

MINUTES
RAINIER COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Wednesday, February 13, 2019

1. Call to Order

President Derek Young called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m. in the PCTV conference room, 2320 S. 19th Street, Tacoma, WA.

<u>Member</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Present/Not Present</u>
DuPont	Andy Takata	Not Present
Fife	Lisa McClellan	Present
Orting	Mark Bethune	Not Present
Pierce County	Derek Young	Present
Pierce County	Libby Catalinich	Present
Pierce County (alt)	Jeff Cox	Present
Puyallup	Brenda Fritsvold	Present
Ruston	TBD	Not Present
Sumner	Melony Pederson	Present
Tacoma*	Jeff Lueders	Present
University Place	Steve Worthington	Present

* Nonvoting member

2. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made and seconded and voted on to approve the meeting agenda.

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded and voted on to approve the meeting minutes from November 14, 2018.

4. PCTV Update

a) Council chamber video equipment upgrades

Gregg McClellan, PCTV Production Coordinator, reported that the new systems are up and running in the Pierce County chamber and in DuPont. Up next will be University Place, then Fife. He stated that in Puyallup they might be adding a fourth camera. Orting will be building a new council chamber and PCTV staff are helping with the design to accommodate the new video system. The remaining equipment will be ordered soon and all the chambers, including Sumner, should be completed by September.

Steve Worthington interjected that the new council chamber in University Place will be ready to go in 45 days and they are looking forward to going live with their council meetings.

b) Planning future purchases at NAB in April

Gregg McClellan informed the commission that he and Ben Ramsey will be going to NAB to look at equipment. Megan Hutton, Interim PCTV General Manager,

mentioned that there was a list of equipment purchased in the past few years included in the meeting packet.

Gregg McClellan outlined some of the equipment being considered for purchase including video storage servers, cameras, 4K editing systems, audio, lighting and options for closed captioning.

A discussion followed on the requirement of closed captioning - the process, potential costs, automation and transcription legal ramifications.

Jeff Lueders detailed how Tacoma captions their meetings and what is involved. He talked about compliance issues and acceptable levels.

5. Continuing Business

- a) Update of FCC order regarding Cable Franchise fees
Megan Hutton pointed out the update letter on the appeal in the meeting packet that states it is now at the Ninth Circuit.

6. New Business

- a) Member discussion about vision for RCC
Derek Young introduced this agenda item stating he wanted to have an open discussion about the vision and future of the RCC and adding new members. He mentioned looking at the RCC contracts, the value of the organization and its role in telecommunications.

Steve Worthington gave an overview of the benefits of the RCC from when he was on the commission previously. He talked about negotiations with the cable providers, handling complaints, rate review, using consultants and having a model franchise agreement.

Derek talked about the needs of each individual jurisdiction and how to customize and work together to provide information to constituents. He suggested going before the Pierce County Regional Council to explain the benefits of membership in the RCC.

A discussion followed about the RCC funding, what services are provided and which jurisdictions have dropped off the commission. Also, the capital contribution and how resources are used among members.

Derek Young mentioned that Pierce County has completed the draft broadband study and some of the needs outlined regarding small cell towers, internet connectivity and pursuing partnerships. He stated that the study will be made public in a few weeks.

A discussion followed about coming out to visit individual councils, cable franchise negotiations with Comcast, updating and modifying RCC contract language and the possibility of doing a Comcast audit.

Derek Young stated that commissioners could contact him further with additional suggestions or comments.

Megan Hutton summarized that she will have some cable subscriber numbers and other documents that were requested available at the next meeting on March 20th.

7. Public Comment

None.

8. Commissioner Comments

Jeff Lueders mentioned that a decision regarding Click! Network will be coming on March 5th.

Steve Worthington commented that he was glad to be back on the RCC.

9. Adjourned – at 9:22 am

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