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Paul White

The phone number ending in 8/2 is that Mr Helm.

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67a33609-8495-4df2-8762-4373413ad499

That's mine. Paul. Karen Carr.

0:0:8.870 --> 0:0:12.300

Paul White

Yeah. OK. You know, Karen, I would think I would remember that after this many times.

0:0:13.180 --> 0:0:14.280

67a33609-8495-4df2-8762-4373413ad499

That's OK.

0:0:14.370 --> 0:0:18.800

Paul White

It's a it's a pain when it only shows the last first two and last two digits of your phone number.

0:0:32.500 --> 0:0:38.450

Paul White

So then we only have four members of the working group currently present, so we'll wait a couple of minutes.

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Paul White

Phone number ending in one nine.

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e5bc345e-c2b7-41a0-917f-b8b31963600b

Bob schlachter.

0:1:54.880 --> 0:1:57.210

Paul White

You just Bob Schlechter. Thank you. Good morning, Bob.

0:1:57.930 --> 0:1:58.490

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Good morning.

0:2:0.160 --> 0:2:3.520

Paul White

So I think we have a quorum now. I see we have myself, Bob.

0:2:4.410 --> 0:2:8.580

Paul White

Uh, Brian, Pete. Lance Burnham, chief, Cambridge.

0:2:10.270 --> 0:2:12.740

Paul White
Uh barred Neil.

0:2:14.30 --> 0:2:17.220

Paul White
So we don't have the whole group, but we do at least have a quorum.

0:2:21.830 --> 0:2:25.660

Paul White
So Lance was the plan to.

0:2:27.140 --> 0:2:31.650

Paul White
Continue working through this working document that what were you?

0:2:32.50 --> 0:2:32.240

Paul White
Think.

0:2:32.310 --> 0:2:37.210

Paul White
Think of doing that and I think we also had Barb, was there something that you were gonna bring back to the group today?

0:2:43.980 --> 0:2:44.330

Paul White
OK.

0:2:49.910 --> 0:2:50.200

Paul White
Read it.

0:2:38.900 --> 0:2:52.100

Neal, Barbara
Yeah, I was to write a summary or an overview rather of the Vermont Universal Service Fund, and I did send a blurb to you and Mandy. I can share it with the group if that's the preference.

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Paul White
UM.

0:2:53.570 --> 0:2:56.900

Wooster, Mandy
I've got it. I'll pop it up when we pop up that document. Thank you.

0:2:57.870 --> 0:3:2.100

Neal, Barbara
When did you send that Barb? Just this morning, probably 15 minutes ago.

0:3:8.820 --> 0:3:10.350

Paul White

That's OK. OK, no.

0:3:3.690 --> 0:3:12.210

Paul White

I don't have it in my ohh did you maybe send it to my state e-mail? Ohh, maybe I did. Yep, I'll check. I'll. I'll resend. No, that's fine. OK.

0:3:11.620 --> 0:3:13.30

Paul White

If it's there, I'll I can get it.

0:3:16.0 --> 0:3:16.700

Paul White

Yep, there it is.

0:3:17.270 --> 0:3:17.670

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:3:37.790 --> 0:3:43.600

Paul White

OK, so the as far as the approval of the agenda is the exact same agenda we've had every week.

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Paul White

So unless there is, uh, anything anybody wants to amend on the agenda, we will proceed with that.

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Paul White

Minutes of last week.

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Paul White

Anybody have anything to correct on the minutes of last week?

0:3:58.630 --> 0:4:0.870

Paul White

Assuming that you've had a chance to look at them.

0:4:7.920 --> 0:4:13.370

Paul White

OK, so picking up then where we were, we had we were working through this.

0:4:15.870 --> 0:4:20.720

Paul White

Well, essentially working through the legislation, but turning that into an outline of a response.

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Paul White

For pick up with that Lance or Mandy or something. You wanted to talk about first.

0:4:31.990 --> 0:4:32.280

Paul White

Yeah.

0:4:33.890 --> 0:4:34.110

Paul White

Yep.

0:4:27.570 --> 0:4:34.940

Burnham, Lance

Yeah, I've got nothing to discuss. I think it just makes sense to bring it back up and continue kind of where we left off and get the ball rolling.

0:4:35.690 --> 0:4:35.970

Paul White

OK.

0:4:58.550 --> 0:5:0.390

Burnham, Lance

Andy, do you have where we left off?

0:5:4.820 --> 0:5:5.900

Wooster, Mandy

It's my screen not sharing.

0:5:7.510 --> 0:5:8.830

Burnham, Lance

It is. I just I don't.

0:5:9.750 --> 0:5:10.730

Burnham, Lance

OK. Yep.

0:5:10.920 --> 0:5:12.610

Paul White

That's that looks like to be in it. That's the.

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Wooster, Mandy

I didn't know if you wanted.

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Wooster, Mandy

Talk back at this started back at the top so.

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Wooster, Mandy

You know this, the first part of this is the long term funding models and this is the information that Barb provided this morning. I put it in bold as we start to actually have the right up pieces. I think it's important to know when we have started to get some write up done so.

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Wooster, Mandy

Barb, did you wanna talk about your write up a little bit? I thought it looked great.

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Neal, Barbara

Sure, it's very, very basic. I pulled the information primarily from the public Service Department website. They have, you know, information up there about the Vermont Universal Service Fund because they hired the fiscal agent who manages that fund.

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Neal, Barbara

So there's a additional detail up there, but I didn't really think it was necessary for this report, so it's 2.4%.

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Neal, Barbara

Umm charge on retail telecommunications sales in Vermont, the Universal Service Fund supports those five programs that are listed there, and it supports them in the order that they're listed there. The statute requires that you know the fiscal agent is paid before the telecommunications relay service before the Vermont Lifeline program and before 911.

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Neal, Barbara

And.

0:6:33.640 --> 0:6:37.560

Neal, Barbara

The there's just one sentence of well 2.

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Neal, Barbara

And and the the last two paragraphs actually came from.

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Neal, Barbara

I'm sorry the 2nd to last paragraph came from a report that the Agency of Administration.

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Neal, Barbara

Uh was required to provide to the legislature in January of this year that the requirement was that the administration come up with an alternative.

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Neal, Barbara

Or with a recommendation for how to fund 911. But there was discussion about the Vermont Universal Service Fund in that report, which is where I got that \$6 million figure. So that's new or, you know, fairly current information.

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Neal, Barbara

The fact that the revenues have been declining for several years is included in that report.

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Neal, Barbara

And the fact that the fund has not generated enough revenue to cover the cost of the Enhanced 911 program for several years is.

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Neal, Barbara

Is a simple statement of fact as well that's included in the report. And then I referenced the report again with a link to it I think.

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Neal, Barbara

Members of this group might want to take a look at that report and see if there's additional information that.

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Neal, Barbara

We should be discussing or considering, or at least aware of as we go along it, it gives the the status of the Vermont Universal Service Fund. It includes, of course, the administration's recommendation for how 911 should be funded, which was not acted upon by the legislature, and it also includes.

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Neal, Barbara

Like alternative and alternative structure for.

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Neal, Barbara

The revenue that's created in the Vermont Universal Service Fund.

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Neal, Barbara

For, you know, people to consider.

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Neal, Barbara

There may be mechanisms where that fund could could generate more revenue and support.

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Neal, Barbara

Support its current programs better and I don't know if they could expand from there, but that's all discussed in that report.

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Neal, Barbara

If you're interested in reading it so.

0:8:51.870 --> 0:8:52.290

Paul White

OK.

0:8:51.100 --> 0:8:53.890

Neal, Barbara

That's where I this is what I came up with for today.

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Paul White

And so I know. I'm sure it's it's in that report. But if the USF doesn't cover all the things in that list and it stops somewhere in the middle of E911, how is 911 funded? How is the balance of 911 funded?

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Neal, Barbara

So the past two budget cycles, there's been, you know, lots of discussion about that at the at the legislature and in the past two cycles, we've gotten a transfer of money from the general fund into our program to kind of cover those.

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Neal, Barbara

Those costs?

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Paul White

OK, Brian.

0:9:36.630 --> 0:9:39.560

Brian Peete

Good morning, everybody. Sorry I've been out of the loop the last bit.

0:9:39.770 --> 0:9:40.100

Paul White

Yeah.

0:9:39.640 --> 0:9:53.530

Brian Peete

Uh, I just want I'm it it sounds to me like we we should probably look at also putting a recommendation in there that that they they look at a way to fund that system and additionally and and I and I don't know.

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Brian Peete

What the status of 988 is, but it sounds like.

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Brian Peete

You know between 911988 and and and what's going on with the communications infrastructure? I think that they're gonna have to figure out some really good funding mechanisms, some reliable funding mechanisms. And I think that's we, we owe it to each other to to put that in there for something to keep an eye on. And the front burner for them.

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Paul White

OK.

0:10:22.940 --> 0:10:25.330

Paul White

You know it's you you mentioned 988 does that.

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Neal, Barbara

Yep.

0:10:26.230 --> 0:10:33.700

Paul White

Not I I don't know enough about that. I guess I don't know where those calls are answered. Are they even answered in Vermont? What's?

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Paul White

Can you speak to that Barb?

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Neal, Barbara

A little bit, yes. So 988 is.

0:10:43.530 --> 0:10:43.920

Paul White

Right.

0:10:41.690 --> 0:10:48.460

Neal, Barbara

The mental health crisis line that people can call when they're in need of of support the the calls are.

0:10:48.710 --> 0:11:6.20

Neal, Barbara

Umm well, the three digit code 988 was implemented in July of this year. The calls are primarily calls from Vermont are primarily in answered in Vermont, though they do have kind of rollover mechanisms. If there is a an issue with staffing.

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Neal, Barbara

And the calls will go to another lifeline center.

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Neal, Barbara

Somewhere else in the country. So I think our backup is New Hampshire typically.

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Neal, Barbara

It's.

0:11:23.280 --> 0:11:29.430

Neal, Barbara

The program is managed by in Vermont by the Department of Mental Health.

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Neal, Barbara

And I'm not. I'm part of the 911988 coalition, but I will have to go back to them to find out what their funding.

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Neal, Barbara

Mechanism is I'm not sure where where all that funding is coming from.

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Neal, Barbara

No.

0:11:47.90 --> 0:12:14.520

Neal, Barbara

So I could check on that though, but it it doesn't. It doesn't fall to your and your group to be. Make sure that somebody's answering those calls or determine where they're directed or anything like that. No, none of that. The only interaction we have with 988 right now would be if somebody calls 988 and there's an immediate life threatening situation that requires police or EMS intervention.

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Neal, Barbara

Uh, they would transfer that call to 911 and it would be handled, you know, in in the usual fashion.

0:12:26.400 --> 0:12:27.670

Paul White

OK. Thank you for that.

0:12:32.680 --> 0:12:33.950

Paul White

So back to.

0:12:34.810 --> 0:12:35.540

Paul White

Where we were.

