

Waterloo, Iowa February 14, 2023

The Oversight Board for the Consolidated Communications Center (CCC) met in Room 201 of the Black Hawk County Courthouse, and electronically via Zoom, at two o'clock (2:00) p.m. The meeting was called to order and on roll call there were present: Cedar Falls Mayor Rob Green, Dunkerton Mayor Michael Schares, Evansdale Mayor Deanne Kobliska, Gilbertville Mayor Mark Thome, Hudson Mayor George Wessel, La Porte City Mayor Jasmine Gaston, Waterloo Mayor Quentin Hart, Black Hawk County Supervisors Tavis Hall, Dan Trelka, and Linda Laylin, Chair.

Absent: Black Hawk County Supervisors Tom Little and Chris Schwartz.

Moved by Kobliska, seconded by Green to approve the agenda as proposed. Motion carried.

Director Judy Flores discussed how the proposed FY24 CCC budget had changed over the past months as an Emergency Management Agency levy was considered as an alternate funding stream. She said there now are three proposals to fund the center budget at 100 percent, 110 percent or 125 percent of expected costs. The 100 percent budget includes a new warrants clerk. The 110 percent budget would allow for two additional dispatchers to be hired. The budget proposals also were broken down to be funded by the CCC members with formulas based on calls for service and population. Flores said the proposed budget does include more than \$400,000 more for radio maintenance fees now part of the 911 Board budget. Sheriff Tony Thompson said the radios went out of warranty so the maintenance plan kicks in next year. Wessel said he felt it was critical to approve the 110 percent budget to begin addressing the center's needs. Wessel also proposed a funding formula-based 70 percent on calls for service and 30 percent population.

Green moved the following resolution.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the proposed FY 24 Consolidated Communications Center budget be approved at the 110 percent level with costs allocated based 20 percent on population and 80 percent on calls for service.

Laylin declared the motion died for lack of a second.

Kobliska moved the following resolution seconded by Hart.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the proposed FY 24 Consolidated Communications Center budget be approved with \$3,307,447 in contributions allocated between the member entities-based 100 percent on property valuations.

Systems/Real Estate Tax Manager Tim Jamison questioned whether the valuations used in the contribution calculations included the tax increment valuations. He also questioned whether the CCC could compel Elk Run Heights and Raymond to make the projected contributions since they were not members of the CCC Oversight Board or parties to the funding agreement.

Green said he's not sure Cedar Falls would be able to participate in a consolidated communications center at the proposed \$1.1 million funding level, which is nearly twice the city's current contribution level. He wasn't sure his council would support the increase.

It was noted Evansdale provides police service to Elk Run Heights and Waterloo provides fire response to Elk Run Heights. The county sheriff provides law enforcement in Raymond. Those cities pay the respective responders for those services.

Hall said it seemed most equitable to calculate payments based on valuations since the center is expected to be funded with a countywide property tax levy in the future. Gaston agreed that it would be an easier transition.

Hart questioned whether the county was still considering making an additional contribution to the center budget to offset the increases being faced by the cities. Many cities thought the CCC budget would be funded entirely next year by a county tax levy.

Supervisor Little has joined the meeting.

Hall questioned how the individual contributions would change if the county provided additional funding beyond its calculated contribution. Jamison explained any additional revenue received is deducted from each member's allocation in proportion to the amount of their contribution.

Moved by Wessel, seconded by Green to amend the resolution to state: Should Black Hawk County contribute more than its calculated CCC allocation then the funding would first go to offset the Cedar Falls cost increase up to a maximum of \$300,000. Wessel said Cedar Falls was facing the biggest impact in the switch from calls for service to a valuation-based funding formula, while Waterloo would still see a reduction in its cost. Thome said county officials would have a difficult time explaining to taxpayers why it was only helping one of the cities with its CCC funding contribution.

AYES: Green, Schares, Wessel, Gaston.

NAYS: Kobliska, Thome, Hart, Board of Supervisors (Nays: Hall, Little, Trelka, Laylin).

ABSENT: Schwartz. Amendment failed.

Moved by Kobliska, seconded by Hart to amend the resolution to remove Elk Run Heights and Raymond from the valuation calculations and not to bill those cities.

AYES: Green, Schares, Kobliska, Thome, Wessel, Gaston, Hart, Board of Supervisors (Ayes: Hall, Little, Trelka, Laylin).

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Schwartz. Amendment passed.

On the main resolution as amended, to approve the proposed FY 24 Consolidated Communications Center budget with \$3,307,447 in contributions allocated between the members-based 100 percent on property valuations, excluding Elk Run Heights and Raymond.

AYES: Kobliska, Thome, Gaston, Hart, Board of Supervisors (Ayes: Hall, Little, Trelka, Laylin).

NAYS: Green, Schares, Wessel.

ABSENT: Schwartz. Resolution adopted.

OTHER BUSINESS. Thompson said the 100 percent budget adopted did not make much progress to resolve dispatch center shortcomings identified by the Delta WRX study. Laylin said she believes progress is being made but more collaboration is needed.

On motion and vote the meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm.