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Paul White

Morning from Bob Schlechter that.

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Paul White

He had a.

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Paul White

Medical thing come up that he had to go to an appointment for in this morning. He he would try to get on before the end of the meeting but.

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Paul White

Not optimistic about that.

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Paul White

But.

0:0:40.200 --> 0:0:40.770

Neal, Barbara

Warning.

0:0:42.20 --> 0:0:47.290

Neal, Barbara

Sorry I'm a little bit late, I was already today in another meeting so.

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Neal, Barbara

Ohh.

0:0:54.570 --> 0:0:55.40

Neal, Barbara

Ohh.

0:0:48.590 --> 0:0:55.980

Paul White

Yeah, you're, you're early, actually. You and you, Lance, you, Lance and I are the only ones here so far of the actual working group members, so.

0:0:56.150 --> 0:0:56.760

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:0:57.200 --> 0:0:58.170

Paul White

Still missing 7.

0:0:59.320 --> 0:1:0.50

Neal, Barbara
Alright.

0:1:8.950 --> 0:1:13.940

Neal, Barbara
Well, I'm going to plug away at constructing an e-mail. I need to send out while we wait and.

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Neal, Barbara
I'll be back.

0:1:24.720 --> 0:1:26.450

Burnham, Lance
Bob, sorry, Paul.

0:1:27.770 --> 0:1:34.260

Burnham, Lance
I know that the Commissioner is looking to attend next week's meeting.

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Burnham, Lance
I do know some of the things that she is going to present to the group is being asked.

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Burnham, Lance
Actually is very vital to some of the work that we are going to be doing and I don't know if we can reach out to these other Members that are supposed to be attending this group to make sure that they are here because we are going to need a quorum for some of the stuff that she's presenting.

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Burnham, Lance
I don't know if we do that individually or if we send out a group e-mail. I don't think a group e-mail is gonna really do anything.

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Paul White
No.

0:2:9.880 --> 0:2:11.220

Paul White
Yeah. So I had.

0:2:12.200 --> 0:2:16.510

Paul White
I reached out to both Bob Schlachter and Drew.

0:2:17.610 --> 0:2:24.630

Paul White

One day, I think just to make sure that they because neither one of them were at the meeting last week when we assigned them a task.

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Burnham, Lance

Right.

0:2:26.270 --> 0:2:34.300

Paul White

And I I meant to call. I meant to reach out to them last week, Friday and Friday got away from me, so I reached out on Monday, Bob responded.

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Paul White

Uh, But drew, I have not heard back from and then I didn't mention Mr Helm from the other select board Rep from Benson. Had he had sent an e-mail, but he sent it to the wrong address, that got forwarded to me and I responded. But.

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Paul White

Have not had any direct contact with them. I need to call him to see. I don't know if he.

0:2:56.780 --> 0:3:16.270

Paul White

Intends to participate and then as far as the Chiefs reps, I know George Merkel was representing the Chiefs Association, but he's announced his intent to retire here at the end of next month, and he's been noticeably absent in the last several meetings. So I intended to get ahold of George yesterday and didn't. I'll call him as soon as we get off this meeting today.

0:3:17.480 --> 0:3:17.860

Paul White

Umm.

0:3:19.670 --> 0:3:21.800

Paul White

They those are the ones with the worst attendance.

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Burnham, Lance

Yeah.

0:3:26.350 --> 0:3:26.880

Burnham, Lance

Umm.

0:3:28.180 --> 0:3:28.530

Burnham, Lance

OK.

0:3:30.250 --> 0:3:30.730

Burnham, Lance

Umm.

0:3:32.450 --> 0:3:34.830

Paul White

And I don't know at this point if you know like with both.

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Paul White

Well, George is representing the Chiefs Association and Jack Helm as representing the LCT. I don't know if either of them would put appoint another.

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Paul White

Member of the working group who were just about halfway through our.

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Paul White

Are working. Period.

