

**COMMUNICATIONS & TECHNOLOGY AD HOC COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 19, 2011**

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Present: D. Pullen, M. Healy, M. Johnsen, J. Scott, C. Crandall

Guest: Richard Zink – Southern Tier West

Others Present: J. Margeson, M. Alger, T. Hopkins, F. Sinclair, P. Curran, A. McGraw, K. LaForge, B. Rigby Riehle, T. Miner, J. Foels, K. Dirlam, Randy Swarthout, S. Torrey

The meeting was called to order by Chairman D. Pullen at 10:00 a.m.

A motion was made by Jerry Scott, seconded by Mike Johnson and carried to approve the December 15, 2010 minutes.

Update on Towers and Equipment:

Legislator Healy gave an update on the Joyce Hill Tower and the Alfred Tower. Both towers are unsuitable to handle the upgrades that are required. They have inquired on the possibility of using Pingrey Hill Tower between Alfred and Andover that is owned by WZKZ, the lease requested is for \$2,500 per month. Possible grants or other options are also being considered.

Mr. Margeson County Administrator stated the Ackerman Hill Tower is completed but due to weather restraints the tower has not been changed over at this time. Randy Swarthout Dispatcher of E911 further discussed the progress.

Progress on Broadband Initiative:

Richard Zink of Southern Tier West gave an update on Southern Tier Wireless mapping new areas south of Amity where there are coverage gaps. Mr. Zink further discussed other areas of concerns to be addressed in the near future.

Committee Mission for 2011:

Chairman Pullen discussed the original plan for the committee on the improvement of broadband/fiber optic in Allegany County and the progress that has been taken since. There were discussions on what the mission for the committee will be for 2011. Mr. Scott stated the importance of Economic Development growth and that it will improve once broadband coverage is improved throughout the county. Mr. Johnson stressed the need to work with Emergency Services/911 to enhance the coverage of both systems. Legislator Sinclair stated the need for a plan to evaluate the improvements of the towers throughout the county. This will help draw both systems together. Curt Crandall discussed the need to have representation on the committee of someone in the Sheriff's Department and Emergency Services/911.

Chairman Pullen discussed the original thoughts by Frontier Communications that there wouldn't be enough customers to expand the DSL services in the Town of Grove but that they put one run in anyway. They have since had to expand the system three times since the initial system was installed. It is estimated that 95% of the Frontier customers

have service now in the Town of Grove. Chairman Pullen discussed the need to address high speed internet in District #3. There was discussion on retaining a consultant to evaluate what is available in the area and what equipment is needed to make the upgrades possible. Legislator Sinclair discussed the difficulties the Town of Grove and Swain went through to implement the system and how instrumental it was for them to work with a consultant to get the services completed. There was discussion on the possibilities of grant funding and other sources to retain a consultant to investigate the various issues throughout the county and advice on implementing these upgrades. A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Legislator Healy and carried unanimously to approve retaining Scott Teller to analyze our needs and the implementation of these upgrades. **REFER TO PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE FOR APPROVAL OF RETAINING A CONSULTANT AND TO REFER TO COUNTY ATTORNEY/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCES.**

New Committee Assignments:

Chairman Crandall stated he will be reassigning the standing committees due to the resignation of Legislator Russo and will evaluate this committee as well.

Adjourn:

A motion was made by Mike Johnson, seconded by Jerry Scott and carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Alice Alsworth

**COMMUNICATIONS & TECHNOLOGY AD HOC COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Present: D. Pullen, M. Healy, M. Johnsen, J. Scott, R. Swarthout, C. Crandall

Guest: Kevin Demick – President Town Highway Superintendents Association of Allegany County

Others Present: J. Margeson, M. Alger, T. Hopkins, F. Sinclair, B. Rigby Riehle, T. Miner, J. Foels, K. Dirlam, J. Luckey, D. Hanchett, K. Demick, L. Gridley, J. Hopkins

The meeting was called to order by Chairman D. Pullen at 10:05 a.m.

A motion was made by Mike Johnson, seconded by Jerry Scott and carried to approve the January 19, 2011 minutes.

Update on Towers and Equipment

D. Hanchett has been working with SAIA Communications while they assess the Joyce Hill Tower and the Pingrey Hill Tower to see if the towers will be compatible for added height to the tower and upgrades. The final determination on both towers was that they were not compatible for either upgrade. There was discussion on an option to purchase some property to install a new tower to accommodate the upgrades for the area in order to make the project more cost effective. Mr. Hanchett stressed the urgency to move this project forward in order to meet the grant qualifications of a deadline of September 1st. The requirements of the grant are to have the tower installed and operable by this date or the grant will be denied. Another option is to upgrade six towers rather than seven which would allow more funding to go to upgrading the equipment to these six towers, rather than the installation of another tower. All venues are being reviewed for the best way to move this project forward. Mr. Hanchett asked if there are any other options that are available that committee members are aware of, to please call him so these options can be reviewed as soon as possible. Mr. Hanchett also stated the current towers will remain operable and the equipment will be maintained as they have been in previous years.

Report on Communications

Legislator Sinclair distributed the following information for the committee to review:

The Committee is performing an independent assessment (Report) on the Communications systems and infrastructure throughout the county. An independent contractor will perform the technical aspects of the Report, examining the existing 911 Emergency and Fire Service systems as well as inter-county building connections, Town and County highway, private broadband, wireless configurations and fiber capabilities. The Report will provide a basis for and propose alternatives which will increase efficiency, decrease costs and provide enhanced services to the public and private sector.

Mr. Scott Teller will be the principal investigator and technical analyst in developing the Report. County personnel will assist in data gathering, coordination of meetings and interviews, GIS mapping, transcribing and printing of the Report. Mr. Teller has extensive experience in the communications field, recently assisted in initial wireless hookups for Swain and has worked with numerous companies and government organizations in meeting their communications needs. The proposed budget for the Report is \$15,000. Consulting fee is \$10,000 and the County in-kind will be \$5,000. The revenues for these services will be Comprehensive Plan Implementation Group \$5,000, Southern Tier West Foundation \$5,000 and Allegany County in-kind \$5,000.

