

Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Minutes
Held, June 13th, 2023
2:00 p.m.

<u>Member</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Dwight Baird	KCSO	X	
Larry Nelson	Member-At-Large	X	
Scott Mulliner	City of Plano		X
Jonathan Whowell	PPD	X	
Phil Smith	MPD		X

Others Present: Lynette Bergeron, KenCom Director; Pamela Hurtig, KenCom Assistant Director; Gina Belmont, KenCom Assistant Director; Bonnie Walters, KenCom Executive Assistant; Ryan Shain, Kendall County IT; Greg Witek, KenCom Executive Board; John Sullivan, A Beep; Dave Gossage, A Beep.

Larry Nelson called the meeting to order and requested a roll call of the membership. A roll call was taken with three of the five members present resulting in having a quorum for voting purposes.

Public Comments: None

Nelson called for a motion to approve the agenda. Baird made the motion to approve the agenda as written, seconded by Whowell. Discussion. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: None

Consent Agenda – Nelson called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Whowell made the motion, seconded by Baird, to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: Approval of the July 13th, 2021 Strategic Planning Committee minutes. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Nelson called for Old Business:

Grundy County 9-1-1 Fiber Connection – Bergeron stated this is the second fiber connection in the case that KenCom had to go down to Grundy County and work. It would bring all KenCom’s agencies over to our network. All agencies have their RMS coming to KenCom, if KenCom were to go dark that connection ceases to exist. The fiber connection would give all outside agencies a path to get to Grundy County. Bergeron stated strategically this needs to be on a plan. Discussion ensued.

Nelson called for New Business:

Discussion of P1/P3/P7 Upgrade to Digital – Bergeron stated they received a quote from A Beep, and will be sharing it at the Operations Board meeting tomorrow for further discussion. The Operations Board would like to move forward with digital and possibly encrypted on all channels. All police agencies will have their new mobile radios and be able to go digital. Baird mentioned encryption would be good for P5 and P7, but would be concerned about the increase in FOIA’s for KenCom if all channels were encrypted. A lengthy discussion ensued. There was a consensus to go digital on all police channels but have further discussion on what channels would be encrypted.

2nd Radio Tower Public Safety Center – Nelson stated he has a complete structural set of drawings to duplicate the current tower at the Public Safety Building. Nelson continued the idea is to build the same size tower next to the current tower, transfer over some of the bigger loads, and balance it out down the road. Nelson stated the County is willing to let KenCom build a second tower and needs to do a site survey. Nelson stated there is money in the budget to build the second tower and would like to go out to bid for numbers to bring back to the Board.

NG 9-1-1 Future Storage Needs – Shain stated they do need to purchase more storage once KenCom starts to receive videos in KenCom. Discussion ensued on the retention period of texts, videos, and pictures. Staff will reach out to the State Archivist to confirm.

In-depth Discussion of Future Needs – Bergeron mentioned in the future would like to expand KenCom into more areas in the basement. KenCom administration is out of room, storage is limited, and have outgrown KenCom's conference room. Pamela mentioned the consoles in KenCom are breaking and multiple doors are broken.

John Sullivan mentioned the existing microwave system to connect is at the ten-year mark and starting to become unsupportive with the manufacturer. There is not a major red flag now, but to keep in mind to consider for the future. Sullivan mentioned since the radios are being upgraded and moving to digital there is an option to take it to the next step to trunking, which would expand the capacity and would give you talk groups and increase the interoperability. The sooner that is done, the more value you get out of the initial investment of the radios and base stations. Discussion ensued.

Nelson mentioned live cameras at intersections in Kendall County in the three to five-year mark to be monitored. Whowell stated the License Plate Committee would be a good place to begin those discussions on the key intersections to consider. Discussion ensued.

Baird left the meeting at 3:25, which resulted in not having a quorum present.

Whowell left the discussion at 3:29.

Bergeron mentioned she needs cameras at the Newark and Legion Hill Tower Sites. Shain discussed some different options. Nelson asked Dave from A Beep to get a quote for two cameras with video and audio outside and one inside at each transmit site, and put into our IP microwave to bring back to KenCom.

Shain mentioned the Gundy link concerns him at a gigabyte and as KenCom grows that will need to be upgraded. Discussion ensued.

Nelson asked staff what items for KenCom would help now and in the future. Hurtig mentioned concentrating on staff training and retention. Nelson encouraged staff to get ideas from conferences and research to help make their jobs more efficient and bring them to the board.

Bergeron mentioned County IT is going out for RFP for a 1,3,5 year quote for a Security Operation Center. This would have someone monitoring KenCom's system 24-7. Other items in the future for Strategic Planning Bergeron mentioned are NextGen firewalls, a program for administration passwords, and new cabling to the computers, move the internet from Comcast cable modem to a fiber Comcast connection to come in the building.

Any Other New Business – None

Other Business from the Floor – None

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 17th, 2023 at the Public Safety Center, Lower Level, KenCom Conference room at 2:00 p.m. Discussion ended at 4:08 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Bonnie Walters
Recording Secretary