0:3:59.290 --> 0:3:59.560

Paul White

Right.

0:3:53.190 --> 0:4:2.440

Burnham, Lance

Yeah, my my guess my concern is, is that we're gonna have to present the legislature no matter what. And what I don't want is.

0:4:18.860 --> 0:4:19.80

Paul White

Right.

0:4:3.980 --> 0:4:20.970

Burnham, Lance

Those, those that were assigned or asked to be part of this group are supposed to be representing their organization, and I'd hate to have to to present something to legislature where they're not represented. And that's my concern and.

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Paul White

Yep, I share that concern.

0:4:21.910 --> 0:4:28.150

Burnham, Lance

And then they're gonna be asked to to live with something. And I that that's concerning to me.

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Burnham, Lance

Because I don't want this to be a.

0:4:36.350 --> 0:4:36.590

Paul White

Right.

0:4:34.30 --> 0:4:41.630

Burnham, Lance

DPS issue 911 issue very town issue and that's really not the intent of this this working group.

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Paul White

Yeah. And as far as optics go, it doesn't help that the chair of the working group is retired from DPS.

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Burnham, Lance

Yes.

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Burnham, Lance

Barbier immune apparently.

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Paul White

Ohh.

0:4:57.590 --> 0:5:9.240

Neal, Barbara

Well, I was gonna say, Paul, that is that is not meant to get you out of in any way of playing the role of chair of the group. So that's just the way the chips fell this time. So.

0:5:8.930 --> 0:5:12.510

Paul White

If I if I thought that would have worked, I would have played that card weeks ago.

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Neal, Barbara

Now.

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Paul White

So it's 836 and we still only have 3 of 10.

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Paul White

What do we want to have any discussions or?

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Paul White

You know, Mark is notoriously.

0:5:31.410 --> 0:5:32.580

Paul White

Slides in late.

0:5:33.550 --> 0:5:35.880

Paul White

Has two or three meetings going at the same time.

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Paul White

I have not heard from any of the others.

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Burnham, Lance

I think the only thing we really had on the agenda was to continue working on the.

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Burnham, Lance

The ask.

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Burnham, Lance

I'm not so sure we need to do that in open public. I mean, I know I've been slowly chipping away on what I can.

0:5:58.620 --> 0:5:59.250

Paul White

Yeah.

0:5:58.150 --> 0:6:0.200

Burnham, Lance

And the people that we have asked to.

0:6:1.100 --> 0:6:6.430

Burnham, Lance

The the people that we've asked for information to be presented are not here, so.

0:6:7.390 --> 0:6:13.820

Paul White

I mean, I can. I can tell you what I learned I had. I had two assignments myself that I can report on.

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Paul White

Those that are present, the three of us, probably it's it won't be in new information, certainly to Barb.

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Paul White

And probably not to you either, Lance, but at least we can get it put into this document that we've been working on.

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Wooster, Mandy

Sure.

0:6:31.320 --> 0:6:37.40

Burnham, Lance

Mandy Duke if you're there to do you mind bringing up the memo or bring up bringing up the document?

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Wooster, Mandy

Sure.

0:6:37.720 --> 0:6:38.530

Burnham, Lance

Where I can bring it up?

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Wooster, Mandy

Hang on.

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Neal, Barbara

Well, do we have to open the meeting or like record the meeting or?

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Paul White

I think it's being recorded.

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Neal, Barbara

Oh, is it OK alright.

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Yes it is.

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Neal, Barbara

OK, alright, I missed that. Thanks.

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Paul White

We have. We OK? Yes. Yeah. OK. Yeah. OK. Karen. Yeah. Karen started the recording right before you jumped in.

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Neal, Barbara

Got it.

0:7:1.670 --> 0:7:6.530

Paul White

So we have not called it to order, but we only we don't have anywhere near close to a quorum, so.

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Neal, Barbara

Right. OK.

