

Meeting Minutes

TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, February 21, 2001 - 6:00 P.M.

County-City Building - Conference Room D

1516 Church Street Present: Chairman Rackow, Commissioners Curtis, Patton, Pintar, Wyhuske; Aldermen Phillips, Walther

Excused: Commissioners Colantonio, Lysne

Also Present: Mayor Wescott, Clerk Zdroik, Telecommunications Coordinator Quirk, John Holdridge (Hull), Tom Hagen (Whiting), Chuck Kell (Whiting), John Klismet (Park Ridge), Roger Bullis (V of Plover)

1. Approval of minutes of January 31, 2001.

Commissioner Patton moved, Commissioner Wyhuske seconded, for approval of the minutes of January 31, 2001.

Ayes, all, nays, none. Motion carried.

2. Creation of the Central Wisconsin Telecommunications Commission.

Much time was spent discussing what name to give the commission. Some suggestions were made like Mid-Wisconsin Telecommunications Commission, Central Wisconsin Telecommunications Commission, and Stevens Point Area Telecommunications Commission.

Since Stevens Point has the largest number of cable subscribers in the area, it was suggested that the Commission be named Stevens Point Area Telecommunications Commission.

Chairman Rackow noted that the Village of Plover has about 23% cable subscribers. Naming the Commission Stevens Point/Plover Area Telecommunications Commission might help the village leaders in their decision to join the Commission. His review of the Village of Plover Board meeting minutes and conversation with some representatives from the Village of Plover showed they are in favor of joining the Regional Commission.

**Village of Plover Trustee Bullis concurs with the Chairman's observation. Trustee Bullis pointed out that after the April 3rd Spring Election, the** might be different elected officials that could have another point of view about joining the Regional Commission. He went on to say that money will be budgeted for the process.

Alderman Walther said naming the Commission the Stevens Point Area Telecommunications Commission will add to the friction. He feels naming the Commission Central Wisconsin Telecommunications Commission or Stevens Point/Plover Area Telecommunications Commission will be better.

Commissioner Curtis said he cannot believe the Village of Plover will be concerned if they are not included.

**Commissioner Wyhuske said as a member of the League of Women Voters, she did not hear any concerns from the League's members who** r in the Plover area. She feels comfortable naming the commission Stevens Point Area Telecommunications Commission.

Village of Whiting President Kell stated if naming the commission is a sensitive issue, then why not call it the Stevens Point/Plover Area Telecommunications Commission.

Alderman Phillips informed the Commission he will vote no because he thinks the Village of Plover is not interested in joining the Regional Commission.

Telecommunications Coordinator Quirk said the issue before the Telecommunications Commission is about describing the area not the Commission. Mr. Quirk pointed out the name of the Commission can be changed later.

Commissioner Curtis moved, Alderman Walther seconded, to change the name to the Stevens Point/Plover Area Telecommunications Commission.

Ayes: Chairman Rackow, Alderman Walther, Commissioners Curtis, Wyhuske, Patton

Nays: Alderman Phillips, Commissioner Pintar

Motion carried.

The discussion on the draft Joint Municipal Agreement for the Central Wisconsin Telecommunications Commission continued with final draft copies to be distributed at a later date.

Alderman Phillips moved, Commissioner Patton seconded, to make the Joint Municipal Agreement for the Stevens Point/Plover Area Telecommunications Commission be effective July 1, 2001.

Ayes, all: nays, none. Motion carried.

3. Date, time, and location of next meeting.

The next Telecommunications Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 20, 2001, at 6:00 P.M. in Conference Room D, County-City Building, 1516 Church Street.

4. Adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(e) to discuss franchise negotiations.

Commissioner Patton moved, Commissioner Pintar seconded, to adjourn into closed session.

Roll Call: Ayes: Chairman Rackow, Commissioners Curtis, Patton, Pintar, Wyhuske Aldermen Phillips, Walther

Nays: None. Motion carried.

5. Adjournment - 8:30 P.M.

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