Mike Johnson asked if Scott Teller was prepared to start work immediately once the contract is in place now that funding sources have been obtained. Legislator Sinclair stated that Mr. Teller has agreed to start as soon as possible. Mr. Hanchett agreed with contracting with an outside consultant for his expertise and the possibility of other options he might suggest that haven't been addressed yet. A motion was made by Mike Johnson, seconded by Legislator Healy and carried unanimously to approve a contract with Scott Teller for consulting services to develop the Report. To have the County Attorney prepare a contract with Scott Teller as soon as possible. **REFER TO PLANNING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE FOR THEIR APPROVAL OF SAID CONTRACT. REFER TO COUNTY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE A CONTRACT WITH SCOTT TELLER.**

Mr. Demick stated the Highway Superintendents Association has received a grant to upgrade computers/software in the County. They are very pleased with the progress that has been made so far with the upgrades. There was discussion on how beneficial the upgrades to the County system will be to all Town Superintendents and emergency personnel. Once the system is completed all communications will be more efficient because they will be able to partner with the County and share the channels for more open communication to allow for faster response to an emergency.

Chairman Crandall stated the importance of this committee to forward all information and suggestions onto the Public Safety Committee/Planning Economic Development Committee for final approval so that everyone is working together to move the project forward as soon as possible.

Good of the Order

Legislator Pullen distributed a news article from the Olean Times Herald "Technology Wireless advances could mean no more cell towers". The article is about Alcatel-Lucent's light Radio cube, a small cell-phone antenna that can be deployed on lamp posts, buildings, and other places that can't accommodate a full-sized antenna. The cube is about the size of a Rubik's cube. This service will offer seamless service, with fewer dead spots and faster data speeds. It is intended to cut down on the large towers being installed to accommodate the larger antennas by the various cell phone companies.

Legislator Pullen distributed a press release from Southern Tier Central Regional Planning & Development Board on Chemung, Schuyler and Steuben counties to build State-of-the-Art Optical Telecommunication Infrastructure. Mr. Johnson asked if it was

possible to see their plan on their Optical Telecommunication Infrastructure. After discussion Legislator Pullen was asked to see if this will be possible to obtain these plans for discussion on March 2, 2011 meeting. To also try and make arrangements with Mr. Teller to attend as well.

There was discussion on inviting some of the cell phone providers in our area to the March 2, 2011 meeting to discuss the improving of broadband access to the businesses in the County. Mr. Johnson agreed to check into this matter.

A motion was made by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:57 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Alice Alsworth

Confidential

**COMMUNICATIONS & TECHNOLOGY AD HOC COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 16, 2011**

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Present: D. Pullen, M. Healy, M. Johnsen, R. Swarthout, C. Crandall

Absent: J. Scott

Guests: Andy Lukashewicz and Joe Starks – ECC Communications; Tim O’Grady, Alfred Chief of Police and Greg Sammons, Chief of Alfred SUNY PD

Others Present: T. Hopkins, K. Graves, D. Fanton, F. Sinclair, J. Margeson, M. Alger, B. Rigby Riehle, T. Miner, J. Foels, K. Dirlam, J. Luckey, D. Hanchett

The meeting was called to order by Chairman D. Pullen at 10:02 a.m.

A motion was made by Mike Johnson, seconded by Randy Swarthout and carried to approve the February 16, 2011 minutes.

SAIA Tower Proposal

The Committee discussed the Pingrey Hill Tower site in the Town of Andover. With the replacement of the two existing towers, service will still be on-line with the old equipment. SAIA is moving forward and has decided to bid the project. SAIA is doing the specifications to include one acre of land with the county’s intent of leasing to buy the tower. The terms are still in negotiation with County Attorney Tom Miner. Chairman Pullen spoke with the County Attorney who stated there are no requirements for competitive bidding to purchase the land when equipment is involved. It becomes an installment sale under General Municipal Law. The County Attorney recommends viewing it under this scope for competitive bidding. He is waiting for more information to get specifications together and then it will go to bid.

Tim O’Grady, Alfred Chief of Police, introduced Greg Sammons who is the Chief of Alfred SUNY PD and clarified that he was here today on behalf of the Village of Alfred and not as a County Legislator. Alfred’s concern is they are the largest users of the existing towers as police agencies and can use portable radios to contact the necessary agencies with the tower on Jericho Hill. They fear the loss of this capability with the new tower being discussed. He stressed that he doesn’t want the “vocal minority” to win over the “quiet majority” regarding the tower issue, because the portable radio service is essential to their agencies, and he is here to represent the “quiet majority.” He stated that Alfred University owns most of Jericho Hill and may be willing to put a county tower there and suggested the committee be willing to ask. Tim O’Grady reiterated that, “to be sure the two full-time Alfred Police Departments, with 25 plus officers, are not forgotten for the sake of the vocal minority.” Legislator Sinclair commented that all issues will be examined and the committee will identify all minority voices and have them included in the meetings. The analysis will hopefully be completed within the next two weeks. Legislator Healy commented that the new location will increase propagation.

Dan Hanchett, County Sheriff's Department, reported that three quarters of the users are law enforcement and 5% being Fire Service. The county system in place has propagation studies that reflect Pingrey Hill will cover more area than Jericho Hill. Alfred State will not be eliminated and if the coverage is not as good, or better, then the existing site will be maintained to keep their service. He also reported on the different systems and is confident Alfred will maintain same coverage and that there will be redundancy.

Legislator Sinclair gave an update on Ackerman Hill and stated SAIA will convert to the new tower when the weather breaks.

ECC Communications

Chairman Pullen introduced Andy Lukashewicz and Joe Starks, President, from ECC Communications. Joe Starks reported on their Southern Tier Central project that has been approved and moving forward. ECC has done a fair amount of work in counties working with rural communities to identify infrastructure issues. There are grant funds available if a project is large enough to be eligible. One of the largest challenges of grant funding is proving sustainability after the project is completed. Even though Corning is funding their project 100%, you still need to have support from the communities. Joe Starks detailed the corridors that will be covered and serviced with their Southern Tier Central project. Southern Tier Network will operate the project and are now starting to identify with customers. ECC will collaborate with ION, Time Warner, Frontier and independent cable companies.