0:7:11.590 --> 0:7:13.230

Wooster, Mandy

Can you see the document? OK, Paul.

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Paul White

Uh, yes, thank you.

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Paul White

So there were two things I was assigned. One was the first. Well, I first of all, I think both of those items that I.

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Paul White

Agreed to follow up on. I think they both may have come from a public comment, maybe from Mr Whitaker, because I don't remember anybody in the working group bringing these up. But nonetheless, I did chase them both down the first one, the public service connection fee, there's.

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Paul White

Two things that that might be referring to the first one.

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Paul White

Just sort of in follow up to the presentation Barb gave us last week on the USF.

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Paul White

Umm as Barb told us, the USF is a 2.4% charge on the retail voice telecom services.

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Paul White

The amount that collects is declining. It's not meeting the needs of the various entities that it was designed to fund.

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Paul White

And so there was a proposal to change the USF, if embarked, please, if I get any of this wrong, please interrupt me cause this I was furiously taking notes from my conversation with clay, but there was a move to.

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Paul White

Change the USF from being in a a percentage assessment to being a fixed fee, a flat amount per phone line, thinking that would be more consistent than the percentage which is declining and is declining because for a variety of reasons, but one of which being that you know like I'm a perfect example I get, I get my cable TV and my Internet from the cable company and because I bundle it all together, they throw in my phone service for 1999 a month. So that 2.4% of that isn't gaining much, whereas if it was a flat fee.

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Paul White

I would be paying the same amount as my neighbor up the road who has a conventional phone line from the phone company.

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Neal, Barbara

Right.

0:9:7.10 --> 0:9:8.640

Paul White

So there was OK.

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Paul White

Right.

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Neal, Barbara

That's exactly right. And then of course, however you set the the rate on the line on the per line rate would determine how much money that fund would collect.

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Neal, Barbara

Yeah.

0:9:16.450 --> 0:9:37.580

Paul White

Right. And So what I was so, so currently the USF is bringing in just under 6 million a year. I was told that if the if that did switch to a fixed fee and it was set at \$0.50 per line, it would bring in a little over

5,000,000. And of course as you go up to \$0.60 or \$0.70 or at a dollar per line, it would generate over 10 million per year.

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Paul White

It.

0:9:39.190 --> 0:9:40.560

Neal, Barbara

Right. That's my understanding.

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Paul White

OK. And what I was led to believe is that the administration's preference would be to.

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Paul White

Take E911 right out of that funds 911 through the General Fund and just leave the USF alone. So and it. Therefore it would probably be able to satisfy all the other demands on it as it currently is. However, I was also told that the administration would probably not oppose a change to a fixed fee as long as the end result was revenue neutral, because as we all know, the governor has insisted that there be no new taxes or fees.

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Neal, Barbara

All of that is my understanding as well, and so the the proposal.

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Neal, Barbara

From the administration was to move the 911 board into the General Fund.

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Neal, Barbara

That proposal did not include a recommendation to change the way you know, the the mechanism for how the revenue is collected. It it kept it the same the 2.4% and then the plan was to use those funds that that were still being generated in the Universal Service Fund for the other programs that's supposed to support and the leftover amount, right, which there would be leftover. Now, if we're being funded somewhere else, would be used to support.

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Neal, Barbara

Cellular service build out.

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Paul White

Right.

0:10:58.260 --> 0:11:0.360

Neal, Barbara
Umm, initiatives.

0:11:0.540 --> 0:11:0.860

Paul White
Right.

0:11:3.60 --> 0:11:32.230

Paul White
So that's the first. That's the first piece. The other thing that might be that this this bullet item, this public service connection fee might be referring to is there, I guess there was also a proposal of proposal or movement or what you want to call it to create a new connection fee, which would be a fee for every connection on the utility poles like for example, right now I only have one because I get everything from one provider, but theoretically I could have.