0:12:36.750 --> 0:12:55.20

Wooster, Mandy

So far I'm wondering the is there any so I haven't read that report. Is there anything in there that talks about a possibility of changing how the Universal Service Fund is allocated? Is there a way to change that the order or what it funds all together?

0:12:56.410 --> 0:13:1.970

Neal, Barbara

That would require legislative action so that order is set in statute.

0:13:3.210 --> 0:13:6.360

Neal, Barbara

And yeah, so it would have, it would require that.

0:13:8.650 --> 0:13:15.520

Neal, Barbara

You'll see too in that report that when the administration recommended that 911 go to the general fund.

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Neal, Barbara

They had they had recommendations for what to do with the Vermont Universal Service Fund moving forward. You know, if we were, if we were funded elsewhere, we take the biggest chunk out of that \$6 million, right, that that it generates our budget typically is just under 5,000,000. So about 4.8 million in this year, this fiscal year.

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Neal, Barbara

So they the they meaning the administration had recommendations for what to do with the fund if we were out of it.

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Paul White

Let's threat.

0:13:51.560 --> 0:13:56.920

Neal, Barbara

All of which would require legislative action to to implement.

0:13:59.190 --> 0:13:59.570

Wooster, Mandy

Thank you.

0:14:0.690 --> 0:14:7.530

Burnham, Lance

Barb, real quick, I I remember reading the report when we were talking about it on the 911 board.

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Burnham, Lance

I I can't remember what the what was recommended, where that money did go.

0:14:16.600 --> 0:14:21.210

Neal, Barbara

Could you just touch on them real quick? Yeah, let me. I'm going to bring up the report.

0:14:23.920 --> 0:14:24.670

Neal, Barbara

Actually.

0:14:23.670 --> 0:14:35.320

Burnham, Lance

But I guess what I was what I was thinking is, I mean we maybe we pulled a group and you know I know as it stands right now, obviously it's there is no change as far as a universal service fund.

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Burnham, Lance

I mean, my recommendation from this group is that we don't even.

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Neal, Barbara

For.

0:14:41.600 --> 0:14:55.550

Burnham, Lance

We've actually put in our write up that we do not recommend that this be even a viable option. But but who knows where US service funds are gonna go or excuse me, who knows where 911's gonna go this legislative season? I don't know. You don't know?

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Neal, Barbara

Right. So let me.

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Neal, Barbara

Let me see if I can find that sentence quickly in this report.

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Neal, Barbara

So the agency of Administration recommended that beginning in fiscal year 2020, three 911 activities be funded by the General Fund to ensure the levels of service and protection Vermonters deserve. That's right, from the report recommendation. This will create capacity within the Universal Service Fund,

which the agency recommends be utilized by the Public Service Department for cell phone connectivity initiatives to create or improve service in areas of the state which do not currently enjoy.

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Neal, Barbara

Gotta quit cell coverage so.

0:15:41.550 --> 0:15:50.610

Neal, Barbara

It is. It was. The intention was that that those funds then help support improved cell coverage across the state.

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Burnham, Lance

OK. Thank you.

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Neal, Barbara

Yep.

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Burnham, Lance

So I guess.

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Burnham, Lance

And I don't wanna speak out of term, but in my opinion I I feel that this my my opinion that this group would have to recommend that we leave the Universal Service Fund.

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Burnham, Lance

Completely out of picture for any type of funding model.

0:16:17.430 --> 0:16:17.720

Neal, Barbara

Yeah.

0:16:15.500 --> 0:16:17.870

Burnham, Lance

For dispatch, yes, yes.

0:16:17.600 --> 0:16:22.50

Paul White

Yeah. Well, I mean it, it wouldn't be adequate funding anyway.

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Burnham, Lance

No.

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Paul White

No, it would be just one small part of it.

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Paul White

And now I notice that I don't want to go too far down this rabbit hole, but.

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Paul White

It talks about retail that USF is applied to retail telecommunications, but there's, you know, everything in the world now is a connected device.

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Neal, Barbara

Right.

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Paul White

So it only applies to cell phone bills, landline phone bills.

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Paul White

Right.

0:16:48.360 --> 0:16:55.510

Neal, Barbara

And it and it only applies to of the best person to speak to this. I always say this is Clay Purvis, but but the.

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Paul White

OK.

0:17:3.890 --> 0:17:4.260

Paul White

Right.

0:16:56.690 --> 0:17:4.860

Neal, Barbara

The fee only applies to the the voice component of your YOUR service plans, right? So and most.

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Neal, Barbara

Most of the service is data.

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Paul White

Right.

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Paul White

Right.

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Neal, Barbara

Or it's increasingly more data, which is why the revenues are going down. There's less to assess the charge against as we go forward and wireline phones, for example, are all voice right, but their use is declining and declining fairly quickly. So that's a really.

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Neal, Barbara

Elementary way of explaining it I guess.

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Neal, Barbara

Yeah.

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Paul White

OK.

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Paul White

So I guess back to the outline.

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Paul White

Or the working document or whatever we're calling.

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Wooster, Mandy

At.

0:17:56.350 --> 0:17:59.400

Wooster, Mandy

If I'm interrupting somebody, please let me know because I can't see everyone anymore.

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Wooster, Mandy

And Umm.

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Wooster, Mandy

So this was the part that was about the Universal Service Fund and then we had some other pieces that we had up here, some other options. And I think that we should start to look at these and determine if anything should be taken off this list, if anything should be added to this list and then start looking at.

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Wooster, Mandy

Parsing this out a little bit for similar to what Barb did, and you know, writing up a particular piece for consideration for the group.

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Paul White

Come.

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Wooster, Mandy

So one of the things that comes right up to me is we had originally had this water districts piece. Is this something that we wanna keep on here?

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Burnham, Lance

I think talking to, I think it was Gwen that brought it up, maybe two or three meetings ago really describing what it was. And I'm not so sure that.

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Burnham, Lance

I think it's a model. I don't think it's something that really is gonna revenue and generate anything. And and I think that would really be up to.

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Burnham, Lance

Uh, the local districts.

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Paul White

Yeah. And I don't. I mean I don't.

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Burnham, Lance

Right.

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Paul White

The fact that we're looking at water districts, I think it's I think they were brought up simply because they are a method or a model for municipalities to come together in a cooperative way to accomplish a common goal. Not that those necessarily are.

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Paul White

A model we're going to look at for this purpose.

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Burnham, Lance

Correct. Yeah. I would agree with that.

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Wooster, Mandy
The.

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Paul White
They're not. They're not a money making thing.

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Burnham, Lance
No.

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Wooster, Mandy
So then when I look at some of the other stuff that we have left.

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Wooster, Mandy
You know, I I think then it would make sense. I'm happy to start tackling this and try to do a write up on this particular piece for next week.

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Wooster, Mandy
Uh to write up the grant stuff. What I think is out there that we know of.

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Wooster, Mandy
Is there?

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Paul White
Yeah, I think I mean that's the examples that are there are cops, grants and Homeland Security I think are might be viable for startup money, but I don't think any of those are long term funding sources. I mean, like cops, cops, grants generally or what three years or four fourth years is on 4th years on you.

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Paul White
I don't know about Homeland Security, but the priority of Homeland Security changes every year depending on what the current.

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Paul White
But the board deems as the current threat.

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Paul White
I don't know that that's a long term funding model day of those.

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Paul White

Startup money? Perhaps, but not outgoing.

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Wooster, Mandy

Sure.

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Wooster, Mandy

I think it's one of the things that I was thinking about was, you know what, what is long term, right as the one thing is what is unduly and what is long term. Those are the two words that seem to be sticking out for me as we tackle this, right.

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Wooster, Mandy

I don't. I mean I get the concept of what long term is, but you know the reality to get to where we need to be I think might have to be.

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Wooster, Mandy

Umm. Or might include options for a period of time to get us where we need to be.

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Paul White

Yeah.

0:21:24.340 --> 0:21:30.100

Wooster, Mandy

But I'm happy to to remove that piece out if we think that's a if the group thinks that's best, I'm I'm happy to remove that out.

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Wooster, Mandy

I just don't want us to to pigeonhole ourselves without.

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Wooster, Mandy

You know.

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Wooster, Mandy

Options because we're quickly doing the link down the list.

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Paul White

Right.

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Wooster, Mandy

But I'm happy to remove it if that's the.

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Burnham, Lance

I I think knowing that there's potentially grants out there and what they're used for, I think it's worth exploring.

0:21:50.560 --> 0:21:54.70

Burnham, Lance

I mean, for all we know that we can, they can be used for.

0:21:56.430 --> 0:22:4.40

Burnham, Lance

To supplement the Homeland Security startup funds, could they be used to assist in those agencies?

0:22:5.440 --> 0:22:11.540

Burnham, Lance

Moving over to those centralized dispatch for their fees, I think it's worth exploring.

0:22:13.880 --> 0:22:16.180

Burnham, Lance

And not completely take it out off the table.

0:22:20.470 --> 0:22:27.180

Wooster, Mandy

What I can do is I can look into it and see what I can find and then if once I find whatever I find, if we wanna take it out, I think that's fine too.

0:22:29.560 --> 0:22:46.150

Wooster, Mandy

So that leaves a few others in here, and I'm wondering if you know, we have somebody else that's willing to to take a look at these particular one of these particular components and come up with a small write up or if we want to take any others out. I guess I should leave it there.

0:22:52.280 --> 0:23:3.980

Wooster, Mandy

So there there was mentioned and I think this came from the the public of public service connection fee right of way fee are those things that we want to explore or not.

0:23:8.700 --> 0:23:12.420

Paul White

I don't know enough about either one of them to to say I'm afraid.

0:23:13.130 --> 0:23:22.60

Wooster, Mandy

I think that that that's a good point. Do we know of anybody that would be able to speak to these and maybe we could have them come in and and give us a a little bit of information on them?

0:23:26.690 --> 0:23:28.800

Paul White

We I could look for somebody.

0:23:30.560 --> 0:23:30.870

Wooster, Mandy

OK.

0:23:33.760 --> 0:23:34.70

Paul White

Yeah.

0:23:31.970 --> 0:23:34.540

Wooster, Mandy

That that might be helpful because I don't know anything about them either.

0:23:37.960 --> 0:23:39.800

Wooster, Mandy

Would that would be perfect.

0:23:37.910 --> 0:23:42.90

Paul White

Yeah, I can. I can make. I can make some calls and see if we can find somebody.

0:23:43.860 --> 0:23:49.130

Paul White

We're not at the point of public comment, but I see Mr Cheney, you have your hand up. Did you have something you wanted to interject?

0:23:54.600 --> 0:23:55.730

Paul White

You're muted if you do.

0:23:57.860 --> 0:23:58.900

kim cheney (Guest)

OK. Can you hear me?

0:23:59.210 --> 0:23:59.860

Paul White

Yes, I can.

0:24:2.490 --> 0:24:8.520

kim cheney (Guest)

The Vermont well, the central Vermont Public Safety Authority, which I'm a member.

0:24:9.860 --> 0:24:11.690

kim cheney (Guest)

The model for that was.

0:24:13.500 --> 0:24:14.590

kim cheney (Guest)

I believe.

0:24:14.880 --> 0:24:17.350

kim cheney (Guest)

Uh waste districts.

0:24:19.230 --> 0:24:22.720

kim cheney (Guest)

Uh, OK. So the point of having the?

0:24:24.830 --> 0:24:32.140

kim cheney (Guest)

Water district in there is to show that there is a model for governance for local governance.

0:24:32.900 --> 0:24:33.230

Paul White

OK.

0:24:33.180 --> 0:24:35.540

kim cheney (Guest)

And that seems to be a.

0:24:37.670 --> 0:24:43.750

kim cheney (Guest)

A big question mark and everybody's mind, what is local government? Well, there's a whole.

0:24:45.270 --> 0:24:50.960

kim cheney (Guest)

The whole raft of statutes, which allow towns to get together for local governments.

0:24:51.990 --> 0:24:55.640

kim cheney (Guest)

And I think the point of including it in your report.

0:24:56.620 --> 0:24:59.980

kim cheney (Guest)

Isn't that anybody needs to follow it? Simply that.

0:25:3.830 --> 0:25:6.190

kim cheney (Guest)

If you're interested in local governance.

0:25:7.330 --> 0:25:9.40

kim cheney (Guest)

There's a whole list of.

0:25:10.240 --> 0:25:12.310

kim chenev (Guest)

Places where you can get models.

0:25:13.10 --> 0:25:13.300

Paul White

OK.

0:25:13.600 --> 0:25:14.270

kim chenev (Guest)

And I think.

0:25:15.210 --> 0:25:20.60

kim chenev (Guest)

The Chittenden County Public Safety Authority? I don't know what model they filed.

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kim chenev (Guest)

But it's.

0:25:23.680 --> 0:25:26.830

kim chenev (Guest)

And as you know, at least I think you know the.

0:25:28.290 --> 0:25:33.80

kim chenev (Guest)

The pending grant application all required local governance.

0:25:34.970 --> 0:25:57.800

Paul White

OK. Thank you for that. And I think that's a valid point that the waste districts are I think are more applicable thing to look at than water districts, because I think every, every community in the state is assigned to a waste district boundaries probably drawn by the state, whereas water districts or something that a community chooses to get involved with. You know if it's beneficial to them.

0:25:58.790 --> 0:26:0.130

Paul White

Uh Kim to have something else?

0:26:4.50 --> 0:26:6.970

kim chenev (Guest)

Yes, I was finished and I've lowered my hand. Thank you.

0:26:6.340 --> 0:26:7.650

Paul White

OK, I'm. I'm sorry.

0:26:8.80 --> 0:26:8.510

kim cheny (Guest)

Thank you.

0:26:9.350 --> 0:26:12.580

Paul White

But again, the waste districts there might be a better.

0:26:13.930 --> 0:26:21.150

Paul White

Or applicable thing to look at the water districts, but they still they're funded by municipalities through property taxes.

0:26:21.810 --> 0:26:22.320

Paul White

So.

0:26:23.510 --> 0:26:27.30

Paul White

That's something we're trying to avoid, then I don't know there might be.

0:26:30.230 --> 0:26:30.680

kim cheny (Guest)

Well.

0:26:28.30 --> 0:26:31.10

Paul White

They are just a model to look at. Leave it at that.

0:26:31.480 --> 0:26:32.760

kim cheny (Guest)

While you're on that subject.

0:26:33.850 --> 0:26:34.350

kim cheny (Guest)

Umm.

0:26:37.790 --> 0:26:45.630

kim cheny (Guest)

Schools are funded partly by the property tax, but there are also funded by broad based tax, so there's nothing that says you can't do both.

0:26:46.580 --> 0:26:47.620

Paul White

Yep, that would point.

0:26:52.530 --> 0:26:52.990

Paul White

OK.

0:26:51.970 --> 0:26:53.530

kim cheney (Guest)

OK. Thanks for listening.

0:26:53.810 --> 0:26:54.440

Paul White

Yep. Thank you.

0:26:57.190 --> 0:27:3.860

Paul White

So yes, I will try to find somebody that can speak to a public service connection fee and the right of way fee.

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Wooster, Mandy

Awesome. Thank you. And then is there anybody that would wanna do a little bit of research on the public Safety Authority Charter?

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Wooster, Mandy

And provide a quick write up or even just some information for the group.

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Paul White

Uh, I just saw a note in the chat that Brian had to step out for a meeting. He's he's probably the best one to do that, but because I think as far as I know, there's only a couple of public safety authorities that have been chartered in Vermont.

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kim cheney (Guest)

And be happy to help anybody if they wanna.

0:27:38.990 --> 0:27:39.420

Paul White

OK.

0:27:38.840 --> 0:27:40.100

kim cheney (Guest)

Wanna see how that works?

0:27:40.270 --> 0:27:41.40

Paul White

OK. Thank you.

0:27:48.610 --> 0:27:48.870

Paul White

Yeah.

0:27:44.200 --> 0:27:50.190

Wooster, Mandy

For now, I can Mark Brian for that. We can we can try to touch base afterwards if he doesn't, if he's unable to return to the meeting.

0:27:56.300 --> 0:27:56.860

Wooster, Mandy

Absolutely.

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Paul White

Yeah, it well. And if there's someone else that has an interest in it and wants to tackle that, I'm sure Brian would not object in. Mr Cheney has volunteered to assist with that since he is involved in this in the Central Vermont PSA.

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Burnham, Lance

I know chief lock up in Chinon County would be a good resource as well. I'm sure he'd be happy to help.

0:28:23.130 --> 0:28:23.580

Paul White

OK.

0:28:28.660 --> 0:28:44.390

Wooster, Mandy

The net, you know, so it leaves us down to a couple of more. We're really I think that it's gonna be important for us to start to divide the work, you know, to have others kind of help out on this, because it's gonna become overwhelming as we're trying to do these write ups and get the information because our timelines kind of dwindling.

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Wooster, Mandy

Has anybody else familiar with any of the other options that around here that could could either speak to the group about it, could provide a brief write up, could suggest somebody to come in and talk to the group about it?

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Paul White

Yeah. And the the, I mean those last well, I guess any of these are gonna require legislative action on I I don't know who we would talk to about getting our hands on some of the money generated by.

0:29:22.430 --> 0:29:23.570

Paul White

The new marijuana market.

0:29:26.240 --> 0:29:35.800

Paul White

I'm sure a lot of different entities have probably eyeballing that thinking that that's gonna be their new cash cow. And I'm personally, I'm not so convinced that it's gonna be that, but.

0:29:37.740 --> 0:29:39.840

Paul White

And of course, county taxes is just, you know.

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Paul White

Another entity collecting municipal taxes, which come from the property tax.

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Paul White

Umm.

0:29:52.910 --> 0:29:54.850

Wooster, Mandy

OK, so we can move on from there.

0:29:57.180 --> 0:29:57.790

Wooster, Mandy

So.

0:29:58.960 --> 0:30:9.270

Wooster, Mandy

Last week we talked about some of the funding mechanisms as far as determining incident types per service, and I know that I had to hop off at one point.

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Wooster, Mandy

And I know that Mark isn't here today.

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Paul White

Ohh.

0:30:13.810 --> 0:30:15.740

Wooster, Mandy

Lance, did you have I?

0:30:19.420 --> 0:30:19.690

Paul White

Yeah.

0:30:15.340 --> 0:30:20.140

Wooster, Mandy

I think Marcus Mark has joined us I think, sorry, I can't see the only person I can see right now is Paul.

0:30:22.20 --> 0:30:24.160

Wooster, Mandy

Mark, did you want to talk about where you're at with that?

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Wooster, Mandy

Or Lance.

0:30:27.170 --> 0:30:29.540

Anderson, Mark

So while I am here, I wasn't listening.

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Wooster, Mandy

OK.

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Anderson, Mark

7.

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Wooster, Mandy

So I was just looking at the we started getting to the point of the.

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Wooster, Mandy

The outline is talking about the funny mechanisms in determining the incident type per service, and I think that you were doing some work on this as far as being able to get a some reports to be able to try to pull this. Is that accurate?

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Anderson, Mark

I have three or four spreadsheets based on different models.

0:30:55.740 --> 0:30:58.920

Anderson, Mark

Uh, which I thought I sent up a I could be wrong.

0:31:0.660 --> 0:31:13.410

Paul White

No, you did. No, I was. Were those? Those were looking at communities in your part of the state and what they would be charged under different models. Is that what those spreadsheets were showing? One was based on?

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Anderson, Mark

Uh Lamoille one was based on Hanover.

0:31:19.660 --> 0:31:28.440

Anderson, Mark

And then I sent a spreadsheet of the assessments of Vermont towns from Southwest Mutual aid. That's not all inclusive the of their operation.

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Anderson, Mark

And then just talking with.

0:31:33.910 --> 0:31:37.390

Anderson, Mark

A person who's done work with Fairfax County, Virginia.

0:31:38.790 --> 0:31:41.740

Anderson, Mark

Who has a countrywide dispatch? Uh.

0:31:42.660 --> 0:31:46.830

Anderson, Mark

The I started building a hybrid of the Hanover.

0:31:48.610 --> 0:31:49.630

Anderson, Mark

Uh, model.

0:31:53.750 --> 0:32:1.580

Anderson, Mark

But that's looking at it. Uh Hanover looks at it by service, whereas what I'm trying to do is look at it by community.

0:32:2.590 --> 0:32:8.790

Anderson, Mark

So they factor in a price whether you have fire and EMS or police or all three.

0:32:9.630 --> 0:32:12.820

Anderson, Mark

So I'm just trying to say it's all three straight across the board.

0:32:16.660 --> 0:32:32.110

Wooster, Mandy

I I have those the formulas, I guess I was kind of talking about if we go up just a little bit the we were talking about the dispatch fee worksheet and determining incident types per service and trying to dwindle down to understand what those numbers are.

0:32:32.510 --> 0:32:45.780

Anderson, Mark

Got it. Uh, some of that work depends on the efforts of a meeting at 10:00 o'clock. So we had to have a seven day warning for that, which is why there's no progress there yet. But hopefully by next week.

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If all this is Bob, Slacker, I gotta step off for a minute. I'll be back on shortly.

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Paul White

OK. Thanks Bob.

0:32:57.380 --> 0:33:5.690

Wooster, Mandy

And so where did we leave off last week with so, you know, we have the some EMS stuff. We have some fire stuff.

0:33:6.830 --> 0:33:15.120

Wooster, Mandy

I thought there was some conversation that was had about whether or not they were going, you know, we were gonna use this information and what that was gonna look like. Can we revisit that?

0:33:16.850 --> 0:33:19.950

Wooster, Mandy

To understand what was decided there, or if something wasn't decided.

0:33:23.300 --> 0:33:34.350

Burnham, Lance

Sorry, I had to step away real quick. I I remember talking with Bob. Bob was supposed to come back to us and say one. Where is he getting the data it what's the data look like?

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Burnham, Lance

He the below whereas the maybe 50 calls the Hazmat search and rescue fire alarms. Those are calls that.

0:33:46.840 --> 0:33:50.270

Burnham, Lance

Don't necessarily involve a lot of time where the dispatcher.

0:33:50.690 --> 0:33:53.80

Burnham, Lance

Umm, albeit it still time.

0:33:54.540 --> 0:33:58.300

Burnham, Lance

And I think what it ran into really was.

0:34:0.370 --> 0:34:1.580

Burnham, Lance

There's so many.

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Burnham, Lance

In Valcor, every department has their own call type and.

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Burnham, Lance

I think it could be. I think there was.

0:34:14.10 --> 0:34:17.260

Burnham, Lance

57 that are relatively common or something like that.

0:34:18.70 --> 0:34:30.610

Burnham, Lance

And we maybe thought, and if I'm repeating anybody, please let me know while I was away that it might be easier to find those calls that are not labor intensive for the peace app or or any dispatch and then.

0:34:31.520 --> 0:34:34.450

Burnham, Lance

Subtract those calls from the overall call volume.

0:34:36.450 --> 0:34:39.380

Burnham, Lance

Rather than saying these calls are what we should be billing for.

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Burnham, Lance

Because that's going to be an extensive, extensive list.

0:34:45.610 --> 0:34:46.80

Paul White

Well.

0:34:45.480 --> 0:34:52.740

Anderson, Mark

Lance, I do agree. That said, I'm gonna use Dover PD in Wilmington PD as as.

0:35:3.580 --> 0:35:3.900

Burnham, Lance

Good.

0:34:53.240 --> 0:35:4.170

Anderson, Mark

Uh, neighbors that do it entirely differently. And so Dover PD punches almost all their calls and their computer. Whereas Wilmington PD relies on dispatch. So some of this is.

0:35:7.660 --> 0:35:7.940

Burnham, Lance
Right.

0:35:5.290 --> 0:35:9.920

Anderson, Mark
As agency centric, that not saying either it's wrong but.

0:35:10.400 --> 0:35:10.800

Burnham, Lance
Yeah.

0:35:10.990 --> 0:35:12.60

Anderson, Mark
They have different demands.

0:35:12.680 --> 0:35:34.40

Paul White
Well, and to to add to that, you're only talking about incidents, you know, calls added, and then you take a, you know, a Police Department in my area that you'll have an officer drives down the road and runs every license plate that he sees in hopes of finding a suspended driver, but might only stop one out of 10. But those other nine registration checks all require dispatch action.

0:35:35.200 --> 0:35:35.490

Burnham, Lance
Right.

0:35:39.430 --> 0:35:45.140

Burnham, Lance
Really. I mean this this is a perfect example of why we are where we are. There's no clear.

0:35:46.150 --> 0:35:51.550

Burnham, Lance
Uh dispatching service that every everything is independent but.

0:35:52.210 --> 0:36:4.970

Burnham, Lance
You know that's the purpose of these grants is to make this localized and let the localized centers develop how they want to, how they want to fund this or not fund this. But how they want to.

0:36:6.380 --> 0:36:7.510

Burnham, Lance
View their billing model.

0:36:27.900 --> 0:36:40.330

Wooster, Mandy
So I'm just wondering is it, you know, and maybe I'm just not understanding which is completely possible. Do we wanna continue working on this piece or are we finding that this piece isn't gonna be valuable based on the other conversation?

0:36:41.360 --> 0:36:45.790

Wooster, Mandy

And if we don't want to work out if we're not gonna use this, is there anything else that we want to start to consider?

0:36:54.80 --> 0:36:54.400

Paul White

Yeah.

0:36:51.190 --> 0:37:6.100

Burnham, Lance

But I think we have to at least look at it because it gives us a good general of the call volume at that actually out there. I think we have to present that to legislature like This is why we're in the position that we're in. Specifically, I'm speaking specifically for DPS.

0:37:7.290 --> 0:37:8.750

Burnham, Lance

This is why.

0:37:10.280 --> 0:37:15.450

Burnham, Lance

This is why our staffing issues are are dwindling so rapidly because of the these call volumes.

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Burnham, Lance

That's my.

0:37:28.500 --> 0:37:29.630

Paul White

Right, right.

0:37:23.420 --> 0:37:30.100

Neal, Barbara

But but, but we don't know the call volumes, I guess that's what I keep going back to you know.

0:37:30.830 --> 0:37:42.120

Neal, Barbara

We don't have the data to to demonstrate how busy the DPS centers are with dispatch activities.

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Neal, Barbara

Right. I mean.

0:37:48.450 --> 0:37:48.780

Paul White

Right.

0:37:45.710 --> 0:37:48.830

Neal, Barbara

I can tell you how busy they are in the 911 lines, but.

0:37:49.870 --> 0:37:51.470

Neal, Barbara

That's part.

0:37:49.460 --> 0:37:52.220

Paul White

But we don't have a way to measure the dispatching side, right?

0:37:52.770 --> 0:37:53.920

Neal, Barbara

Yeah. So.

0:37:54.860 --> 0:37:58.670

Neal, Barbara

But I do think isn't part of our mandate here that we.

0:37:59.640 --> 0:38:9.570

Neal, Barbara

Identify like the shifts in workload that will happen with a regionalized model. So I'm to Mandy's question. I don't think we can eliminate this section.

0:38:13.870 --> 0:38:21.350

Wooster, Mandy

Maybe it makes sense to keep it in there, get the data that we have, and then write up information that says this isn't all inclusive and This is why.

0:38:22.430 --> 0:38:25.260

Wooster, Mandy

These are the pieces that are not going to be captured within this data.

0:38:26.180 --> 0:38:36.270

Wooster, Mandy

Like these, these are the known things. These are, we know that it's not going to capture everything, but they're asking for the data. So perhaps would provide what we have and then say This is why it's not a full picture.

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Paul White

But.

0:38:38.660 --> 0:38:58.30

Burnham, Lance

Yeah, I think it's important to note that they're asking questions about a service that they don't know. I don't mean to be rude, but they don't know anything about this. These are legislators that don't know

what dispatching is or what it even means. So they're asking questions that we may not have answers to.

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Burnham, Lance

Advanced.

0:39:5.690 --> 0:39:6.640

Burnham, Lance

Which we have no.

0:38:58.850 --> 0:39:12.230

Paul White

And at the same time, they're asking us to give answers to problems like like property taxes, that they which we have no knowledge of, and they have two dozen people on staff done at Ledge Council that could be doing this work.

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Burnham, Lance

Yeah, yeah.

0:39:14.750 --> 0:39:15.150

Burnham, Lance

Agreed.

0:39:17.480 --> 0:39:17.810

Burnham, Lance

Uh.

0:39:21.500 --> 0:39:21.900

Burnham, Lance

Uh.

0:39:21.100 --> 0:39:28.600

Paul White

OK. So had we finished that? I mean, we haven't really even gotten to the second component of the.

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Paul White

The document that you know the powers and duties weren't, says the working group shall.

0:39:33.850 --> 0:39:34.190

Wooster, Mandy

Umm.

0:39:34.230 --> 0:39:37.390

Paul White

1234 we haven't really even dived into that yet.

0:39:41.180 --> 0:39:43.740

Paul White

And I don't mean to jump ahead if we're not done with the first part, but.

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Paul White

OK.

0:39:44.690 --> 0:40:13.390

Wooster, Mandy

Yeah. I mean, I think it's fine to jump ahead, to be honest with you, as long as we're making some headway, I think that that's really what's important. And I think that we've exhausted kind of some of the funding model stuff. So I think it's OK. I think that it would make sense for us to keep moving forward in trend, identify this information, which mark is working on a report in the meeting after this to try to get the law enforcement stuff. It looks like it was left off, that fire was going to continue to try to get some of that. Some of that data. And then EMS did we.

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Paul White

When we talked about that a little bit last week, you know, Drew told us and well and Bob and drew both told us about the.

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Paul White

That some of the more rural departments, whether it's fire or first response.

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Paul White

PMS.

0:40:28.240 --> 0:40:50.490

Paul White

There aren't real good about reporting all of their all of their calls. You know, if it's if it's a call where nobody gets transported by ambulance and there's not a a fire per se that gets reported through the fire incident reporting system, then there's a lot of small things that they do that don't necessarily get captured. I'm not sure how we deal with that.

0:40:52.540 --> 0:41:4.800

Wooster, Mandy

Thanks for that's important. I am wondering if either drew or Bob would be able to kind of write up a piece that talks about what isn't gonna be captured in their data, cause it's gonna, you know, that's gonna show that their data is a little bit lower.

0:41:6.490 --> 0:41:6.720

Paul White

Right.

0:41:6.0 --> 0:41:12.710

Wooster, Mandy

Would want it would. Would they be able to explain that? Do you know, a paragraph write up on why that is and what that looks like?

0:41:14.80 --> 0:41:14.600

Paul White

Yeah, I think.

0:41:13.880 --> 0:41:14.670

Burnham, Lance

Is Juan.

0:41:15.340 --> 0:41:15.910

Burnham, Lance

Not, I said.

0:41:15.320 --> 0:41:15.920

Paul White

I did not.

0:41:17.740 --> 0:41:20.820

Paul White

Unless he recently joined and we've checked the list again.

0:41:23.230 --> 0:41:26.240

Paul White

Now Drew is not on in Bob had to step away for a few minutes.

0:41:36.80 --> 0:41:42.770

Paul White

You know, the Health Department maintains the siren system which captures ambulance runs. But you know when you have a non transport.

0:41:44.140 --> 0:41:56.490

Paul White

Ambulance goes out for either for a standby or something where they don't necessarily document it with a with a transport. A lot of those my understanding from Drew was that those don't get captured and the same with a lot of things that the fire departments go on you, whether it's a.

0:41:58.670 --> 0:42:0.0

Paul White

Co alarm or.

0:42:1.460 --> 0:42:5.550

Paul White

Kind of a standby, especially the smaller, more rural departments.

0:42:6.820 --> 0:42:9.870

Paul White

Are not as good as the the full time departments it reporting there.

0:42:10.760 --> 0:42:11.430

Paul White

Information.

0:42:12.330 --> 0:42:20.440

Wooster, Mandy

Yeah. And I think that's gonna be important to paint that big picture, right? This might be what our the numbers are that we have, but it's not all inclusive in. This is why.

0:42:22.520 --> 0:42:39.370

Wooster, Mandy

So I think maybe we can follow up with Bob and drew on that particular piece. Is there anybody that wants to tackle writing up that kind of that same type of information about the differences in the law enforcement side, the same thing that we're talking about why things wouldn't be captured?

0:42:42.480 --> 0:42:43.760

Burnham, Lance

I can help mark with that.

0:42:50.790 --> 0:42:56.370

Wooster, Mandy

That would help us start kind of the writing up piece of this as we're working to still pull.

0:42:57.910 --> 0:42:58.380

Wooster, Mandy

You know.

0:42:59.170 --> 0:42:59.980

Wooster, Mandy

The numbers.

0:43:5.750 --> 0:43:9.890

Burnham, Lance

So I might have missed it. Mark, you said you were meeting with somebody today after this meeting.

0:43:12.400 --> 0:43:12.730

Burnham, Lance

OK.

0:43:10.810 --> 0:43:13.20

Anderson, Mark

The governance boards meeting at 10.

0:43:13.450 --> 0:43:13.690

Burnham, Lance
OK.

0:43:14.220 --> 0:43:15.530

Anderson, Mark
Authorize the release of the data.

0:43:16.180 --> 0:43:16.520

Burnham, Lance
OK.

0:43:17.690 --> 0:43:26.710

Burnham, Lance
Umm, I'm pretty much well, I'm not. I am swamped all day today, but please reach out and I'll give you whatever I can help. We help you with.

0:43:27.810 --> 0:43:30.490

Anderson, Mark
Yeah, we'll have to wait till after today for me as well.

0:43:31.250 --> 0:43:31.620

Burnham, Lance
But.

0:43:36.600 --> 0:43:55.990

Wooster, Mandy
And then we we got into the some of the formulas. Were there any other formulas that we wanted to add? I think the ones that Mark had mentioned are up here hand over I think I've added everything that I've received via e-mail. Just wondering if there are any others that need to be added. We list of St Johnsbury, Newport, Manchester at the bottom, I don't.

0:43:57.620 --> 0:43:58.190

Burnham, Lance
I have some.

0:43:56.360 --> 0:43:58.340

Wooster, Mandy
Umm, I don't know if that meant.

0:43:58.990 --> 0:44:0.330

Burnham, Lance
I have St Johnsbury.

0:44:1.690 --> 0:44:9.480

Burnham, Lance
I'm waiting for them to tell me it's public record, which I'm sure it is, cause I they got it from their town report. I just don't wanna put anything in here until I have their approval.

0:44:10.530 --> 0:44:14.550

Burnham, Lance

I will send an e-mail right now to the chief up in Newport.

0:44:17.850 --> 0:44:19.200

Burnham, Lance

Travis, I'm sure he'll.

0:44:19.940 --> 0:44:20.280

Paul White

Yeah.

0:44:20.230 --> 0:44:21.260

Burnham, Lance

Send me what he's got.

0:44:23.640 --> 0:44:28.510

Wooster, Mandy

So we also have Manchester listed. I'm wondering if that's something that we still want to get that information.

0:44:30.70 --> 0:44:31.180

Wooster, Mandy

And if there are others?

0:44:35.460 --> 0:44:43.140

Cambridge, Anthony

I got the Manchester information. I think most of it and they also sent me an e-mail with some of the information that I could forward to you guys.

0:44:44.720 --> 0:44:46.300

Wooster, Mandy

And that's chief Cambridge.

0:44:47.180 --> 0:44:47.530

Cambridge, Anthony

Yes.

0:44:48.440 --> 0:44:48.890

Wooster, Mandy

Thank you.

0:44:53.710 --> 0:44:55.700

Wooster, Mandy

Are there any others that we want to seek?

0:44:56.740 --> 0:44:59.460

Wooster, Mandy

And and then maybe we can ask somebody to look them up.

0:45:1.210 --> 0:45:3.190

Wooster, Mandy

Or do we wanna call it there?

0:45:4.570 --> 0:45:5.690

Burnham, Lance

I think that's sufficient.

0:45:6.660 --> 0:45:7.630

Burnham, Lance

It's pretty wide range.

0:45:6.850 --> 0:45:10.900

Paul White

Well, that's yeah. But just looking at the.

0:45:12.560 --> 0:45:24.160

Paul White

The duties you know, back to the back to the legislation where it says that we're supposed to include detailed town by town or by emergency service provider on the.

0:45:25.570 --> 0:45:30.20

Paul White

The current costs and I'm, I don't know, I still we still have. I know it's a daunting task to.

0:45:31.580 --> 0:45:33.550

Paul White

To do that town by town, but.

0:45:37.750 --> 0:45:47.0

Paul White

I'm torn between what I know. It's it says it in the legislation, the legislation says a lot of things that were not necessarily gonna be able to fully comply with. I'm wondering if that's one of them.

0:46:6.580 --> 0:46:6.890

Paul White

Right.

0:45:52.0 --> 0:46:7.360

Burnham, Lance

It's a daunting task and it's going to be a very confusing one because each town I'll use my own, for example Cambridge, we pay for dispatch for Fire and Rescue, but we don't pay dispatch for police.

0:46:7.820 --> 0:46:8.230

Paul White

Correct.

0:46:8.60 --> 0:46:10.410

Burnham, Lance

And and some of them are even.

0:46:11.630 --> 0:46:13.40

Burnham, Lance

Spider webbed even more.

0:46:13.330 --> 0:46:13.540

Paul White

Right.

0:46:17.10 --> 0:46:19.260

Burnham, Lance

I don't think we have enough time to do that, to be honest with you.

0:46:19.310 --> 0:46:22.100

Paul White

OK. And if that's the consensus, that's fine.

0:46:25.650 --> 0:46:32.850

Anderson, Mark

I think I've said it before, but it might just be worth us considering that one statewide solution will not work.

0:46:34.550 --> 0:46:36.360

Anderson, Mark

Uh, and we need to allow for.

0:46:37.590 --> 0:46:38.460

Anderson, Mark

Various.

0:46:39.980 --> 0:46:55.510

Anderson, Mark

Without assigning any sort of political affiliation, various areas uh to come up with a solution that works for them or allow for a solution that works for them as opposed to dictate it will come from the tax of this. It will come from.

0:46:55.910 --> 0:47:2.870

Anderson, Mark

Uh, the the communications district that will come from some fund.

0:47:5.920 --> 0:47:6.850

Burnham, Lance

Local control.

0:47:7.400 --> 0:47:12.0

Paul White

Right. Well, in my, I guess my point is we're we're running down the list of various.

0:47:13.380 --> 0:47:16.950

Paul White

Agencies that provide dispatching service, but we are leaving out.

0:47:18.310 --> 0:47:26.940

Paul White

So far anyway. Well, I guess we did include Hanover, but we've left out a whole bunch of them that are located outside of our borders, but dispatched for agencies in Vermont.

0:47:28.420 --> 0:47:28.890

Paul White

Gwen.

0:47:29.910 --> 0:47:30.310

Paul White

Welcome.

0:47:33.30 --> 0:47:36.380

Gwynn Zakov

I just uh quick comment about the.

0:47:36.700 --> 0:47:39.530

Gwynn Zakov

And information from the towns.

0:47:53.840 --> 0:47:54.160

Paul White

Right.

0:47:40.910 --> 0:47:56.800

Gwynn Zakov

For sure, getting that information will be impossible if you're just not gonna get it just based off of what Lance had said. But maybe, and I don't. Also don't think it would be all that helpful getting to quantify the number is like what?

0:47:57.420 --> 0:48:0.450

Gwynn Zakov

What does that really say other than show a number?

0:48:0.710 --> 0:48:9.900

Gwynn Zakov

I'm but I'm either. My recommendation would either do like a sampling like 2 towns that are small or you know one town that small that does.

0:48:30.720 --> 0:48:30.970

Paul White
Right.

0:48:12.520 --> 0:48:40.390

Gwynn Zakov

And their own. Maybe that contracts out, you know, a lot of this, a lot of towns have it absorbed. I shouldn't say absorbed, but they're whatever line item they pay for EMS and rescue, for example. They don't necessarily parse out dispatch with that because the agency might be taking that on. So it becomes sort of a web. So either do like a sampling of a handful of communities just to give an idea or just say exactly what you've said, which is the narrative of it so.

0:48:41.610 --> 0:48:42.420

Paul White
Right, right.

0:48:40.470 --> 0:48:55.730

Gwynn Zakov

Complicated, and there's such a web on that it's also not very instructive to the legislature to provide that. So that's not. That's not even the information they're looking at. And I 100% agree with the comment that was made earlier about the legislature, doesn't know what they don't know. So.

0:48:55.590 --> 0:48:55.960

Paul White
Right.

0:49:2.460 --> 0:49:2.840

Paul White
Right.

0:48:57.170 --> 0:49:4.890

Gwynn Zakov

A lot of time. So these reports. I feel like you always have to spoon feed. What you think that they should know, but they're just asking the wrong questions.

0:49:5.950 --> 0:49:6.340

Gwynn Zakov
Thank you.

0:49:5.910 --> 0:49:14.650

Paul White

Yeah, and that's that's a valid point. And you know, in a perfect example of that is the town of orange orange contracts with barrytown for ambulance service.

0:49:15.400 --> 0:49:29.930

Paul White

They don't pay for dispatch. They pay us for an ambulance service. We turn around and pay Lamoille

County to provide us the dispatch service so that we can provide EMS service to orange, so to so to contact the town of Orange and ask them what they pay for dispatch, they would say 0.

0:49:32.210 --> 0:49:35.560

Paul White

So. So yeah, good point. It's not worth diving into.

0:49:38.560 --> 0:49:40.680

Wooster, Mandy

Does anybody have any interest in doing the sampling piece?

0:49:42.860 --> 0:49:47.50

Paul White

I don't know how we would come up with a representative sample. There's so.

0:49:48.10 --> 0:49:50.220

Paul White

So vastly different across the board.

0:49:52.480 --> 0:49:52.990

Burnham, Lance

Well, it's.

0:49:52.80 --> 0:49:54.900

Paul White

I think we're better off to not spend time on it. Go ahead, let's.

0:49:57.190 --> 0:49:58.350

Paul White

We have, yeah.

0:49:55.340 --> 0:50:3.780

Burnham, Lance

I was going to say I think we've done that with our formulas that yeah, you know, like this is this is what these people pay and this is what they're getting.

0:50:4.950 --> 0:50:11.930

Burnham, Lance

I think that's and we could say, OK, here's what Newports offering this is how much they're charging and this is what they're getting.

0:50:18.190 --> 0:50:18.510

Paul White

Yeah.

0:50:13.720 --> 0:50:19.180

Burnham, Lance

And you can, but I think we've already done that. The sampling fee is right there in the in the fees that we've presented.

0:50:19.580 --> 0:50:19.870

Paul White

Yeah.

0:50:23.880 --> 0:50:29.180

Paul White

Yeah. And I think those different examples show a variety of large towns, small towns, cities.

0:50:32.480 --> 0:50:32.810

Wooster, Mandy

Correct.

0:50:34.400 --> 0:50:34.820

Paul White

OK.

0:50:35.910 --> 0:50:36.340

Paul White

So.