A great source for infrastructure is collaborating with Livingston County or neighbors. There is a stronger chance of acquiring grant funds through joining forces. WBA Program provides \$2 million in "Community Connect" funding for broadband projects. The largest key to getting grants is to have a "business plan" for fiber. Mike Johnsen suggested we get a consultant to be aware of these grants and write them, as that is not the expertise of this committee. Legislator Sinclair commented the County currently has a grant writing firm in place and we could possibly expand their efforts to include this. Joe Starks commented that ECC would be happy to provide information, without a fee, to help in acquiring grant funding. Mike Johnsen suggested a meeting be scheduled between the grant writing firm and ECC.

Joe Starks inquired if ION had been in contact with the county and Chairman Pullen reported that, yes, ION came and gave a presentation to the committee stating they will be running fiber from Cattaraugus County along I-86 to Belvidere, Wellsville, Whitesville, Alfred and Almond. We have asked for the southwestern part of the county to be addressed. ION is required to tie into police, hospitals and government agencies and will put portals there. Joe Starks remarked to be sure communities know what they are getting in return for their tax dollars that will contribute to the project cost. Chairman Pullen reported that ION currently is working on acquiring rights of way and permits. County Planner Kier Dirlam reported that he has heard nothing to date from ION with regards to the map. Mike Johnsen commented that the committee needs a direct contact with ION to which Chairman Pullen remarked that ION claimed they would remain in contact with us and that our largest issue at this point is sustainability and how

to fund the project. There was discussion about establishing an Local Development Corporation (LDC) 501©3 as counties are transferring funds to an LDC over three years in lieu of payment to the LDC. Legislator Sinclair asked if we could acquire a copy of ECC's business plan to which Joe Starks said he would approach his board, as long as we understand that businesses mentioned in the plan would not want their names made public.

There was consensus that County Planner Kier Dirlam will be the liaison to ION with regards to the map, which should be finalized by ION shortly. At such time, it will be forwarded to Kier Dirlam. Mike Johnson asked for input on the ION report. Chairman Pullen will follow-up with ION.

Good of the Order

No reports.

A motion was made by Mike Johnsen, seconded by Randy Swarthout and carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathleen L. Whitfield
Recording Secretary

**COMMUNICATIONS & TECHNOLOGY AD HOC COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 20, 2011**

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Present: D. Pullen, M. Healy, M. Johnsen, R. Swarthout, C. Crandall

Absent: Jerry Scott

Others Present: J. Margeson, M. Alger, T. Hopkins, F. Sinclair, D. Fanton, P. Curran, A. McGraw, K. Graves, B. Rigby Riehle, J. Foels, K. Dirlam, J. Luckey, R. Sobeck-Lynch, S. Teller, K. Hooker, G. Hanchett

Media: Brian Quinn – Wellsville Daily Reporter

The meeting was called to order by Chairman D. Pullen at 10:00 a.m.

A motion was made by Mike Johnsen, seconded by Legislator Healy and carried to approve the March 16, 2011 minutes.

ION Fiber Connections:

Kier Dirlam County Planner spoke with Mr. Derek Kaminski ION (Independent Optical Network) representative in regards to GIS Mapping information and its progress. Mr. Dirlam stated he has not received any information from ION. There was discussion on the progress of easement permits and their possible locations throughout the County. Chairman Pullen asked Mr. Dirlam to follow-up on ION progress on obtaining these easement permits, and mapping information.

A motion was made by Mr. Johnsen, seconded by Legislator Healy and carried to have Chairman Pullen send a letter to ION in regards to the committee's concerns, the possibility of obtaining a copy of their (plans, routes, process designing system, potential customers, their scheduling of completion of this work, access and connections to various towers). The committee would like a response back from ION ahead of the next scheduled meeting on May 18, 2011 in order for the committee members to receive a copy and time to review the information before the meeting. It was agreed that Congressman Tom Reed should be cc:'ed on the letter.

Report on Communications:

Legislator Sinclair gave an update on the completion of the Communications Report. Legislator Sinclair stated interviews have been completed with the Sheriff Department 911 Center, Jeff Luckey Director Emergency Management & Fire, Department of Public Works. Guy James Deputy I, Department of Public Works and Scott Teller inspected the tower on top of the County Office Building. There are other meetings scheduled for Friday, April 22, 2011 with Kevin Demick President Town Highway Superintendents Association and Deborah Button Director Information Technology Department. Future meetings are being planned. All meetings are being recorded to help with the completion of the Report. Further investigation was completed on the upgraded 911 system. It was determined the new upgrade has great flexibility, build-ability and is a very comprehensive state of the art system to service our needs way into the future.

Mr. Sinclair stated the County needs to acquire as many grants that are available to upgrade our various systems along with the county fire departments and emergency services throughout the county. There was discussion on some of the grants that are available.

There was further discussion on regionalizing with Chemung, Schuyler and Steuben counties on State-of-the-Art Optical Telecommunication Infrastructure, and what progress has been made on this issue. There was nothing to report at this time. This issue will be addressed further at the next meeting.

Communication Franchises:

Chairman Pullen stated there has not been any progress on franchises with area telephone companies. Mr. Johnsen discussed the arrangements with the two telephone companies associated with the Town of Grove and the arrangements that were made to set up their systems. Mr. Johnsen is trying to set up a meeting with the manager of Frontier on the progress of fiber optic services in the County.

Good of the Order:

Chairman Pullen stated the Town of Genesee is battling with their television provider in regards to the Town charging the company a franchise fee. It is not cost effective to charge a franchise fee to the company. They then can deduct this fee charge from their property tax at the end of the year.

A suggestion was made to have an ION representative come to the next meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Johnsen, seconded by Mr. Swarthout and carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:
Alice Alsworth
Confidential Secretary
County Administrator

**COMMUNICATIONS & TECHNOLOGY AD HOC COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 18, 2011**

****NOT APPROVED ****

Present: D. Pullen, M. Healy, M. Johnsen, J. Scott, R. Swarthout, C. Crandall

Others Present: J. Margeson, M. Alger, T. Hopkins, F. Sinclair, D. Fanton, P. Curran, A. McGraw, K. Graves, J. Foels, K. Dirlam, J. Luckey, D. Scholes

The meeting was called to order by Chairman D. Pullen at 10:00 a.m.

A motion was made by Mike Johnsen, seconded by Jerry Scott and carried to approve the April 20, 2011 minutes.