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Paul White
Cable connection. I could have a fiber connection. I could have a traditional landline phone connection off the pole in front of my house, and so that would generate three fees rather than the one fee. And from what I gathered, this was proposed as a way originally proposed as a way to fund public access television. It didn't go anywhere. I'm told that that this is not being done anywhere in the country that we're aware of. There is no estimates on how much money it would raise.

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Paul White
And of course, this would be perceived as being a new tax or fee, which the administration would oppose.

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Paul White
The previous thing the converting the USF from a percentage to a fixed fee that is being done in a handful of other states around the country.

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Neal, Barbara
Correct.

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Paul White
So.

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Burnham, Lance
Do we know if that?

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Burnham, Lance

Uh, a percentage fee. Is that a percentage of?

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Burnham, Lance

Uh.

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Burnham, Lance

And overall bill structure or is it a percentage fee of a?

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Burnham, Lance

Of an activation.

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Paul White

You talking about the USF or the?

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Burnham, Lance

Yeah, yeah.

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Neal, Barbara

The.

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Paul White

It's Barbara. Barb can answer better than me, but.

0:12:46.260 --> 0:13:4.970

Burnham, Lance

So the the states that yeah, sorry I maybe I asked that wrong. So the states that are now currently doing not a fixed fee like what Roman is doing, they're doing a percentage fee is that percentage based on a person's overall bill or is it based on a percentage of of the activation.

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Neal, Barbara

I don't.

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Paul White

I believe it.

0:13:8.830 --> 0:13:10.800

Neal, Barbara

I don't know the answer to that.

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Burnham, Lance

OK.

0:13:12.70 --> 0:13:14.960

Paul White

It's, but it it's only on The Voice portion of your bill.

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Burnham, Lance

Right, right.

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Paul White

And it's.

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Neal, Barbara

Right.

0:13:18.270 --> 0:13:33.10

Paul White

And it's it's a monthly thing. It's not just the activation, it's it's a monthly part of it's your monthly bill and but it's only like for there's also a federal USF, which only applies to your Interstate long distance calls.

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Paul White

I understood that right.

0:13:36.410 --> 0:13:40.540

Neal, Barbara

I'm less familiar with that, but that sounds generally correct.

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Paul White

Everybody, any questions of not that I'm necessarily qualified to answer them, but.

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Burnham, Lance

No, like I'm good.

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Paul White

OK so.

0:14:4.140 --> 0:14:4.580

Paul White

Yeah.

0:13:57.830 --> 0:14:5.190

Wooster, Mandy

I'm just wondering if there's is possible to get you know that little piece written up so that we could add it in as well if you want it to be added.

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Paul White

Yeah, absolutely.

0:14:7.770 --> 0:14:12.390

Paul White

Including the additional part on barbs explanation of the USF or just the?

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Paul White

OK.

0:14:16.200 --> 0:14:16.480

Paul White

Yeah.

0:14:12.410 --> 0:14:18.360

Wooster, Mandy

I think so. I think that that, you know, we can always take things out, but it'd be nice to build the reporters robust as we can.

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Paul White

Yeah. Yeah. Well, I've. I've got it. I've I have my handwritten notes, and then I have what I boiled down to my notes for today so I can send you that.

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Wooster, Mandy

Thank you.

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Paul White

So that was the public service connection fee, the right of way fee was something I was totally unaware of, but I talked to Joe Flynn yesterday.

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Paul White

And apparently there is a statute and the statute is entitled 1919 VSA 26A.

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Paul White

And I'll read it for you. It says the agency meeting the Agency of Transportation shall.

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Paul White

Not me, but shell assess, collect and deposit in the Transportation fund a reasonable charge or payment with respect to leases or licenses for access to or use of state owned rights of way by providers of broadband or wireless telecommunications facilities or services. It goes on to talk about state, land and state buildings, but essentially what it's saying is that a bot is supposed to be collecting.

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Paul White

A.