0:50:37.410 --> 0:50:37.660

Paul White

Yep.

0:50:35.620 --> 0:50:45.770

Wooster, Mandy

So I can share my screen again but I'm getting into the. I have about 8 minutes before I have to hop off as well. So Lance, I don't know if you wanted to share the rest of the document or if the team wants to move on to something else, but.

0:50:46.790 --> 0:50:48.540

Wooster, Mandy

Just thinking about the time then.

0:50:49.700 --> 0:50:51.400

Wooster, Mandy

I have conflicting meetings at the end of this.

0:50:54.850 --> 0:50:55.480

Paul White

You know I.

0:50:57.580 --> 0:50:58.640

Paul White

At the risk of justice.

0:50:59.510 --> 0:51:00.530

Paul White

Hearing myself talk.

0:51:1.170 --> 0:51:2.830

Paul White

Umm, I was just going to.

0:51:3.970 --> 0:51:5.820

Paul White

For what it's worth, you know, I I.

0:51:6.770 --> 0:51:10.140

Paul White

Spend way more time thinking about this in between Wednesdays than I wish I was.

0:51:11.960 --> 0:51:15.270

Paul White

But you know, I keep getting distracted by.

0:51:16.430 --> 0:51:28.40

Paul White

The fact that the department is, you know, as we speak move forward. This grant process that has really nothing to do with this working group, but yet it's in the back of my mind. I know it's taking place simultaneously.

0:51:31.750 --> 0:51:58.920

Paul White

You know, and they're gonna be giving money out to a handful of entities to either start up new or expand existing dispatch centers. And you know, this working group is charged with recommending a timeline and transition funding to move away from VSP dispatch to regional dispatch. And it just seems an hour work to establish this timeline and funding model seems to me kind of to be a waste of time when the department is moving forward with this other parallel.

0:52:0.640 --> 0:52:22.490

Paul White

Process I go back to. I went back and watched our time with Terry and the one of the first things Terry said was this requires a study to determine what's available and what needs to be enhanced. And yet we're not we, but the department is charging full speed ahead with with giving out money that it's gonna affect, you know, a pocket here, a pocket there.

0:52:24.890 --> 0:52:29.710

Paul White

It's just it's frustrating to think that we may be putting all this work into this for.

0:52:31.760 --> 0:52:50.470

Paul White

For no reason, you know. And then you know, half the Members of this working group, we can't even get us all together at any given time. But five out of the 10 are either representing an entity that's applying for that money or assisting an entity that's applying for the money or involved in the screening process of giving out the money. So it just, it seems like this.

0:52:51.530 --> 0:52:52.280

Paul White

I'm.

0:52:53.30 --> 0:52:58.190

Paul White

I'm feeling a little frustration with what we're tasked with versus what's happening in a parallel process.

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Paul White

I just throw that out there. Anybody can comment on it or not?

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Paul White

But I guess there are a number of Members that we don't hear from, you know.

0:53:11.980 --> 0:53:21.760

Paul White

Feels like it's the same three or four people talking all the time, and I would really like to hear what some of the others see as the priority of what this working group should do. You know, we hear.

0:53:22.740 --> 0:53:25.370

Paul White

From some of us, a lot more than others.

0:53:27.120 --> 0:53:28.230

Paul White

So if there's a.

0:53:30.900 --> 0:53:36.90

Paul White

I guess my I'm not sure where I'm going with that. I'm just wondering other than continuing to work through this.

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Paul White

Document that we're working on.

0:53:41.40 --> 0:53:43.260

Paul White

I don't like to having these meetings just for the sake of.

0:53:43.930 --> 0:53:46.700

Paul White

Getting together and talking about issues that we already know exists.

0:53:47.550 --> 0:53:51.180

Paul White

And not. I don't feel like we're getting closer to our end goal.

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Paul White

And I welcome any comments to that.

0:53:59.50 --> 0:53:59.740

Burnham, Lance

Well, if you don't mind.

0:54:0.370 --> 0:54:0.770

Paul White

Please.

0:54:1.340 --> 0:54:2.640

Burnham, Lance

Aye, I.

0:54:3.730 --> 0:54:16.570

Burnham, Lance

Respect everything that you absolutely just said. Uh, quite frankly, I shared those opinions, but we're also I feel we're tasked with this and I wanna finish it. I don't. I also don't feel.

0:54:24.930 --> 0:54:25.280

Paul White

Umm.

0:54:18.230 --> 0:54:43.310

Burnham, Lance

The report that we are going to write is not going to be a Charles Dickens novel by any sense of the imagination, because, as we've said twice already in this meeting, they're asking questions that there are no answers to. I say we drive on, I want to get this off. I am not a person who wants to go to meetings, just to say we're having meetings. And I certainly feel that there are Members in this group that need to step up.

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Burnham, Lance

UM and get this going because we can't do this.

0:54:49.520 --> 0:54:53.620

Burnham, Lance

You know, vacuuming and and with just a few people so.

0:54:54.550 --> 0:55:1.640

Burnham, Lance

But I I completely understand what would your your feelings and your opinions and they are certainly valid.

0:55:4.120 --> 0:55:8.900

Paul White

Yeah, well, you know, thank you. I'm not necessarily looking for validation. I'm just looking for.

0:55:11.610 --> 0:55:16.220

Paul White

I guess some, I don't know. I don't know what I'm looking for. It just felt I needed to get that off my chest, I guess.

0:55:17.120 --> 0:55:18.810

Paul White

So Mandy needs to jump off.

0:55:21.940 --> 0:55:25.250

Paul White

Do we want to dive into Lance? Do you want to?

0:55:26.540 --> 0:55:32.640

Paul White

Take over the driving the document and continue or to somebody have another topic they want to tackle.

0:55:34.790 --> 0:55:38.310

Paul White

We have uh, we have about 15 minutes left before.

0:55:39.100 --> 0:55:40.570

Paul White

To still leave time for public comment.

0:55:49.250 --> 0:55:49.940

Wooster, Mandy

Well, if I may.

0:55:50.440 --> 0:55:51.70

Paul White

Yes, please.

0:55:51.820 --> 0:55:57.590

Wooster, Mandy

So I do have to hop off, but I I I think there is headway being made like this, this is actually.

0:55:57.670 --> 0:56:13.970

Wooster, Mandy

Umm, I think this has been helpful. I think we're starting to write it up. We're parsing it out, we're making assignments and some some headway is being made. So I I think that we we are on a path to make it happen. I do agree. Be helpful. If we had some more, more resources helping.

0:56:15.930 --> 0:56:16.310

Wooster, Mandy

Thank you.

0:56:17.280 --> 0:56:18.100

Paul White

OK. Thank you, Mandy.

0:56:21.700 --> 0:56:22.270

Burnham, Lance

Thank you, man.

0:56:24.290 --> 0:56:24.980

Burnham, Lance

I'm looking.

0:56:24.180 --> 0:56:32.890

Paul White

Polanski. You do you have the document that she's working? I'm. I don't know. I don't know if you are. Are you guys sharing that document through SharePoint or is it all on her machine or?

0:56:35.890 --> 0:56:36.190

Paul White

OK.

0:56:33.320 --> 0:56:38.90

Burnham, Lance

It's it's, uh, she's sharing it with me and I can share it with the rest of the group.

0:56:39.290 --> 0:56:51.180

Burnham, Lance

It is the two the the next things that we're going to look at, I think are gonna be time. They're gonna be. They're gonna take some time. And I'm wondering if it would be best to.

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Burnham, Lance

Wait till next week.

0:56:54.640 --> 0:57:2.340

Burnham, Lance

To go into them, because quite frankly, some of the other tasks that were being the questions that we were gonna look at next, we're gonna need the data from what?

0:57:5.530 --> 0:57:5.800

Paul White

Right.

0:57:3.390 --> 0:57:9.410

Burnham, Lance

What we're asking for the other groups, so I'd rather not just to me, it doesn't make sense to jump on to another subject.

0:57:10.650 --> 0:57:15.400

Burnham, Lance

To start talking about it, when we're we're gonna have to stop probably at 10th of the way into it.

0:57:16.130 --> 0:57:18.170

Paul White

Yeah, yeah, I I agree.

0:57:20.150 --> 0:57:26.880

Paul White

You know, maybe, you know, I hesitate to even bring this up when I think we're down to less than half of the group present now.

0:57:29.500 --> 0:57:45.810

Paul White

But you know, you and I had a conversation offline the other day, which speaks to like the number 3 on the under powers and duties identify state resources that may become available once new dispatch systems are fully operational, you know, and I've been kind of operating under the assumption that.

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Paul White

The answer to that will be 0. You know that even when these new regional dispatch centers are stood up.

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Paul White

Yeah, it's gonna relieve some of the pressure currently on the the state police dispatch centers, but it's not like you're suddenly gonna have resources available with no work for them to do. So, I mean, do you wanna speak to that at all?

0:58:8.750 --> 0:58:39.500

Burnham, Lance

Yeah, I think I I would agree it's not. It's not like we're gonna be able to all of a sudden do ABC and D, but I think what we have to highlight here is one of the things that we will be able to do and I'm speaking for VSP is that we're going to be able to quite frankly pick up our load on the 911 system, our catchment areas in Westminster are below our mandated 90%.

0:58:39.770 --> 0:58:49.100

Burnham, Lance

And it's the same with Williston and that is due to staffing, but it's also due to we have to dispatch and answer the 911 at the same time.

0:58:50.920 --> 0:58:55.720

Burnham, Lance

What that does it it's a domino effect when we can't answer it.

0:58:56.420 --> 0:59:3.490

Burnham, Lance

Uh, it rolls over to the other piece apps and it creates more workload for them and they don't have the staffing to do that either, so.

0:59:4.630 --> 0:59:5.540

Burnham, Lance

Eventually.

0:59:5.960 --> 0:59:12.590

Burnham, Lance

God, what that means for the general public is safety. They the phone is not being answered in a timely manner.

0:59:13.800 --> 0:59:26.230

Burnham, Lance

As it should be so you know, I think that is something that we have to point out that yes, we're we won't be able to just say, OK, now that we don't have this, we're gonna be able to offer this. The reality is.

0:59:33.410 --> 0:59:33.600

Paul White

Right.

0:59:27.330 --> 0:59:38.200

Burnham, Lance

Now that we don't have this many resources at dispatch for, we're going to be able to do our job more effectively and actually assist. These other piece asks by taking our fair share of the load of the 911 calls.

0:59:40.160 --> 0:59:52.30

Paul White

Right. So when we're talking about funding sources, it's not, I don't think we should even consider, you know, by taking all of these hundred or however many agencies there are off VSP's plate.

0:59:52.850 --> 1:0:0.850

Paul White

It's not reasonable to think that we're going to take general Fund revenues away from the Department of Public Safety and spread them around to other dispatch centers.

1:0:1.970 --> 1:0:5.240

Paul White

Because you suddenly aren't gonna need the same amount of staff that you had.