Update ION Fiber Installation:

Kier Dirlam County Planner received a cad file from ION (Independent Optical Network) representative. Mr. Dirlam and Legislator Sinclair talked to an engineer at ION to help with the reviewing of the files. After the discussion a more precise map was compiled of the planned routes the fiber optic network will run through Allegany County.

Independent Optical Network's primary goal is to complete the network from Jamestown, New York through Allegany County to the east. The main goal at this time is to get the main lines completed then the splice points will be added at a later date. Mr. Kier stated ION has a very aggressive time line and they are falling way behind. Their intended time frame for completion is 2012. By September 1, 2011 a certain amount of the network has to be completed by grant regulations. An extension is being requested to extend the September 1st deadline. There have been delays due to weather and issues with obtaining fiber equipment. Legislator Sinclair further discussed some of the issues that were addressed with the ION representative. One issue was reassurance that the County would have enough fiber optic to cover all the needs of the County for upgrades to the systems. The representative stated there will be two lines which will more than cover what the county would need. The County still has the availability to determine further connecting points. Legislator Sinclair stated the need for a follow-up meeting with the ION sales representative.

Jerry Scott discussed the fiber optic system and the need for back up lines in case something happens to the main lines. Mr. Scott also stated the need to know the quality of fiber for power of distance traveled. There will be further discussions with the ION representatives to address these issues and to discuss it further at the next meeting.

Communications Report:

Legislator Sinclair stated Phase II interviews are completed for the Communications Report. There have been around eleven agencies interviewed. More interviews will be done as needed in regards to permits and status of towers.

Legislator Sinclair stated Scott Teller – Principal Investigator/Technical Analyst in developing of the Communication Report, has received his first payment of \$5,000. The time line for the report was originally thought to be 8-10 weeks but it has been changed to be 10-12 weeks for completion.

Tower Status:

County Administrator John Margeson is working with Mike Saia of SAIA Communications on the completion of the proposal for the Pingrey Hill Tower site. Randy Swarthout stated all materials have been ordered and the project will move forward once the funding has been finalized.

There was communications with Southern Tier West Executive Director Richard Zink in regards to concerns on the final change over of the new Ackerman Hill tower. Legislator Healy stated due to the weather restraints the project has not been completed. There were concerns because Southern Tier West has a different time line due to grant funding requirements. Legislator Healy stated he has been in contact with SAIA Communications and this issue is being addressed.

Saia Communications is working in their shop preparing and testing equipment so when weather allows Pingrey Hill Tower site project will move forward. Mr. Margeson stated that the Department of Public Works has been working with SAIA Communications to be ready to move forward once weather permits.

911 Upgrade and Interoperable Grant Submission:

Randy Swarthout stated there are two grants involved in the 911 upgrading. The first grant is the main back bone of the 911 upgrade projects. Allegany County has been awarded the first grant but in order to receive the funding the project has to be completed by a set deadline. Mr. Swarthout stated the project is aggressively moving forward. Mr. Swarthout stated the second grant was submitted on Monday in the amount of 2 million. This grant is for upgrading of the radio systems from digital to analog. This will improve all Homeland Security departments across the county. Jeff Luckey Director Emergency Management & Fire reviewed the grant and praised the work that was done to complete it. There was discussion on pagers' versus cell phone texting. Mr. Luckey stated the pagers' are the primary means of communication. Texting will give more information faster, that is why the broad band upgrades are so important. The new system will diminish the dead zones in the county.

Mr. Margeson stated there are meetings scheduled with Steuben/Allegany/Schuyler Counties for a study to be done on grant funding for software to upgrade the systems.

Good of the Order:

Frontier/Verizon DSL Coverage:

Mike Johnsen and Kier Dirlam had a meeting with a representative from Frontier Telephone to discuss future DSL coverage in the county. Mr. Johnsen stated that

Frontier covers 95% of DSL coverage in the Town of Grove which is only approximately half of the town. Verizon does not offer DSL coverage and there are not any future plans to allow such coverage. There was discussion on other Towns that Frontier's DSL coverage is extended to. Frontier is currently working with ION on possible connections in Fillmore and Alfred. There still are issues that need to be addressed before coverage will be extended.

Communication Franchises:

Chairman Pullen stated he has not received any further information on the franchises with area telephone companies.

Chairman Pullen requests individuals to go on the New York State Broadband website and click on the map to get the list of areas that are covered in Allegany County and to personally check to see if in fact these areas are covered. Chairman Pullen would like any information to be forwarded to him. Chairman Pullen has personally checked out some of the areas and they are not currently covered as mentioned on the map that they are. Chairman Pullen observed there was cell phone coverage in the elevated areas but not in the valleys. He would like to get a list compiled where these discrepancies occur because the State states the Zip Code region is covered 95%. He would like to set up a meeting with a State representative to discuss this issue further after the information is finalized.

A motion was made by Randy Swarthout, seconded by Jerry Scott and carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:56 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:
Alice Alsworth
Confidential Secretary
County Administrator

**COMMUNICATIONS & TECHNOLOGY AD HOC COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 15, 2011**

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Present: D. Pullen, M. Healy, M. Johnsen, J. Scott, R. Swarthout

Others Present: J. Margeson, M. Alger, T. Hopkins, F. Sinclair, K. LaForge, K. Graves, J. Foels, K. Dirlam, R. Sobeck-Lynch, D. Hanchett

The meeting was called to order by Chairman David Pullen at 10:06 a.m.

A motion was made by Jerry Scott, seconded by Mike Johnsen and carried to approve the May 18, 2011 minutes.

Update ION Fiber Installation:

Kier Dirlam County Planner stated he has not heard from any representatives from (Independent Optical Network) ION.

Legislator Sinclair stated he has been in contact with Congressman Reed and U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand's offices on an issue that was brought to his attention regarding the installation of fiber optic service, to get clarification on this issue. Legislator Sinclair will give an update at the next meeting in July.

Mr. Scott discussed options on the installation of extra loops. He would like these options presented to the ION representatives before the project begins in Allegany County. This will make it possible for future fiber optic installation in the county.

