

MEETING MINUTES
JOINT EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION SERVICES ASSOCIATION
OF JOHNSON COUNTY – POLICY BOARD
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2010 – 10:00 A.M.
THE JOINT EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM
4529 MELROSE AVENUE, IOWA CITY, IOWA

MEMBERS PRESENT:

CORALVILLE:	JOHN LUNDELL
IOWA CITY:	REGINA BAILEY, MICHAEL WRIGHT
JOHNSON COUNTY:	LONNIE PULKRABEK, PAT HARNEY
NORTH LIBERTY:	TOM SALM, CHAIRPERSON
JOHNSON COUNTY EMA:	DAVID WILSON

1. **Call to order: recognize alternates.**

Members present.

2. **Comments from public.**

None.

3. **Discussion with Johnson County officials about the JECSA FY 2011 operating budget including other options for funding.**

Salm began the meeting by stating that the Board of Supervisors had set the levy rate for FY 2010 at 68¢. Salm wanted to make sure that this was avoided in the future. Harney commented that there had been some misinformation.

Rich Claiborne stated that he had been informed to set the levy at a rate to provide for a \$2 million operating budget for JECSA in FY 2010. Claiborne stated there were approximately \$2.566 million left in JECSA's account after accounting for future FY 2010 expenses. Claiborne expressed an opinion that the County could recapture any money in JECSA's budget. Harney commented that he thought that a \$1.5 million reserve was adequate for JECSA.

Attorney Stone commented that both the 28E Agreement which created JECSA and the Code of Iowa prevented the County from recapturing any amount in JECSA's reserves.

Claiborne commented that between 27¢ and 29¢ of the levy proceeds will be used to satisfy the bond payments.

Pulkrabek stated that JECSA needed some cash reserves. Pulkrabek stated that \$10 million of cash reserves was far too much. Pulkrabek stated that perhaps 10% of the total project cost would be an appropriate amount for reserves. Bailey stated that JECSA needed some cash reserves and the cash reserves must be budgeted. Pulkrabek commented that major expenses should be paid for with bond proceeds to the extent possible.

Pulkrabek suggested a levy of approximately 69¢ to 70¢. Bailey stated that \$2.5 million in reserves is appropriate for JECSA. Bailey then commented that no one else on the Policy Board rejected the idea of \$2.5 million in reserves, so the Policy Board will proceed in the future based on the assumption that JECSA should have approximately \$2.5 million in reserve.

Stone said that in two or three years, JECSA will incur approximately another half-million dollars in operating expenses when JECSA begins to pay for the warranty and software licensing.

Wright made a motion to set the levy at 70¢. Wilson seconded. As a roll call vote, Lundell, aye; Bailey, aye; Wright, aye; Pulkrabek, aye; Harney, aye; Wilson, aye; Salm, aye.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. Discussion of E & L Prybil Limited Partnership litigation and discussion of action to approve condemnation proceedings against the E & L Prybil Limited Partnership.

Stone stated that the E & L Prybil Limited Partnership had filed a lawsuit against JECSA. The lawsuit sought to enjoin the construction of the JC-S4 tower, the communications tower under construction in the City of Iowa City's Industrial Park. Stone commented that relocating the tower would cost approximately \$500,000 and delay the project four to six months. Stone recommended that the Policy Board provide authority to initiate, but not finalize, condemnation proceedings against the E & L Prybil Limited Partnership real estate.

Wright expressed general concerns about condemnation. Pulkrabek commented that the Policy Board should provide its attorneys with the necessary tools to resolve the litigation.

Bailey made a motion to initiate condemnation proceedings. Seconded by Salm. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Other business.

None.

6. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned.