

WASHOE COUNTY REGIONAL 800 MHz COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

Joint Operating Committee

Tracy Moore, Chair
Charles Moore, Vice-chair
Christine Vuletich, Secretary

Minutes

Friday ~ July 20, 2018 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Washoe County Administration Complex
Building A – Second Floor Caucus Room
1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL [Non-action item]

Chair Moore called the meeting to order 10:00 a.m. A quorum was established.

PRESENT: Ed Atwell – UNR; Craig Betts – Washoe County; Bryan Boron – VA; Mark Cameron – RTAA; Todd Curtis NV NAG; Denise Inda – NDOT; Ryan Sommers – NLTFPD; Chris Maples – Sparks; Charles Moore – TMFPD; Tracy Moore – WCSD; Pat Nielson – TMWA; Jason Reynolds – UNR; and Christine Vuletich – Washoe County.

ABSENT: Brian Allen – Sparks; Charles Atkinson – TMWA; Lance Avansino – RSIC; Dave Cochran – Reno; Jamie Edrosa – RTAA; Adam Garcia – UNR; Scott Gorgon – TMFPD; Sam Hicks – TMFPD; Dave Hunkup – RSIC; Jon Kelley - WCSD; Chris Ketring – TMFPD; Rafael Leal – VA; Sabra Newby – Reno; Darrell Norman – VA; David Paulon – PLPT; Don Pelt – PLPT; and Mark Regan – NLTFPD.

VACANT: Drug Enforcement Administration and Federal Bureau of Investigation.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS [Non-action item]

There were no public comments.

3. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 20, 2018, MINUTES [For possible action]

It was moved by Pat Nielson, seconded by Todd Curtis, to approve the April 20, 2018, minutes, as submitted.

There were no public comments.

The motion carried unanimously.

4. NEVADA PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE (NPSCC) [Non-action item] ***– An informational update and possible direction to staff on recent activities of the NPSCC.***

Ryan Sommers commented that he had not attended the most recent meeting noting that NPSCC had reviewed a Homeland Security Grant.

5. LID (Logical Identification Number) STATUS UPDATE [For discussion only] – An ongoing review and discussion on the issue of limited LID availability on the Washoe County Regional Communication System.

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Shawn Tayler – Regional Communications Coordinator, commented that there were only 12 LIDs available currently noting that an additional 20 LIDs received from NV Energy were being held for VIDA and EDACS to support the dispatch centers.

6. SYSTEM STATUS UPDATE [Non-action item] – *An informational update on the operational status of the 800 MHz Communication System.*

Shawn Tayler – Regional Communications Coordinator, commented that access was open to all sites and that site alignments and replacement of failed equipment at Fox and Slide Mountain was either completed or nearing completion. Future activities include additional equipment replacements where necessary and service of air conditioning and generators.

8. NEVADA SHARED RADIO SYSTEM DESIGN - POOR COVERAGE AREAS AND NEW SITES [For possible action] – *A review and discussion of poor radio coverage areas and new sites to address the poor coverage areas and possible action to direct users to identify areas of poor radio coverage, identify possible solutions, provide that information to staff, and to direct staff to present the information to at a later date.* [Taken out of agenda order]

Shawn Tayler – Regional Communications Coordinator, outlined ongoing discussions on design with Harris Communications and letter of intent from NDOT for the RFP. Additional details will be provided as the design process moves forward. Mr. Tayler believes that some trenching is still need to bring the I-80 east corridor site on-line. Mr. Tayler explained that site locations are identified on the P25 coverage maps.

Quinn Korbolic – Washoe County Technology Services, recalled that preliminary coverage maps had been provided at the previous (April 20, 2018) JOC meeting.

Chair Moore recommended that member in need of the coverage maps contact Shawn Tayler or him for copies.

Mr. Korbolic noted that the coverage maps were also available on the Washoe County website:

https://www.washoecounty.us/technology/board_committees/800mhz_joc/index.php

Mr. Korbolic encouraged JOC members to provide input on site locations especially the Greenfield site.

Chair Moore suggested the matter remain on the agenda for further discussion as other limits communications sites are identified.

There were no public comments and no specific action was taken

7. NEVADA SHARED RADIO SYSTEM PROJECT UPDATE [For discussion only] – *A review and discussion on the progress of Washoe County, NDOT and NV Energy on radio system design and drafting of a contract for the P25 Nevada Shared Radio System.* [Taken out of agenda order]

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Quinn Korbolic – Washoe County Technology Services, recalled previous discussion noting that Washoe County continues to work with partner agencies NDOT, NV Energy and has sent a letter of intent to Harris Communications to design and build the P25 system. Washoe County and other members continue to independently negotiate contracts with Harris. It is hoped that the completed contract will be available within the next month that will ultimately lead to a communications system that meets the radio coverage needs of the region and community.