Communications Report:

Legislator Sinclair stated interviews are completed and are being compiled in the report. Scott Teller is finalizing the location of all towers and taking inventory of all equipment that is loaded on to each tower. By the progress that has been completed so far, Legislator Sinclair is hopeful to present a draft of Phase III of the project at the July 20, 2011 meeting.

Mr. Johnsen inquired on the progress of the Southern Tier Wireless project. Mr. Dirlam gave an update. After discussion the committee asked Mr. Dirlam to contact Mr. Wayne Hawley – Southern Tier Wireless to give the committee an update on the project at the July 20, 2011 meeting.

911 Upgrade Status:

Randy Swarthout – Head Emergency Services Dispatcher gave an update on the 911 equipment upgrading.

Last month the Sheriff Department submitted a second grant for upgrading of the radio systems from analog to digital. Lieutenant Hanchett stated a representative from the Homeland Security Office called to thank Randy Hartwick for properly submitting the necessary information required to complete the application.

Lieutenant Hanchett stated SAIA Communication is very diligent on completing the timeline set for the installation of the Pingrey Hill tower. The preparation of the area is almost completed. Weather permitting the Department of Public Works will be constructing the pads in approximately a week.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Legislator Healy seconded by R. Swarthout and carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Alice Alsworth

Confidential Secretary

County Administrator

COMMUNICATIONS & TECHNOLOGY AD HOC COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
July 16, 2011

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Present: D. Pullen, M. Healy, M. Johnsen, R. Swarthout

Absent: J. Scott

Others Present: J. Margeson, M. Alger, T. Hopkins, F. Sinclair, K. Graves, B. Rigby Riehle, T. Miner, J. Foels, K. Dirlam, K. Monroe, J. Luckey

The meeting was called to order by Chairman David Pullen at 10:03 a.m.

A motion was made by Mike Johnsen, seconded by Randy Swarthout and carried to approve the June 15, 2011 minutes.

Communications Report:

Legislator Sinclair stated the Report has not been finalized do to some issues that need to be addressed with additional recommendations. Scott Teller Principal Investigator/Technical Analyst developing the Communication Report has finalized the location of all towers in the County and has taken inventory of all equipment that is loaded on each tower. Mr. Teller has submitted pictures of the various towers and equipment to Kier Dirlam County Planner. Mr. Teller discovered there are 50 towers, currently 39 towers have been profiled. Mr. Dirlam displayed a map to show some of the tower locations with the information that has been completed at this time. This issue will be addressed further once the Emergency Service 911 system is completed and it can be determined if there are any areas that need communication upgrades.

There was discussion on setting up a routine inspection of the County tower network. Additional training for the Information Technology staff for the upgraded digital system was recommended.

ION POP (Point of Presence) at Crossroads:

There was discussion on the redundancy within the network and how it could be resolved by making connection with the fiber optic network being installed in the County. There was discussion on the possibility of having an ION POP (Point of Presence) designated at the Crossroads Center for the ION fiber network and its advantages to the County, County Jail, county highway fire departments.

It has been determined that the backup emergency control center for the 911 system will be at the existing control room in the County Office Building. The equipment presently at that location has not been upgraded at this time. There was discussion on setting up a routinely detailed rotation of dispatchers to the backup command center so that they will maintain familiarity with all equipment and the operation of both control centers in case the primary 911 center is inoperable.

911 Upgrade Status:

Randy Swarthout – Head Emergency Services Dispatcher gave an update on the 911 equipment upgrading. Mr. Swarthout stated 911 equipment is currently being installed.

The Department of Public Works is currently completing the pads and they are optimistic that the pads and electrical work will be completed by the time frame recommended. SAIA Communication has the new upgraded system tested and ready for installation to the Pingrey Hill tower once the pads are completed.

John Margeson County Administrator stated the County has received partial payment of the \$1.7 million grant and he feels confident that the County will be able to meet its requirements of submitting the invoices incurred to complete this project by the September 1st deadline to receive final payment of the grant funding.

Jeffrey Luckey Director Emergency Management & Fire has been in contact with the Homeland Security Office representative and he is very pleased with the progress on the Emergency 911 system.

Meeting Adjourned:

A motion was made by Mr. Johnsen, seconded by Mr. Swarthout and carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:41 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:
Alice Alsworth
Confidential Secretary
County Administrator

COMMUNICATIONS & TECHNOLOGY AD HOC COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
July 20, 2011

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Present: D. Pullen, M. Healy, M. Johnsen, R. Swarthout

Absent: J. Scott

Others Present: J. Margeson, M. Alger, T. Hopkins, F. Sinclair, K. Graves, B. Rigby Riehle, T. Miner, J. Foels, K. Dirlam, K. Monroe, J. Luckey

The meeting was called to order by Chairman David Pullen at 10:03 a.m.

A motion was made by Mike Johnsen, seconded by Randy Swarthout and carried to approve the June 15, 2011 minutes.

Communications Report:

Legislator Sinclair stated the Report has not been finalized do to some issues that need to be addressed with additional recommendations. Scott Teller Principal Investigator/Technical Analyst developing the Communication Report has finalized the location of all towers in the County and has taken inventory of all equipment that is loaded on each tower. Mr. Teller has submitted pictures of the various towers and equipment to Kier Dirlam County Planner. Mr. Teller discovered there are 50 towers, currently 39 towers have been profiled. Mr. Dirlam displayed a map to show some of the tower locations with the information that has been completed at this time. This issue will be addressed further once the Emergency Service 911 system is completed and it can be determined if there are any areas that need communication upgrades.

There was discussion on setting up a routine inspection of the County tower network. Additional training for the Information Technology staff for the upgraded digital system was recommended.

ION POP (Point of Presence) at Crossroads:

There was discussion on the redundancy within the network and how it could be resolved by making connection with the fiber optic network being installed in the County. There was discussion on the possibility of having an ION POP (Point of Presence) designated at the Crossroads Center for the ION fiber network and its advantages to the County, County Jail, county highway fire departments.

It has been determined that the backup emergency control center for the 911 system will be at the existing control room in the County Office Building. The equipment presently at that location has not been upgraded at this time. There was discussion on setting up a routinely detailed rotation of dispatchers to the backup command center so that they will maintain familiarity with all equipment and the operation of both control centers in case the primary 911 center is inoperable.

911 Upgrade Status:

Randy Swarthout – Head Emergency Services Dispatcher gave an update on the 911 equipment upgrading. Mr. Swarthout stated 911 equipment is currently being installed. The Department of Public Works is currently completing the pads and they are optimistic that the pads and electrical work will be completed by the time frame recommended. SAIA Communication has the new upgraded system tested and ready for installation to the Pingrey Hill tower once the pads are completed.

John Margeson County Administrator stated the County has received partial payment of the \$1.7 million grant and he feels confident that the County will be able to meet its requirements of submitting the invoices incurred to complete this project by the September 1st deadline to receive final payment of the grant funding.

Jeffrey Luckey Director Emergency Management & Fire has been in contact with the Homeland Security Office representative and he is very pleased with the progress on the Emergency 911 system.

Meeting Adjourned:

A motion was made by Mr. Johnsen, seconded by Mr. Swarthout and carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:41 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Alice Alsworth

Confidential Secretary

County Administrator

COMMUNICATIONS & TECHNOLOGY AD HOC COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
August 17, 2011

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Present: D. Pullen, M. Healy, J. Scott, M. Johnsen, R. Swarthout

Absent: M. Johnsen

Guest: Jack Liguori – Southern Tier Wireless

Others Present: J. Margeson, M. Alger, F. Sinclair, K. Graves, N. Carnes, T. Miner, J. Foels, K. Dirlam

The meeting was called to order by Chairman David Pullen at 10:03 a.m.

A motion was made by Randy Swarthout, seconded by Jerry Scott and carried to approve the July 20, 2011 minutes.

Southern Tier Wireless and Broadband Future:

Jack Liguori – Vice President, Southern Tier Wireless gave an update of broadband expansion in Allegany County. Mr. Liguori stated they are waiting for Rochester Gas & Electric to finalize electricity to the tower on Tibbetts Hill Road. Once that project is completed they will install a repeater connection to finalize the project. This will enable the New Hudson Town Hall and individual client broadband connections.

Southern Tier Wireless is in the process of purchasing some towers in the Town of Centerville for more accessibility in that area. The goal of Southern Tier Wireless is to complete broadband coverage through out Allegany County wherever possible.

Chairman Pullen asked what areas of broad band are completed. Mr. Liguori stated a connection to an 180 foot tower on Baldwin Road is completed, and a repeater line has been installed for further coverage. All of Rushford area is complete and just waiting for the completion of electricity to the Tibbetts Hill tower, when that is connected, the Black Creek area will be completed. There was discussion on the possible completion of hook ups to the towns of Grove, Allen and Birdsall. Mr. Liguori gave an update on the 911 Emergency towers and the possibility of tying into those towers. There was discussion if there was ever a state of emergency and the main 911 Emergency tower was inoperable what would happen. Mr. Swarthout stated once the new system is completed there will be back up capabilities to the other five 911 towers to take over the system.

Mr. Liguori discussed the possibility of completing a contract with the County so that everything is in writing. This would make a signed agreement, on what is expected from Southern Tier Wireless and the County's commitment to complete broadband coverage throughout the county. Chairman Curt Crandall stated the Public Safety Committee is the committee of jurisdiction for such issues. He stated there will be an in-house meeting first with the County Sheriff, County Attorney, Chairman of Public Safety and Southern Tier West before a meeting can be set up with Southern Tier Wireless. It

was determined that a meeting will be set up with Southern Tier Wireless as soon as possible once this issue has been addressed in-house.

ION Fiber Connections:

Kier Dirlam gave an update on the ION (Independent Optical Network) fiber connection progress. He has been in contact with Derek Kaminsky. Mr. Dirlam stated the majority of the work is underway in the area between Cuba to Jamestown. The support cable and fiber was started July 1, 2011, with the majority of it underway. The underground installation is underway. The DWDM electronics was awarded in July. Due to the Verizon Company strike it is causing the installation of poles being delayed which may delay the fiber connection progress. Mr. Dirlam stated the ION newsletter is expected to go out the end of this week or first part of next week.

Legislator Sinclair stated the underground cable from Alfred over Jericho Hill and Cuba to Crossroads in Belmont has been installed. He has seen great progress with the underground cable being installed in the County. There was further discussion on the installation of loops to be able to tie into the system to cover more areas.

Status of the 911 Upgrade and Tower:

Randy Swarthout – Head Emergency Services Dispatcher gave an update on the 911 equipment upgrade. Mr. Swarthout stated progress is moving along with the platforms being prepared for the equipment. The electricians are making progress as well. SAIA Communications is anticipating meeting the target date for completion as long as there are no further snags with the project.

Communications Report:

Legislator Sinclair stated the communication report will be presented to the committee at the next scheduled meeting in September.

Good of the Order:

Chairman Pullen explained to Mr. Liguori the mission of the committee and the need to improve broadband/fiber optic in Allegany County and what progress has been completed at this time. He stressed the need to work with Emergency Services/911 to enhance the coverage of both systems and improve redundancy within all the networks. He stated a meeting will be set up in the near future to discuss the contract with Southern Tier Wireless.

A motion was made by Jerry Scott, seconded by Randy Swarthout and carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:
Alice Alsworth
Confidential Secretary
County Administrator

**COMMUNICATIONS & TECHNOLOGY AD HOC COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 21, 2011**

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Present: D. Pullen, M. Healy, J. Scott, M. Johnsen, R. Swarthout, C. Crandall

Others Present: J. Margeson, M. Alger, F. Sinclair, K. Graves, D. Fanton, A. McGraw, J. Luckey, J. Foels, K. Dirlam

The meeting was called to order by Chairman David Pullen at 10:03 a.m.

A motion was made by Randy Swarthout, seconded by Jerry Scott and carried to approve the August 17, 2011 minutes.

Status of the 911 Upgrade and Tower Installations:

Randy Swarthout – Head Emergency Services Dispatcher gave an update of the 911 equipment upgrade. Mr. Swarthout stated that the State is satisfied with the FEMA contract. Some of the work is not completed on the Pingrey Hill tower due to National Grid not installing the electric lines. National Grid's man power are working to restore electric to Binghamton, and other areas where wind and rain damage is prevalent. Mr. Swarthout stated the equipment has been tested and is ready for installation once electric has been installed on the tower. Once the Pingrey Hill tower is completed the 911 equipment upgrade will be turned on and running from all the towers.