1:0:10.360 --> 1:0:10.570

Paul White

Right.

1:0:6.230 --> 1:0:17.260

Burnham, Lance

Correct. Because our staffing numbers are based on state agencies, it's gone up a little because of the, the the municipalities, but our numbers are based on.

1:0:19.340 --> 1:0:22.220

Burnham, Lance

Previous work with state agencies only.

1:0:23.250 --> 1:0:27.60

Burnham, Lance

And we still have contracts with other agencies that we have to honor as you know.

1:0:26.620 --> 1:0:27.600

Paul White

Right, yeah.

1:0:30.200 --> 1:0:35.470

Neal, Barbara

I think that that might be a little bit of a hard pill for some people to swallow. I'm just.

1:0:35.680 --> 1:0:35.940

Paul White

Right.

1:0:36.150 --> 1:0:52.240

Neal, Barbara

Throwing that out there, that Department of Public Safety's position has been for quite a long time now that the dispatch centers are overwhelmed with work, and if the if the regional solution is going to remove some of that work, how can there not be?

1:0:52.910 --> 1:0:57.530

Neal, Barbara

Umm, how can there not be some relief of the workload?

1:0:59.120 --> 1:1:3.770

Neal, Barbara

And make other resources available, so I'm just throwing that out there.

1:1:4.990 --> 1:1:5.880

Neal, Barbara

And also.

1:1:7.240 --> 1:1:16.60

Neal, Barbara

On the issue of answering 911 calls, I don't know that it has to be in this report, but I just wanna comment that as regional centers come.

1:1:16.840 --> 1:1:24.510

Neal, Barbara

On board if they want to become 911 call centers, that's something that the board would consider.

1:1:25.670 --> 1:1:27.470

Neal, Barbara
So it's not.

1:1:28.170 --> 1:1:28.640

Neal, Barbara
Umm.

1:1:29.330 --> 1:1:37.300

Neal, Barbara

It's not necessarily a given that the Department of Public Safety would continue to answer the same number of 911 calls that are currently does so.

1:1:39.10 --> 1:1:41.400

Neal, Barbara

But those are decisions to be made later.

1:1:42.50 --> 1:1:51.940

Paul White

Right. But I I could take away from what you just said is if, when, when, somebody, some entity, whether a Police Department of fire department or a public safety authority.

1:1:52.980 --> 1:1:57.870

Paul White

The they successfully stand up a new dispatch center. It's not a given that they are also going to be a piece app.

1:2:2.50 --> 1:2:2.330

Paul White

Right.

1:1:58.430 --> 1:2:13.320

Neal, Barbara

Correct, right. Yes. That's the flip side of what I just said, right. So that's that is true. If they want to be and are, you know, have the capacity to be, then the board will consider that. But ultimately the board would decide.

1:2:14.170 --> 1:2:16.680

Neal, Barbara

You know who who is a piece up and who is not.

1:2:19.320 --> 1:2:21.370

Paul White

OK. Thank you for throwing that out there.

1:2:26.240 --> 1:2:27.40

Paul White

Yeah, you know that.

1:2:28.250 --> 1:3:2.360

Paul White

I agree with you that that will be a hard pill for some to swallow and we we've seen it all the time. You know we've, you know, think of a couple of other examples. You know, years ago police officers used to do all their crash reports by hand. They all got mailed to DMV and DMV, had a whole crew of people working the midnight shift doing data entry on those crash reports. Now crash reports are all done by the officers in their cars electronically. But DMV didn't give up any of that. Those staff people or any of that funding from the people that used to do the manual data entry on those. It just gets absorbed into the department.

1:3:2.950 --> 1:3:21.600

Paul White

Same with the electronic ticketing. You know, the Judicial Bureau used to have to do all that manual data entry with the tickets as they came in. Now we're going to E ticket. You don't see the Judicial Bureau giving up any staff or any resources that have been freed up. So unfortunately, that's typical of state government that you know.

1:3:22.420 --> 1:3:27.570

Paul White

Things don't get freed up and spread around. They just get used to.

1:3:27.650 --> 1:3:28.970

Paul White

Yeah, well.

1:3:29.760 --> 1:3:32.20

Paul White

Make things more efficient I guess is the term.

1:3:36.360 --> 1:3:36.610

Paul White

Yeah.

1:3:40.120 --> 1:3:40.520

Paul White

Yes.

1:3:43.790 --> 1:3:44.110

Paul White

Right.

1:3:44.950 --> 1:3:45.190

Paul White

Right.

1:3:47.640 --> 1:3:47.900

Paul White

Right.

1:3:35.160 --> 1:3:49.630

Neal, Barbara

I just think we will need to be prepared to to give the reasoning right, not just not just. It can't be this way, but what? Why? The more a little bit more detail on why might help.

1:3:50.430 --> 1:3:50.670

Paul White

Great.

1:3:53.470 --> 1:4:2.120

Paul White

Agreed. OK, so we have a little bit of time, but if we don't want to jump into anything new, knowing that we're not gonna get very far with it.

1:4:2.770 --> 1:4:7.900

Paul White

Does anybody anybody on the working group have anything else they want to bring up before I open it up to public comment?

1:4:9.490 --> 1:4:11.690

Paul White

Does look like we're going to finish a little bit early today.

1:4:16.960 --> 1:4:21.800

Paul White

We're down to only actual as far as the actual working group members. Looks like we're down to just.

1:4:23.510 --> 1:4:30.610

Paul White

Uh, Chief Cambridge, I think, said he had to step away. Brian had to step away. So looks like it's just me, Lance and Barb.

1:4:31.220 --> 1:4:31.930

Cambridge, Anthony

I'm still there.

1:4:32.530 --> 1:4:33.730

Paul White

You are OK. Thank you.

1:4:36.800 --> 1:4:42.530

Paul White

Well, with still only four of us here, we don't even have a quorum, so I guess.

1:4:43.730 --> 1:4:50.270

Paul White

May as well call it at that. I will go ahead and open it up to public comment if there is any. Sure there is.

1:4:54.70 --> 1:4:57.410

advocate (Guest)

Steve Whittaker, if no one else wants to go, I'll go now.

1:4:57.770 --> 1:4:58.530

Paul White

Go ahead, Steve.

1:4:59.960 --> 1:5:9.320

advocate (Guest)

So I heard a couple of key comments, Mark Anderson said. We're supposed to come up with a solution that works for them and Lance.

1:5:10.190 --> 1:5:28.930

advocate (Guest)

Jumped in with local control. Both of those fundamentally presume regional governance is in place to define who the them is. I mean, central Vermont is a perfect case study in that because you know you're talking about delegating to Brian, Pete, the.

1:5:30.160 --> 1:5:59.710

advocate (Guest)

Review of the Public Safety Authority structure and I discovered an e-mail where he's talking about dissolving the public safety authority so that he can maintain his dispatch monopoly. That's just that's just wrong, you know, so the the emphasis has to be on governance, and that was wise and proper that it was put in the RFP requirements. But yet I so far haven't seen any application. I seen five out of eight or six out of.

1:6:0.300 --> 1:6:0.920

advocate (Guest)

9.

1:6:1.740 --> 1:6:7.660

advocate (Guest)

But none of them have addressed the regional governance requirements and it appears that the.

1:6:8.450 --> 1:6:18.560

advocate (Guest)

Review committee is tea grading with a few dollars here and a few dollars there. But ignoring all the requirements and whether the applications actually meet the requirements.

1:6:19.260 --> 1:6:26.550

advocate (Guest)

I would say most of those applications great applications are not qualified. So what are you, what are what are you gonna do about it?

1:6:27.460 --> 1:6:28.50

advocate (Guest)

So.

1:6:28.770 --> 1:6:30.110

advocate (Guest)

My own research.

1:6:31.10 --> 1:6:31.740

advocate (Guest)

Which I'm.

1:6:32.650 --> 1:6:46.740

advocate (Guest)

Frustrated to say, has been more diligent than the work group or the department staff shows that we're somewhere between 5:00 and \$6 million in town expenditures to all the various regional dispatch facilities.

1:6:47.400 --> 1:7:0.620

advocate (Guest)

So I'm still waiting for a few reports to come in from Washington County and and southwestern New Hampshire. But at Middlebury Central, but for the most part.

1:7:1.700 --> 1:7:5.670

advocate (Guest)

Or cost of \$5 million in annual expenses, so.

1:7:6.990 --> 1:7:27.960

advocate (Guest)

Barb revealed that 4.8 million is the 901 budget. Let's say for discussion purposes that the dispatch or an improved dispatch is gonna be 5 or \$6 million. We need to be looking for \$11 million on an annual basis and then sharing some of that with the local.

1:7:30.340 --> 1:7:32.590

advocate (Guest)

Local municipalities and agencies.

1:7:33.260 --> 1:7:40.660

advocate (Guest)

So it's not unreasonable to ask the legislature to be finding, you know, \$8 million a year or something like that.

1:7:42.0 --> 1:8:7.130

advocate (Guest)

But a key conflict here is the transition timing. This work group is charged with recommending transition timing, and I've heard both of y'all say it. You know that that this grant process is undermining that transition timing. It's short circuiting the process and it's boring the governance requirements. It's ignoring the ongoing funding proof of ongoing funding requirements.

1:8:7.780 --> 1:8:12.150

advocate (Guest)

So how we're risking the the department?

1:8:13.250 --> 1:8:26.860

advocate (Guest)

Mandy and Lance are answering the two bosses. They've got statutory session law obligations to this work group, but they're answering, answering to a Commissioner or, you know, Governor Gibbs, that's trying to shovel the money out the door.

1:8:27.750 --> 1:8:38.730

advocate (Guest)

Do note. Damn the torpedoes. It's gonna make a mess of evolving regional governance in central Vermont or Rutland County or Windham County. So those three.

1:8:39.430 --> 1:8:54.520

advocate (Guest)

Have all alluded to becoming peace apps, so there's no planning for increased costs. There's no discussion yet and increased costs of converting a regional dispatch into a piece of app. What does that add to the 911 contract bill?

1:8:55.600 --> 1:8:58.990

advocate (Guest)

Park could speak to that. I surprised she hasn't already.

1:9:0.440 --> 1:9:0.950

advocate (Guest)

So.

1:9:3.170 --> 1:9:15.630

advocate (Guest)

The data gathering and I guess I I covered this is is really insufficient and to try to shove it off onto volunteer board members rather than did department. The department is supposed to staff this in the department hasn't done its job.

1:9:21.90 --> 1:9:38.0

advocate (Guest)

So the work group is required to document current costs. Who's your costs and revenue sources and transition timing? Those are the four key items. I don't see you making progress towards those. And in fact your undermining the department is undermining the work by.

1:9:38.410 --> 1:9:38.930

advocate (Guest)

Uh.

1:9:39.770 --> 1:9:42.10

advocate (Guest)

Distributing money, potentially without.

1:9:42.730 --> 1:9:43.330

advocate (Guest)

Proper.

1:9:43.770 --> 1:9:47.290

advocate (Guest)

Uh, vetting against the proposal requirements.

1:9:47.960 --> 1:9:48.420

advocate (Guest)

See.

1:9:49.850 --> 1:10:20.160

advocate (Guest)

Alternative and what is absolutely needed, the capacity doesn't exist at the regional level for what's being asked in those RFP requirements then and that's why I recommended one of the first meetings that a statewide contract be let for radio systems planning and engineering assessments and for governance because despite all the well meaning people who are out there trying to pull these grant applications together, they don't know how to do.

1:10:20.720 --> 1:10:39.970

advocate (Guest)

Tartars, for regional authorities or union municipal districts. That's a precise, narrow legal specialty that requires somebody to work. I mean the legal towns, cities and towns could potentially have one of their lawyers or contract lawyer provide that service, but I don't see them, you know.

1:10:40.590 --> 1:10:41.980

advocate (Guest)

Stepping up to do that.

1:10:43.780 --> 1:11:3.110

advocate (Guest)

Again, capital costs are missing from the applications and they're missing from this entire discussion. What is it gonna cost? Is it 100,000,000? Is it 50 million? Is it 200,000,000? What's it gonna cost to upgrade all the radio systems to support regional dispatch architecture?

1:11:4.60 --> 1:11:14.540

advocate (Guest)

The RFP and all the submitted proposals don't speak to failover. I mean, are we really gonna go out there and throw money at systems that are gonna be stand alone in a failure mode?

1:11:15.210 --> 1:11:20.780

advocate (Guest)

I mean, who's gonna take on the liability of that now? You've been warned about it. You're sovereign. Immunity might not apply.

1:11:21.470 --> 1:11:28.260

advocate (Guest)

Right. So that's a gross oversight in the RFP requirements is how are you, who are you gonna fail over to in the event you're knocked off?

1:11:29.130 --> 1:11:39.810

advocate (Guest)

You know, Montpelier may pretend to fail over to Barry City, but that's absolutely a joke. Barry City is no way equipped or trained to handle the loan. The Montpelier has.

1:11:41.660 --> 1:11:42.170

advocate (Guest)

So.

1:11:45.170 --> 1:12:7.390

advocate (Guest)

We're we're suffering fundamentally from a long term lack of telecommunications planning by the public service department. I lack of radio planning by the Department of Public Service and Terry, like I said, has 1 foot out the door and couldn't be bothered, you know, calling him a Swick or saying he approved your plan is far from sufficient for.

1:12:8.70 --> 1:12:37.880

advocate (Guest)

Designing the interoperability, the resiliency, the failover and the the secondary failover to regional and secondary failover to statewide resources in the event of a national disaster or hurricane, and that's what every one of these proposals should be measured against before any funding is let go. So again, I'm asking this committee to to speak to the conflict or the preemption or the you usurping of the prerogative of this work group.

1:12:38.60 --> 1:12:56.580

advocate (Guest)

And asked the toy Fiscal Committee to fund only those statewide contracts for radio planning and governance. While these these regional plans are evolved and and made sustainable because to some degree they can't put funding.

1:12:57.500 --> 1:13:7.280

advocate (Guest)

Proposals before their member towns until the legislature has spoken about what percentage they're willing to cover through a statewide broad based funding source.

1:13:12.270 --> 1:13:21.560

advocate (Guest)

We cannot afford to ignore LTE cellular for first responders. All the dead zones that currently exist will not be filled by the Prophet.

1:13:22.360 --> 1:13:27.970

advocate (Guest)

Think the shareholder funded Terriers, a neutral host model of LTE.

1:13:29.260 --> 1:13:46.200

advocate (Guest)

Installed and installed by the regional Authority public safety authorities as part of this planning is the

way to get it done and the way to build political support the governor wants sell planning. Here's a way to get it done as part of protecting the first responders as well.

1:13:48.120 --> 1:13:48.610

advocate (Guest)

So.

1:13:51.60 --> 1:13:55.390

advocate (Guest)

That's probably enough for now. I will elaborate next time. Whenever I left now.

1:13:56.260 --> 1:13:58.260

Paul White

OK. Thank you, Steve Kim.

1:14:6.10 --> 1:14:7.340

Paul White

Like you just muted yourself.

1:14:10.870 --> 1:14:11.430

Paul White

There we go.

1:14:11.130 --> 1:14:11.550

kim cheney (Guest)

There.

1:14:14.110 --> 1:14:18.390

kim cheney (Guest)

Well, I think you hit the nail on the phone when you were talking about.

1:14:20.210 --> 1:14:20.520

advocate (Guest)

Right.

1:14:19.400 --> 1:14:22.10

kim cheney (Guest)

Two parallel things going on somebody.

1:14:25.590 --> 1:14:26.160

advocate (Guest)

Cortana.

1:14:25.100 --> 1:14:28.50

kim cheney (Guest)

You're trying to plan for future grants and.

1:14:29.700 --> 1:14:34.380

kim cheney (Guest)

The state seems to be intent on giving money to some.

1:14:35.220 --> 1:14:36.840
kim cheney (Guest)
Grants that are already in.

1:14:40.430 --> 1:14:40.810
kim cheney (Guest)
Look.

1:14:42.680 --> 1:14:43.470
kim cheney (Guest)
One of my.

1:14:44.160 --> 1:14:45.510
kim cheney (Guest)
Favorite plans?

1:14:47.460 --> 1:14:48.850
kim cheney (Guest)
Well, before I go there.

1:14:49.990 --> 1:14:50.820
kim cheney (Guest)
The.

1:14:52.950 --> 1:14:55.10
kim cheney (Guest)
The department has a grant.

1:14:56.70 --> 1:14:56.540
kim cheney (Guest)
Uh.

1:14:57.630 --> 1:14:59.650
kim cheney (Guest)
Plan in regulations.

1:15:1.50 --> 1:15:2.700
kim cheney (Guest)
And their grant plan.

1:15:4.800 --> 1:15:7.50
kim cheney (Guest)
Has been adopted by the.

1:15:11.0 --> 1:15:11.730
kim cheney (Guest)
Department.

1:15:12.700 --> 1:15:14.760
kim cheney (Guest)
Of fighting actual regulation.

1:15:16.740 --> 1:15:19.790
kim cheney (Guest)
So the grant plan and.

1:15:20.570 --> 1:15:24.160
kim cheney (Guest)
The Financial Regulation laws.

1:15:25.670 --> 1:15:27.360
kim cheney (Guest)
Are affable.

1:15:28.110 --> 1:15:29.220
kim cheney (Guest)
For your discussion.

1:15:30.240 --> 1:15:33.290
kim cheney (Guest)
And nobody's mentioned those at all.

1:15:35.140 --> 1:15:40.990
kim cheney (Guest)
The only thing I've heard is, hey, there's money here. We gotta get it out there. So that.

1:15:42.340 --> 1:15:43.280
kim cheney (Guest)
We relieve.

1:15:44.70 --> 1:15:46.410
kim cheney (Guest)
The pressure on DPS.

1:15:50.440 --> 1:15:53.910
kim cheney (Guest)
That brings me to where I wanted to talk about.

1:15:56.90 --> 1:16:0.160
kim cheney (Guest)
There is a forest of regulations and.

1:16:1.470 --> 1:16:5.360
kim cheney (Guest)
Effective laws that govern what you folks are doing.

1:16:6.770 --> 1:16:7.350

kim cheny (Guest)

And.

1:16:8.320 --> 1:16:12.410

kim cheny (Guest)

It seems to be total unawareness of what they are.

1:16:14.150 --> 1:16:15.240

kim cheny (Guest)

And in fact.

1:16:17.170 --> 1:16:20.970

kim cheny (Guest)

A willingness to ignore them, to kind of get to an objective.

1:16:22.690 --> 1:16:23.300

kim cheny (Guest)

And.

1:16:24.690 --> 1:16:28.880

kim cheny (Guest)

It reminds you of my favorite play, a man for all seasons where the.

1:16:30.380 --> 1:16:37.500

kim cheny (Guest)

English Attorney general wants to get somewhere in the time of Henry the 4th or 8th or somebody.

1:16:39.70 --> 1:16:39.920

kim cheny (Guest)

And he says.

1:16:41.870 --> 1:16:43.260

kim cheny (Guest)

The response is.

1:16:46.920 --> 1:16:54.230

kim cheny (Guest)

We are a government of laws or everywhere. If you cut them down, where are you gonna be when the wind begins to blow?

1:16:56.220 --> 1:16:56.890

kim cheny (Guest)

And.

1:16:59.0 --> 1:17:0.530

kim cheny (Guest)

I advise you to.

1:17:1.890 --> 1:17:5.120

kim cheny (Guest)

Ask the department council.

1:17:6.120 --> 1:17:11.700

kim cheny (Guest)

To take a look and see what the various legal structures already are for grants.

1:17:12.950 --> 1:17:14.120

kim cheny (Guest)

Because.

1:17:15.240 --> 1:17:18.660

kim cheny (Guest)

They bear on this. They're the law of the land at the moment.

1:17:19.890 --> 1:17:25.440

kim cheny (Guest)

And I haven't heard a peep about anybody understanding that.

1:17:26.950 --> 1:17:30.140

kim cheny (Guest)

And I think you need some legal guidance and.

1:17:31.200 --> 1:17:33.680

kim cheny (Guest)

Paul, you've mentioned it already about.

1:17:35.730 --> 1:17:40.870

kim cheny (Guest)

The governance part, there's not much expertise in the.

1:17:42.170 --> 1:17:44.640

kim cheny (Guest)

In the first responder community to.

1:17:45.550 --> 1:17:47.460

kim cheny (Guest)

Talk about governance so.

1:17:49.910 --> 1:17:56.130

kim cheny (Guest)

I think you should get hold of the departments legal counsel and have them do a review of what you're doing.

1:17:58.980 --> 1:17:59.830

Paul White

OK. Thank you.

1:17:59.160 --> 1:18:1.530

kim cheney (Guest)

My 2, my \$0.02 worth. Thank you.

1:18:1.680 --> 1:18:3.10

Paul White

OK. Thank you for that.

1:18:4.160 --> 1:18:5.870

Paul White

Is there any other public comment?

1:18:10.680 --> 1:18:13.690

Paul White

Any other comment at all before we adjourn?

1:18:18.640 --> 1:18:28.370

Paul White

Well, I would ask for a motion to adjourn, except that I think by virtue of not even having a quorum, we kind of have adjourned. So unless there's any last minute comments, I will see you all next week.

1:18:30.870 --> 1:18:32.320

Neal, Barbara

Thank you, Paul. Thanks.

1:18:31.830 --> 1:18:33.410

Paul White

Have a have a have a good week everybody.

1:18:31.540 --> 1:18:33.960

Burnham, Lance

Everybody alright, bye.

1:18:34.150 --> 1:18:34.490

Neal, Barbara

Bye bye.