

Michigan Public Safety Frequency Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2012
St. Johns, MI

Member Attendance

Member	Affiliation	Present	Excused	Absent
Keith Bradshaw – Chairperson	MI APCO- Frequency Advisor	X		
Dale Berry – Vice Chairperson	MI Association of Ambulances		X	
Patricia Coates – Secretary	MI APCO MI APCO-Alternate Frequency Advisor	X		
Laura Peebles	MI Sheriff's Association			X
Dan Robinson	State of MI – DNR	X		
Thomas Briggs	MI Department of Transportation	X		
Steve DeWitt	MI Association of Chiefs of Police	X		
Mark Jongekrijg	MI APCO	X		
Jim Fyvie	MI APCO	X		
Rick Martin	State of MI – MSP	X		
Kasey Mlujeak	State of MI – Corrections	X		
Bill Nelson	MI Association of Fire Chiefs	X		
Joe Turner	MI Municipal League		X	
Kathy Vosburg	MI Association of Counties		X	
Mark Sandberg	State of MI - MPSCS	X		

Other Attendees

Brent Williams	State of MI – Community Health
Catherine Henning	State of MI – MPSCS
Scot Theakston	State of MI – MPSCS
Tobechi Ogbonna	State of MI – MPSCS

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bradshaw at 10:00 AM

II. Introductions

Attendees introduced themselves.

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Robinson, supported by Nelson, to approve the agenda as drafted. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Approval of the Minutes of the October 27, 2011 meeting.

Motion by Robinson, supported by Briggs, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carrier unanimously.

V. Applications

A. Old Applications

1. Washtenaw County Jail

Mr. Bradshaw stated that the applicant has still not provided contours nor answers to the questions the Committee presented. **Motion** by Bradshaw, supported by Martin, to table the application until the next meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Other

No other old applications

B. New Applications

1. State of MI – 868.1500 additional frequency to Genesee County simulcast system

Mr. Bradshaw stated that there are no contour issues, except with the MPSCS itself at Romeo. **Motion** by Coates, supported by Martin. Motion carried unanimously, with Sandberg abstaining.

2. State of MI – 866.6375 at Holly site

Mr. Bradshaw stated that the contours are clear, except for an adjacent channel in Macomb, and recommended approval. **Motion** by Robinson, supported by Nelson, to approve. Motion carried unanimously, with Sandberg abstaining.

3. State of MI – 868.2500 at Caro site

Mr. Bradshaw stated that this application backfills a frequency being removed from this site for the Lapeer system, **Motion** by Fyvie, supported by Briggs, to approve. Motion carried unanimously, with Sandberg abstaining.

4. State of MI – 867.5625 at Lapeer four-site simulcast

Mr. Bradshaw explained that this channel is still licensed to the City of Pontiac, although the license is expired, and it is unclear if the city is using it. **Motion** by Martin, supported by Mlujeak, to approve pending a letter to Pontiac inquiring as to the status of the channel. Motion carried unanimously, with Sandberg abstaining.

5. State of MI – TAC 4

- a. Dundee
- b. Columbiaville
- c. Hemlock
- d. Caro
- e. Bridgeport

Mr. Bradshaw explained that, as a part of rebanding, the State is deploying 8TAC94 and TAC4 back to back. He asked if the State had completed the FRA, and Mr. Sandberg advised that the FRA for the back to back portion is complete, and two other FRAs for infrastructure and subscriber units are being negotiated.. Mr. Bradshaw recommended approval. **Motion** by Fyvie, supported by Coates, to approve. Motion carried unanimously, with Sandberg abstaining.

6. Other

No other new applications

VI. Subcommittee Reports

A. Interoperable Communication Subcommittee

Chief Nelson has updated the language, and inquired as to the status of the ITACs after rebanding. Mr. Bradshaw confirmed that they will be going away, so Chief Nelson will remove them. Both Mr. Robinson and Chief Nelson have reached out to Canada to discuss interoperability. This section will be duplicated in the 800 and 700 MHz plans, and Chief Nelson will eliminate operational references and put the frequencies in this section, rather than an appendix. Chief DeWitt provided “real world” experience with the need for interoperability.

B. Engineering/Technical Subcommittee

No Report

C. Writing Subcommittee

Mr. Bradshaw requested that the committee review the document for typographical errors. Many technical tissues, including loading, deviation, emission masks etc. will go away due to rebanding. Mr. Williams suggested these items be left in until they are eliminated through attrition.

Mr. Bradshaw is updating the spreadsheet regarding orphaned channels and deviation from the sort as new applications come in. This will be submitted with the revised plan.

Regarding a definition of coverage area, Mr. Bradshaw recommends the language from the 700 MHz plan regarding a “county-like area” be repeated in the 800 plan.

VII. Old Business

A. None

VIII. New Business

A. Other

1. The Committee discussed the implications of the proposed 700 MHz narrow band give backs in the pending Federal legislation
2. No other new business

VIII. Next Meeting Date.

The next meeting will be March 8, 2012 in Clinton County at 10 A.M. in conjunction with a 700 MHz RPC meeting immediately following.

IX. Adjournment

Motion by Robinson, supported by Sandberg, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:26 A.M. by Chairman Bradshaw.