Release of Draft Communications Report:

Legislator Sinclair distributed draft copies to the committee of the Communications Report. Legislator Sinclair requests the committee to review the report and if there are any recommendations or comments, to please forward them on to him as soon as possible so a final report can be completed by the next scheduled meeting in November. Legislator Sinclair stated he would like the cut off date for comments to be no later than a week to ten days. There was discussion on the contents and future benefits of the report.

Good to the Order:

Mr. Johnsen stated that the Tibbets Hill tower is up and running. Mr. Johnsen had concerns on why this tower isn't listed on the map. Kier Dirlam County Planner stated he was not aware of the location to this tower and stated he will work with Mr. Johnsen to get the information he needs to include this tower on the map.

Legislator Sinclair had concerns on adequate coverage of insurance for all the new equipment and towers. This issue will be addressed and discussed at the next scheduled meeting.

Legislator Pullen requests an update from John Foels Economic Development Director on the progress with the ION (Independent Optical Network) project. Mr. Foels stated the project is not moving forward as much as the company anticipated, due to the weather. There are still discussions on the possibility of having the POP (Point of Presence) to be located at the Crossroads Center. A final decision has not been made

at this time. Mr. Foels stated he will continue to work with ION Company to get a final decision soon.

Chairman Pullen stated he has been talking with Lieutenant Daniel Hanchett on what other communities are doing to enhance their broadband services. There is a company that has been instrumental in assisting a town in Pennsylvania. This town is a very rural community, similar to towns in Allegany County. The company has a DVD as advertisement of what they offer. After discussion the committee agreed to have Chairman Pullen work with Lieutenant Hanchett to find out more information about this issue and to report their findings at the next scheduled meeting.

Mr. Johnsen discussed the need to have a plan to possibly have a professional come to educate the committee on how the dividing of the lines for fiber optic works in order to enhance the coverage and to receive the most coverage possible.

Jeffrey Luckey Director of Emergency Management & Fire discussed the damage that was done in Schoharie County and Green County by the recent hurricane. He stated that improvements to their system was done after the devastation of hurricane Agnes and how that wasn't enough. Their 911 Emergency Center was flooded out with over nine feet of water in the building and discussed the damage that was done. He further discussed the need to constantly upgrade the counties Hazard Mitigation plan.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Jerry Scott, seconded by Randy Swarthout and carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:
Alice Alsworth
Confidential Secretary
County Administrator

**COMMUNICATIONS & TECHNOLOGY AD HOC COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 19, 2011**

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Present: D. Pullen, M. Healy, M. Johnsen, R. Swarthout, C. Crandall

Absent: J. Scott

Others Present: J. Margeson, M. Alger, T. Miner, B. Rigby Riehle, T. Hopkins, F. Sinclair, K. Graves, D. Fanton, A. McGraw, J. Foels, K. Dirlam, M. Barney, K. Hooker

The meeting was called to order by Chairman David Pullen at 10:02 a.m.

A motion was made by Mike Johnsen, seconded by Legislator Healy and carried to approve the September 21, 2011 minutes with corrections. First paragraph under Good of the Order the minute's state Mr. Johnsen stated that the Tibbets Hill tower is up and running. It was Mr. Scott who discussed this issue. Then the fourth paragraph it states Mr. Johnsen discussed the issue in this paragraph and it was Mr. Scott who discussed it.

Communications Report:

Legislator Sinclair distributed a final narrative of the Communications Report. Legislator Sinclair gave a copy of the narrative to the recording secretary for the record. Legislator Sinclair stated the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Group will be paying the invoice for printing of the final Communications Report. They are in the process of receiving quotes for this process.

Legislator Sinclair asked the committee to turn to the conclusions and recommendations part of the report for review. There are myriad facts, observations, conclusions and recommendations included in the body of the Report which are important to a complete understanding of the communications overview. The following listing is a sampling and summary of some of the points on which we can continue the work. There are 10 (ten) conclusions listed and recommendations that followed. Legislator Sinclair went on to explain this information. Legislator Sinclair requests the committee to review the Communications Report and give their reflections as soon as possible. Chairman Pullen suggests the committee give their written responses on their reflections of the report before the next scheduled meeting in November to secretary Alice Alsworth so that they will be included in the minutes for future review. Legislator Sinclair suggested having the Chairman of the Board, Curtis Crandall set up a team to review these reflections and make any changes they deem necessary to the report.

ION POP (Point of Presence) at Crossroads Update:

John Foels Development Director gave an update on the progress of this issue. He is in contact with the ION (Independent Optical Network) representative. Mr. Foels discussed with the representative the committee's concerns on the possibility of designating the Crossroads Center for the ION POP fiber network and the advantages this will make in the various areas in the county. Mr. Foels discussed the importance of doing these connections now while ION is currently in the area. After discussion Mr. Foels agreed to continue to work with the representative and express the committees

concerns with the continued progress of this issue. Mr. Foels will report back to the committee at the next meeting on the progress.

Good to the Order:

Chairman Pullen discussed an article announcing launching of new satellites for another way of enhancing technology services in Iowa and Montana, and discussion followed.

Mr. Johnsen thanked everyone that was involved with the 2011 Communications Report, and he made a motion to have an official thank you note sent out, seconded by Chairman Pullen and carried.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mike Johnsen, seconded by Legislator Healy and carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Alice Alsworth

Confidential Secretary

County Administrator

**COMMUNICATIONS & TECHNOLOGY AD HOC COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 16, 2011**

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Present: D. Pullen, M. Healy, M. Johnsen, J. Scott, R. Swarthout, C. Crandall

Others Present: J. Margeson, M. Alger, T. Miner, B. Rigby Riehle, F. Sinclair, D. Fanton, K. LaForge, K. Graves, J. Foels, M. Barney, T. Hull

The meeting was called to order by Chairman David Pullen at 10:07 a.m.

A motion was made by Mike Johnsen, seconded by Randy Swarthout and carried to approve the October 19, 2011 minutes.

