



# South Worcester County Communications Center

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*Gregory Lynskey, Communications Center Director*

*SWCCC Board of Directors*

*Meeting Minutes for May 9, 2019 – Regular Session*

Board Members Present: Chairman Greg Balukonis, Courtney Friedland (Representing Doug Willardson), Peter Fox (Representing Paul Joseph), Randy Becker  
Others Present: Gregory Lynskey

- Meeting called to order by Chairman Balukonis at 10:11am.
- Chairman Balukonis led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Mr. Becker made a motion to approve the regular session meeting minutes from April 11, 2019 with one correction changing the date. Second by Mr. Fox. Vote 3-0-1 with Ms. Friedland abstaining.
- Mr. Becker stated he had spoken with the vice-chairman of the Oxford Board of Selectmen and that they were planning to meet once both communities had gotten through the budget process and town meetings. Mr. Becker stated it is one of their focuses to get the Town Managers to meet as well.
- Director Lynskey stated he had been contacted blindly by a police chief in a non-contiguous community who had questions regarding potentially joining SWCCC and if it was possible being non-contiguous. Director Lynskey informed him that it was possible. The Chief indicated he was considering the idea if it could happen in the next 2-3 months due to severe staffing levels he is experiencing. Director Lynskey had a lengthy conversation indicating that there are significant costs involved in technology infrastructure that would require grant funding and that with current State 911 grant cycle schedule that a realistic timeframe would be 12-15 months. Director Lynskey stated he thought it seemed to be a shotgun type decision as a result of a current staffing situation. He stated he would follow up though to gauge if there was in fact any serious interest. The Board discussed the matter and agreed that the Board's focus would continue to be on discussions with Oxford but would keep it in mind during those discussions that there may be another community interested. Mr. Becker asked if it would be possible to take on both communities if both were interested. Director Lynskey stated that would take some further review but with the size of the newly interested unnamed community that it would likely be a capacity issue in the current location and therefore staffing prohibitive to accommodate both communities.
- Director Lynskey presented the Board with a budget transfer request that required their approval. Director Lynskey stated he was seeking to transfer \$9,000 from Overtime to Communications Maintenance. Director Lynskey indicated that moving the funds from payroll to expenses required Board approval. Director Lynskey stated that the funds were to be utilized to replace the radio that is utilized on the Statewide radio network for police department interoperability and communication with the State Police. Director Lynskey stated the radio was initially purchased and issued to the Town of Webster by the Central Region Homeland Planning in 2005-2006. Director Lynskey

## **Board of Directors:**

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Doug Willardson - Vice Chairman  
Randy Becker - Member  
Paul Joseph - Member

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indicated the radio is still operational however is analog only and that the statewide radio system is currently being upgraded to digital with Central Mass. to be upgraded by the end of 2019. Director Lynskey stated that at the current time, Central Homeland Planning has not announced any plans to issue new radios and that the upgrade/replacement will be at the cost of the individual communities. Mr. Becker made a motion to approve as request. Second by Mr. Fox. Unanimous vote.

- Director Lynskey presented two budget transfers to the Board for their information. Votes were not required. Director Lynskey indicated \$2,066 was being transferred from Employee Training Fees to Computer Equipment Maintenance for purposes of upgrading the software of all 5 locations of cameras as a result of the current software having reached end of life. Director Lynskey also presented a transfer of \$150 from other charges & expenses to computer equipment maintenance for purposes of several cruiser modem maintenance upgrades.
- The Board recognized Dudley Town Administrator and Board Chairman Greg Balukonis who was attending his final meeting before retiring later in the month. The Board and Director Lynskey thanked Mr. Balukonis for his constant support of the SWCCC and the pleasure that it was to work with him over the years. Director Lynskey noted that Mr. Balukonis was the last remaining board member from the opening of the SWCCC and that it couldn't have been done without his support. The Board wished him well in his retirement.
- Mr. Balukonis called for a Board Reorganization vote to elect a new Chairman as a result of his department. The Board elected to fill the Chairman's position and await filling the Vice Chairman until the new Board members are in attendance.
- Mr. Becker made a motion to elect Mr. Willardson as Board Chairman. Second by Mr. Fox. Unanimous Vote.
- The Board set the next meeting for June 13, 10am at the Webster Police Community Room.
- Mr. Fox made a motion to adjourn at 1040am, second by Mr. Becker. Unanimous vote.