

March 7, 2016

BOARD OF FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chair Howard called the Study Session to order at 8:30a.m.

All Commissioners present..

Midge Ransom, Health Department Director, discussed changing the hours of the Health Department to better accommodate the customers. The department is busier during the lunch hour and in the afternoon between 3:30 and 4:45. It would be more of a benefit to the customers if the department was open until 5:30p.m. with a shorter lunch hour and close at noon on Friday. The traffic into the department will be monitored continually to see if further changes are needed.

Alan Radcliffe, Emergency Management Director, discussed the cost to replace the Counties emergency radio communications system. The current system is 11 years old and in need of replacement. The proposed system would be a Mototrbo commercial system. The system would improve interoperability and provide a trunked radio system close to a P-25 system as possible with built in redundancy and needed growth. To move forward, the department would need to find out how many non-county radios/users will be on the system and have the system engineered to meet the needs of county and non-county users. If nothing is done to replace the system, the County could face failures resulting in down time and costs to replace repeaters. The engineering costs are estimated at \$3,000. The cost to replace the system is estimated to be \$701,600 for infrastructure and county radios and an estimated \$401,600 for non-county radios totaling \$1,103,200. The radios could be funded in two different ways. One way to fund would be to pay for the County portion and inform the non-county users of the purchase requirements. The second way to fund the project would be to purchase the whole system on a 4 or 5 year lease purchase and pass the cost on to the non-county entities over the span of the lease purchase including interest.

Dennis Butler, Ottawa Police Chief; Stan Lantis, Pomona Fire Chief; and Troy Calderwood, Wellsville Fire Captain, each supported the project and said they thought it would improve communication in the County.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55a.m.

Clerk

Chair