Status of 911 Upgrade:

Chairman Pullen stated Emergency 911 Administrator, Deputy Lieutenant Daniel Hanchett sent a letter out to all Chiefs, Officer's in Charge, and other command staff addressing the status of the Emergency 911 upgrade and where things stand at this time. A prior form went out requesting an inventory of all radio's in each department. This is to check to see who has radios that will work with the new narrow band system and also what radios will need to be replaced if grant funding is received. They were all urged to complete the form as soon as possible for progress to continue on the system.

Randy Swarthout stated all the upgrades are moving forward well. They are still waiting for the Pingrey Hill tower to be completed. Legislator Sinclair inquired on the progress of the installation of Southern Tier Wireless equipment on the Corbin Hill tower and discussion followed.

Communications Report:

Legislator Sinclair stated there have been no formal comments on the Communications Report. Legislator Sinclair stated the extra funding from the Comprehensive Plan Implementation group has been approved on printing the report. The County Planner has completed all mapping. The plan is moving forward with a few changes being completed.

Chairman Pullen stated the importance of this plan while the County moves forward with improvements to the communications system.

Legislator Sinclair further discussed the possibility of setting up a communications advisory team responsible to man the enhanced broadband access, new Emergency 911 upgrades and to over see its continued progress as things change in the systems. Legislator Sinclair presented a draft resolution for the committee to review. Legislator Sinclair made a motion, seconded by Mike Johnsen to approve the resolution and to refer it to the Planning and Economic Development Committee for final approval, discussion followed. Legislator Healy stated there is currently a radio advisory committee which was formed when the radio project was first started to see the project through completion. After discussion Legislator Sinclair withdrew his motion to move the resolution forward so that the issue can be addressed to determine who will be on the committee, and at what capacity/direction this committee will perform.

ION POP (Point of Presence) at Crossroads Update:

John Foels, Development Director stated he had another follow up meeting with the Independent Optical Network (ION) representative yesterday and that it was a very productive meeting. The installation of the under ground service is well underway and the installation on the Verizon poles is progressing. They hope to have the system up and running by late February or early March. During Mr. Foel's discussion he stated the County's concerns on four main objectives with the system.

1. The County would like to achieve greater bandwidth for communication improvements within County government. Also, that there might be a reduction in annual costs.
2. Insure Emergency 911 redundancy.
3. Businesses within the county could be provided additional broad band volume.
4. To cover last-mile residential customers who currently do not have cost effective and dependable coverage.

Mr. Foels stated ION's main goals are working with the colleges and hospitals in the county to improve their services.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mike Johnsen, seconded by Randy Swarthout and carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:
Alice Alsworth
Confidential Secretary
County Administrator

**COMMUNICATIONS & TECHNOLOGY AD HOC COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 21, 2011**

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Present: D. Pullen, M. Healy, M. Johnsen, J. Scott, R. Swarthout, C. Crandall

Others Present: J. Margeson, M. Alger, T. Miner, B. Rigby Riehle, T. Hopkins, F. Sinclair, D. Fanton, K. LaForge, K. Graves, J. Foels, K. Dirlam, J. Luckey, K. Hooker, D. Lavery, D. Hanchett

The meeting was called to order by Chairman David Pullen at 10:04 a.m.

A motion was made by Mike Johnsen, seconded by Randy Swarthout and carried to approve the November 16, 2011 minutes.

Status of 911 Upgrade and Tower Installations:

Randy Swarthout stated equipment is being installed on the Pingrey Hill tower and it is anticipated to go live by the first of the year.

Mr. Swarthout stated equipment is being installed on the Corbin Hill tower, but Southern Tier Wireless has had to take some of the equipment that was scheduled to be installed, back to the shop to be reprogrammed before it can be installed. Mr. Swarthout has no indication on how long the delay will take.

Mr. Swarthout stated the new upgraded Emergency 911 system is being tested, with a few minor snags that have been corrected. Coverage has been excellent with equipment that has been tested so far and improvements to the system have eliminated many old dead spots, with a few minor corrections.

Mr. Swarthout distributed a list of the inventory equipment and towers for the committee to review. Brenda Rigby Riehle was asked to update the committee on the progress of insurance coverage for all the equipment and towers. Ms. Rigby Riehle stated the insurance agency is in the process of completing the policies. Mr. Margeson stated the 911 tower and operations is moving forward in a timely manner. The estimated cost per tower for insurance coverage is approximately \$394.

ION POP (Point of Presence) at Crossroads Update:

John Foels Director Development stated ION's (Independent Optical Network) installation of fiber has been progressing very well. They have crews now working near the Crossroads area. Independent Optical Network's target date is the end of February to have the system up and running.

Mr. Foels stated a contract has been signed by the IDA (Industrial Development Agency) and Comnet for the Point of Presence (POP) which will be located in the north section of the Crossroads area. ION is currently working with Comnet on a helping hands agreement and a cost structure agreement. By the end of the year all contracts will be finalized.

Chairman Pullen gave an update on ION's progress in the Fillmore/Houghton areas.

Mr. Foels discussed the progress that has been made with representatives in regards to a tower that is located behind the Crossroads complex and the possibility of future usage by the County on that tower.

Jerry Scott stated Verizon and the local cable company have signed an agreement to abolish the copper cables that are installed in Allegany County and combine the phone/cable/internet to a one pole service. This will generate a lot more speed and improve internet service. There was a lengthy discussion on how this will affect phone service in the County.

Good of the Order:

Mike Johnsen voiced his concerns on complete coverage for all the Emergency 911 equipment and if the coverage includes ice storm damage etc. Mr. Margeson stated the County has complete coverage of equipment and ice storms are included in that coverage.

Mr. Johnson also discussed his concerns on the availability of a system design from Southern Tier Wireless due to changes that have been made and on their final goals to complete coverage throughout the county. It was discussed that we have a partnership agreement with Southern Tier West, we do not have a contract or any direct contact with Southern Tier Wireless.

Jerry Scott requests and update from SAIA Communications as well.

Curt Crandall Chairman of the Board stated the design program needs to be with Southern Tier West. We have a good partnership with them and we need to discuss with them the concerns of the committee. Chairman Pullen was asked to contact Southern Tier West to discuss the committees concerns, and to possibly set up a time when they can come to a committee meeting to address these concerns.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Legislator Healy, seconded by Jerry Scott and carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:
Alice Alsworth