHEREAS, in 1992, Milwaukee County began development of an 800 MHz
10 Trunked Radio System with two tower sites to service the Milwaukee County
11 Sheriff's Department and Milwaukee County Transit System for countywide, day-
12 to-day communications; and
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14 WHEREAS, over the past 16 years, numerous public safety and public
15 service agencies throughout Milwaukee County have joined the 800 MHz Trunked
16 Radio System, including police and fire agencies in 17 municipalities, emergency
17 medical service operations, municipal and County public works agencies,
18 municipal health departments and area mall security operations; and
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20 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County's Department of Administrative Services –
21 Information Management Services Division is responsible for day-to-day
22 administration of the radio system's fixed infrastructure, including project
23 management, contract management, capital and operating budget management,
24 user agency requests, and research and analysis of current and future
25 communications issues; and
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27 WHEREAS, many public safety and public service radio communication
28 systems throughout the country utilize advisory councils that engage
29 representatives of the user agencies to provide appropriate review, analysis and
30 recommendations on policies, procedures and general operations of the system;
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33 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Milwaukee County, the users of the
34 800 MHz Radio System and the citizens of our community to create a Radio
35 System Advisory Council that is representative of the user agencies to review,
36 analyze and recommend programs, policies, procedures and alternatives to
37 promote the cost-effective operations and long-term viability of an interoperable
38 communications system for public safety and public service agencies throughout
39 the region; now, therefore,
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41 BE IT RESOLVED that the Radio System Advisory Council is hereby
42 created in Milwaukee County government and shall initially be comprised of the
43 officials or executive-level representatives of the user agencies outlined in Exhibit
44 A; and
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46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Radio System Advisory Council shall
47 determine its organizational structure, mission and proceedings through the
48 adoption of by-laws that are developed by designated representatives of the
49 Council and approved by Council members; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Radio System Advisory Council shall submit, for timely consideration, any Council-approved recommendations, proposals, or other requests to the appropriate jurisdictional authority or governmental entity for policy consideration and implementation.

(Exhibit A)

Radio System Advisory Council

- Membership: Milwaukee County Agency Representatives:
Milwaukee County Information Management Services Division Representative
Milwaukee County Sheriff’s Office Representative
Milwaukee County Public Works Representative
- Municipal Agency Representatives:
Law Enforcement Executive Association Representative
Fire Chiefs Association Representative
Emergency Medical Service Representative

Chairperson: Supervisor Willie Johnson, Jr.
Clerk: Linda Durham, 278-4225
Research Analyst: Rick Ceschin, 278-5003

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, SAFETY AND GENERAL SERVICES

Thursday, May 8, 2008 - 9:00 A.M.

Milwaukee County Courthouse - Room 201-B

MINUTES

PRESENT: Supervisors Rice, Cesarz, Broderick, Jursik, Sanfelippo and Johnson (Chair) – 6

EXCUSED: Supervisor De Bruin - 1

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

1. 08-179 From County Executive and the Sheriff, requesting approval of a resolution to create the Radio System Advisory Council in Milwaukee County government.

APPEARANCE(S):

Inspector Kevin Carr, Sheriff's Office
Dennis John, Chief Information Officer, IMSD
Maureen Weiher, IMSD

Mr. John and Inspector Carr provided comments relative to the subject request.

Questions and comments ensued.

Supervisor Jursik suggested that the Committee on Judiciary, Safety and General Services prepare a press release relative to approving the resolution to create a Radio System Advisory Council in Milwaukee County government to review and promote inoperable communications systems for public safety and public service agencies throughout the region. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

MOTION BY: (CESARZ) Approve. (Vote 6-0)

AYES: Rice, Cesarz, Broderick, Jursik, Sanfelippo and Johnson (Chair) – 6

NOES: 0

EXCUSED: De Bruin - 1

2. 07-379 Adopted 2008 Budget Amendment 1A067 directed that the County Executive and the Superintendent of the House of Correction shall provide written monthly briefings through October 2008 for the Committee on Judiciary, Safety and General Services on the ongoing development and implementation of the Global Positioning Surveillance (GPS) home detention program. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**
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SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

APPEARANCE(S):

Inspector Kevin Carr, Sheriff's Office
Superintendent Ronald Malone, House of Correction
Molly Pahl, Fiscal Operations Manager, House of Correction

Superintendent Malone reviewed the subject report.