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Paul White

Essentially, rent or a fee for any telecommunications provider that has their infrastructure located within the right of way of a state highway.

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Paul White

So you think about, you know, cable TV, you can additional phone company all, there's all kinds of different companies popping up now offering fiber.

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Paul White

So they all are supposed to be paying a fee for the use of the state right away for their infrastructure. And I didn't. Somewhere in my notes I probably have when that was implemented. It's been a number of years that that has been on the books, but it is not being done.

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Paul White

The OT is not collecting those fees and from what Joe told me, no, he said no modeling has been done to see what it would generate for revenue.

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Paul White

Not sure why the law went into effect and it wasn't implemented.

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Paul White

He he expressed the opinion that this would be a monstrous task to.

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Paul White

To apply it to all of you know, to there's all kinds of infrastructure in the state highway right of ways. So I mean they said that AOT has about 7000 linear miles of state highway right of way.

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Paul White

And so to.

0:16:33.530 --> 0:16:44.920

Paul White

Assess what is currently installed in that right away and come up with a fee structure is not something that we certainly could do the trick before December 1st, but there's no.

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Paul White

Doesn't seem to be anything in motion to implement that at the moment.

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Paul White

There was some kind of a study done back in boy a decade ago or so, but I think that was only looking at fiber optic, not at all of the other. You know, the conventional phone company or.

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Paul White

Other providers.

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Paul White

So I mean, I guess that is a potential revenue source just right of way fee, but it's not anything that's currently being conducted can collected and there's no projections of what it could bring in for revenue.

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Burnham, Lance

I'm looking at the the statute right now. It looks like it was enacted in 1997.

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Burnham, Lance

Uh, effective in 2007 and 13 and 15 and 21.

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Paul White

Yeah. So which would be amendments to it.

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Burnham, Lance

Yep, Yep.

0:17:46.660 --> 0:17:47.110

Paul White

Of course.

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Burnham, Lance

Curious why the states never acted on it.

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Burnham, Lance

Yeah.

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Paul White

Yeah. And of course, when that was when that went into effect, it was several secretaries of transportation ago. So I don't know why.

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Burnham, Lance

Right.

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Burnham, Lance

Yeah.

0:17:57.50 --> 0:18:3.360

Paul White

You know can't be blamed on Joe or his crew, cause it long precedes them, but I don't know why it was never implemented.

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Neal, Barbara

Stink.

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Paul White

Because it's pretty clear it's a, it's a shell, not a may.

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Burnham, Lance

Right.

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Paul White

But even if they were collecting it, it dictates that those funds go into the Transportation fund. That would require any anything we're talking about would require legislative change, but.

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Burnham, Lance

But.

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Paul White

Uh, I'm just checking our list of attendees. I see we have Chief Merkel with us.

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Paul White

I think that's still only gives us four out of 10, so.

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Paul White

Still no quorum.

0:18:51.490 --> 0:18:52.520

Paul White

Uh, so that's what I learned.

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Paul White

I, Bob Slacker, was gonna try to have a write up for me on his piece.

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Paul White

From the fire service. But you know he's been dealing with some personal issues and.

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Paul White

Was able to get that done and like I said Drew I have not had a response from.

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advocate (Guest)

A policy that you don't have a quorum. Can I jump in with a comment on this section?

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Paul White

Yeah, sure. Go ahead, Steve.

0:19:17.610 --> 0:19:21.880

advocate (Guest)

So there's also the telephone personal property tax, which is related.

0:19:23.500 --> 0:19:41.570

advocate (Guest)

It's similar to the Universal Service Fund declining in revenues based on some self-serving interpretations from the companies that's supposed to be a small percentage on their total infrastructure owned in the state, paid every year.

0:19:42.260 --> 0:19:53.630

advocate (Guest)

Uh, subject to depreciate it so accelerated federal depreciation causes a lot of telecom infrastructure to get depreciated very quickly.

0:20:18.380 --> 0:20:18.860
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Wait.

0:20:18.920 --> 0:20:31.20
advocate (Guest)
Mobile to be collected within the last three to five years, but that's something for the attorney general, the tax department. But the clarification the.

0:20:32.10 --> 0:20:33.530
advocate (Guest)
Right away, fee.

0:20:34.550 --> 0:20:35.420
advocate (Guest)
Could be.

0:20:36.260 --> 0:20:37.480
advocate (Guest)
Hypothetically.

0:20:38.140 --> 0:20:57.640
advocate (Guest)
Just discussed as a revenue, if you know they've got 7000 miles and we know we're gonna have fiber, at least one carrier, a fiber on every. You could throw some, you know, ballpark numbers at the potential of this the the report that you referenced that the Agency of Transportation had done on that.

0:20:58.670 --> 0:21:1.110
advocate (Guest)
Proposed dollars per mile.

0:21:2.100 --> 0:21:14.310
advocate (Guest)
Earth dollars per foot per month, per year, whatever. In each of several areas of Vermont. So I would encourage you to look at that because that one has enormous potential.

0:21:14.960 --> 0:21:24.810
advocate (Guest)
Uh, because the needs are bigger than just 911 and dispatch and TD, so we need to be helping the legislature get their head around.

0:21:25.510 --> 0:21:29.780
advocate (Guest)
Uh, how we would fund various of these public benefits.

0:21:32.550 --> 0:21:35.360
advocate (Guest)
From from various sources so.

0:21:36.590 --> 0:21:42.50

advocate (Guest)

I'm just encouraging you not to dispense it because the Department Transportation Agency hasn't done its homework.

0:21:44.650 --> 0:21:45.510

Paul White

OK. Thank you, Steve.

0:21:52.720 --> 0:21:53.380

Paul White

Umm.

0:21:54.800 --> 0:22:2.550

Paul White

I think another person joined with just a phone number ending in 19. Could you just tell us is that is that Jack?

0:22:18.120 --> 0:22:19.150

Burnham, Lance

It's not Karen as well.

0:22:19.830 --> 0:22:28.200

Paul White

No, there's there's two people connected with just a phone number. One of them is Karen and the other one phone number ending in 19. I'm not sure who that is.

0:22:36.870 --> 0:22:38.240

Burnham, Lance

If I have them in my contacts.

0:22:40.490 --> 0:22:45.750

Paul White

I wish. I wish things would show you the entire phone number, but it only shows you the first two and last two digits.

0:22:47.960 --> 0:22:48.450

Burnham, Lance

Ohh.

0:22:47.190 --> 0:22:50.480

Wooster, Mandy

All I think I'm looking at item 2342.

0:22:49.490 --> 0:22:52.270

Burnham, Lance

That's Bob Schlachter 091.

0:22:51.380 --> 0:22:52.410

Burnham, Lance
It's Bob's locker.

0:22:52.10 --> 0:22:53.100

Paul White
Was Bob OK?

0:22:53.140 --> 0:22:53.400

Burnham, Lance
At.

0:22:55.490 --> 0:22:57.920

Paul White
Maybe it's just my screen that doesn't show the whole phone number.

0:22:58.360 --> 0:23:0.780

Burnham, Lance
Yeah, you click on it, it'll pop it up.

0:23:0.770 --> 0:23:4.80

advocate (Guest)
It doesn't count towards a quorum unless he identifies himself.

0:23:13.60 --> 0:23:15.510

Paul White
And as quickly as he came in, he left again.

0:23:20.380 --> 0:23:22.300

Paul White
So Lance was there.

0:23:23.260 --> 0:23:28.220

Paul White
I'm not asking you to give a preview of what the Commissioner is gonna tell us next week, but is there anything else that we should?

0:23:29.390 --> 0:23:32.80

Paul White
Be prepared for other than to try to make sure we have a quorum.

0:23:42.190 --> 0:23:42.500

Paul White
OK.