9. AMENDMENTS TO THE WASHOE COUNTY REGIONAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT [For discussion only] – *A review and discussion of proposed amendments to the Washoe County Regional Communication System Interlocal agreement.*

Quinn Korbolic – Washoe County Technology Services, commented that at the July 19, 2018, 800 MHz Users Committee meeting the board had voted to recommend that the proposed amendment to the Interlocal Agreement be sent to the original signers to agree that Washoe County has the right to recover construction and other related costs of for the P25 system and bill agencies accordingly. Mr. Korbolic then provided a brief overview of the details in Sections 12.2.1, 12.2.2 and 12.2.3 that will authorize Washoe County to recover costs. Mr. Korbolic emphasized that the costs indicated in the presentation are examples and are to be used solely as a basis for discussion. It is anticipated that the overall increase in per radio cost may be as much as \$300.00 once the system is fully built out and operational. Mr. Korbolic also noted that costs associated with the EDAC system will terminate once the system is turned off. Mr. Korbolic again emphasized that this is an illustration of potential costs noting that the final costs for the P25 system ranges from a low of \$12.5-million to a high of \$20.5-million. Additionally, users will be able to use the entire system at no additional change as they move from the NDOT, NV Energy and WC portions per the system. Mr. Korbolic explained that while NDOT will continue to pay usage fees, NDOT will not be charged for replacement costs associated with the new system. It is anticipated that the P25 system costs will not commence until fiscal year 2020 based on initial discussions.

Member Vuletich emphasized that the new costs will be refined and a rate of payback determined once the refined details of the final costs are known

Mr. Korbolic pointed out that the radio count used in the illustration was based on 2017 data.

Shawn Tayler – Regional Communications Coordinator, explained that he believes the incoming P25 system has a life expectancy of ten years.

Mr. Korbolic reiterated that payments will include debt payments until that debt is satisfied. At that time the region may decide that it might be prudent to keep the existing level of payments and reserve the excess fund to pay for a future replacement system.

Chair Moore emphasized that the new P-25 system is beneficial to the entire state and increases public safety coverage for the state of Nevada overall and have more functionality.

Responding to Member Atwell’s concern about being obligated to a dollar amount before the contract is reviewed by the 800 MHz JOC and Users, Mr. Korbolic pointed out the contract is a design build contract that will be trued up as costs are finalized. The contract is a very

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conservative in scope and it is anticipated that the costs will not be significantly more. Mr. Korbolic emphasized that the non-disclosure agreement prohibited the provision of more detail until such time as the contract is completed and signed. Additionally, as the design details are finalized the amount of the contract may fluctuate.

During the discussion it was emphasized that there will be choices to be made on the number of sites and locations. Additionally, certain features may be delayed and implemented at a future time depending on the amount of the final contract.

Mr. Korbolic noted that the next step is for the original signers Reno, Sparks, Washoe County, Washoe County School District, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and Nevada Department of Transportation to review and take final action on the amendment.

David Watts-Vial – Deputy District Attorney, explained that legal counsel for each of the original signers will have an opportunity to review and discuss the proposed amendment. Mr. Watts-Vial explained that the bodies will have to meet the definition set forth in NRS as to what constitutes a public meeting.

There were no additional public comments.

- 10. 800 MHz JOINT OPERATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND/OR STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS, REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION AND SELECTION OF TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS** [Non-action item] – *The next meeting of the 800 MHz JOC (Joint Operating Committee) is scheduled October 19, 2018. No discussion among Committee Members will take place on this agenda item.*

Denise Inda – NDOT, introduced Thor Dyson, Assistant Director, who will be replacing Reid Kaiser who recently retired from NDOT.

No new agenda items were identified.

- 11. PUBLIC COMMENTS** [Non-action item]

Chair Moore noted that the Washoe County School District had received a grant to purchase P25 radios so that seamless communications can continue as the system transitions to P25.

- 12. ADJOURNMENT** [Non-action item]

Chair Moore adjourned the meeting at 10:46 a.m.

AS APPROVED BY THE 800 MHz JOINT OPERATING COMMITTEE IN SESSION ON OCTOBER 19, 2018.