Questions and comments ensued relative to the make up of the Community Justice Council Steering Committee and the Jail and Huber Utilization Committee.

Superintendent Malone advised that the Jail and Huber Utilization Committee meets again on May 19th. He will provide Minutes of that meeting, as well as Minutes from the previous meetings, to Rick Ceschin for distribution to Committee members.

The Committee took no action on this informational item.

3. 07-368 From Superintendent, House of Correction and Director of Human Resources, report
(a) on House of Correction Recruitment and Respite Efforts per resolution File 07-368.
(Also to be considered by the Committee on Finance and Audit) (Monthly status report due on implementation of Audit recommendations.) (INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)

APPEARANCES:

Superintendent Ronald Malone, House of Correction
Molly Pahl, Fiscal Operations Manager

Superintendent Malone reviewed the subject report.

Questions and comments ensued relating to family medical leave (FML) usage and attendance.

Superintendent Malone advised that he will again address this issue at the Personnel Committee meeting on May 16th and will provide answers to questions raised by members of this committee regarding usage and attendance and any trends relative to FML at that meeting.

The Committee took no action on this informational item.

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

The Committee may adjourn into closed session under the provisions of Wisconsin Statutes, Section 19.85(1)(d) for the purpose of considering strategy for crime detection or prevention with regard to item 12. At the conclusion of the closed session, the Committee may reconvene in open session to take whatever actions it may deem necessary:

4. 08-J-8 From the Superintendent, House of Correction (HOC), submitting the Operational Review of the Milwaukee County House of Correction from the United States Department of Justice, National Institute of Corrections Technical Assistance Project. (Report due identifying the top 10 safety and security issues raised in the National Institute of Corrections audit report, along with corrective actions taken by the HOC) (INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)

APPEARANCE(S):

Rick Ceschin, County Board Research Analyst
Superintendent Ronald Malone, House of Correction
Molly Pahl, Fiscal Operations Manager

Superintendent Malone reviewed the subject report.

Questions and comments ensued.

Rick Ceschin advised that he would provide a copy of the National Institute of Corrections audit report, as well as the Milwaukee County audit, to the new County Board Supervisors.

The Committee took no action on this informational report.

The Committee may adjourn into closed session under the provisions of Wisconsin Statutes, Section 19.85(1)(g), for the purpose of the Committee receiving oral or written advice from legal counsel concerning strategy to be adopted with respect to pending or possible litigation with regard to item 11. At the conclusion of the closed session, the Committee may reconvene in open session to take whatever actions it may deem necessary:

CORPORATION COUNSEL RECOMMENDS PAYMENT/SETTLEMENT OF THE FOLLOWING CLAIMS/LITIGATION *(Note: Section 56.08 of the Milwaukee County General Ordinances authorizes the Judiciary Committee to settle all claims when the amount does not exceed \$5,000.00, and the action of the Committee is final and no further County Board action is required.)*:

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

5. 08-18 From Deputy Corporation Counsel, requesting approval for payment in the amount of \$3,770.31 to The Cincinnati Insurance Companies as full settlement of this claim for damages to a legally parked 2006 Toyota Sienna van insured by them.

APPEARANCE(S):

Bob Andrews, Deputy Corporation Counsel

MOTION BY: (RICE) Approve. (Vote 6-0)

AYES: Rice, Cesarz, Broderick, Jursik, Sanfelippo, Johnson (Chair) – 6

NOES: 0

EXCUSED: De Bruin - 1

STAFF PRESENT:

Rick Ceschin, Research Analyst, County Board
Bob Andrews, Deputy Corporation Counsel
Inspector Kevin Carr, Sheriff's Office
Ronald Malone, Superintendent, House of Correction
Molly Pahl, Fiscal Operations Manager

This meeting was recorded. Committee files contain copies of communications, reports and resolutions, which may be reviewed upon request to the Chief Committee Clerk. The official copy of these minutes, along with the audio recording of this meeting, are available in the County Board Committee Services Division.

Adjourned: 10:00 a.m.

Linda K. Durham

Linda K. Durham, Committee Clerk

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