

CITY OF CONDON
Fiber Committee Notes
Monday, June 28, 2016, 1:30 p.m., City Hall

Present: Councilors Jan Stinchfield & Donald Jamieson, Chief Dale Scobert, Elizabeth Farrar & CA Kathryn Greiner; Guests: April Stream & Renee Heidy of Frontier Regional 911 PSAP

Chief Scobert gave some background information to Stream & Heidy regarding the formation of the fiber committee. He said that the city was having issue getting information on fiber infrastructure and availability and the goal was to get high speed, reliable and affordable broadband to residents and businesses of Condon.

Stream said that she has researched the difference between buried and aerial fiber and how it will affect Frontier 911 operations. She stressed that it was more expensive, but the maintenance was less after it was buried. Councilor Jamieson said that the city's goal is to have fiber to the home and possibly it would be a partnership to get the middle mile here on aerial lines. It was discussed that there is buried fiber at Home Telephone office that is available according to discussions with their company. Further discussion was held regarding investments in fiber with Frontier Telenet and Windwave in Sherman County. Stream said that Sherman County Sheriff Brad Lowry has stated that they have \$1.5 million to build a 911 call center in that county, but that does not include the cost of moving the system. She did not anticipate a move in the near future. Stream and Heidy were given the letter that was written to Gilliam County Judge Steve Shaffer regarding the city's recommendations to have a voice at the table with an investment in the middle mile, that it needs to be an open line, competitive and legal contracting must be used. Committee also discussed that aerial lines of another company service the Oregon circuit court system and the Oregon State Police that would require security concerns.

The committee reiterated that they have no desire to risk the 911 PSAP operation but do not have any written details of how getting an open fiber line will affect their current system. They will continue to share information with all interested parties.

Farrar asked what the Frontier 911 would require of their line so it could be a part of the Request for Proposal. Stream said that she would ask and see what is necessary from state sources. Committee members asked CA Greiner to send the city's telecom attorney the letter they sent to Judge Shaffer and ask for a rough draft of an RFP.