0:23:32.920 --> 0:24:2.410

Burnham, Lance
No, I mean, I don't, I don't know exactly what she's going to say. I'm sure she's gonna review what the grant process has been scored and and. And we do know that those agencies that have applied will be

receiving notice potentially by the end of this week, if not well before the actual meeting. So no one because we obviously have some people on here that have requested financing through the grant.

0:24:2.750 --> 0:24:14.700

Burnham, Lance

She's gonna come and explain that process. I do know that the Joint Fiscal Committee is going to be wanting to know that we are. This group has been informed through that.

0:24:16.340 --> 0:24:25.70

Burnham, Lance

And then she'll probably talk about the next steps forward with that. So you know, I don't know what her whole outline is, but we did meet briefly.

0:24:26.660 --> 0:24:27.860

Burnham, Lance

And for that so.

0:24:28.450 --> 0:24:37.410

Burnham, Lance

But I think you know, knowing where we're at, it would definitely be who of us as a working group that everybody's on board with what?

0:24:38.160 --> 0:24:41.250

Burnham, Lance

With the tasks is that she's moving forward with these grants.

0:24:43.390 --> 0:24:52.860

Neal, Barbara

I agree. I think that's great. It was one of the things I was going to say today is that we should get an update from DPS. So having the Commissioner there is is great.

0:24:54.220 --> 0:25:0.590

Neal, Barbara

Just to know, because the way I heard some comments last week was there's some concern which.

0:25:1.250 --> 0:25:6.0

Neal, Barbara

I share it's sort of a mystery of what's going on with those grants and.

0:25:7.60 --> 0:25:7.990

Neal, Barbara

How it might?

0:25:9.510 --> 0:25:13.720

Neal, Barbara

Inform what we're doing here. So I think that's great that she's coming in.

0:25:14.490 --> 0:25:14.870

Burnham, Lance

Yeah.

0:25:16.420 --> 0:25:24.280

Paul White

Yeah. And just for, well, for those that are here, she originally was going to meet with us today and then something changed with her schedule and we.

0:25:25.180 --> 0:25:28.350

Paul White

Put her off until next where she put herself off until next week.

0:25:31.690 --> 0:25:36.240

Paul White

And now, seeing what we have for attendance at our meeting, I'm glad she didn't come today because.

0:25:36.650 --> 0:25:36.920

Burnham, Lance

Right.

0:25:37.660 --> 0:25:40.970

Paul White

Be embarrassing to not have a even close to a quorum. Uh, Mandy.

0:25:47.200 --> 0:25:47.800

Paul White

No, please.

0:25:42.690 --> 0:25:50.580

Wooster, Mandy

Thanks. I just I did have an item that was assigned to me as well. And so if I was, yeah. So let me share my screen one more time.

0:25:55.800 --> 0:26:0.80

Wooster, Mandy

So I was asked to come up with or to look at different grants.

0:26:3.240 --> 0:26:3.720

Paul White

All right.

0:26:0.440 --> 0:26:25.340

Wooster, Mandy

Umm. And so I did the I didn't. I didn't find anything under the cops. Grants of a Homeland Security grant. I put some language in there which is just below the highlighting that talks about how funds have been requested through Homeland Security previously for regional dispatch projects and kind of how those work and potential for funding in the future.

0:26:26.920 --> 0:26:51.90

Wooster, Mandy

Additionally, I looked up the congressionally directed spending funds. Some of this we had previously. I provided an A stakeholder update, however, I added to it as we found we had other projects that we solicited funds for as well, and so I wanted to put that out to the team that I had kind of adjusted this and wrote it up for that particular piece.

0:26:52.970 --> 0:27:26.140

Wooster, Mandy

So there's two congressionally directed spending funds that DPS has already applied for and aren't sure whether or not we'll receive funds \$750,000 through the standards. Congressionally directed spending funds, and it specifically notes for law enforcement equipment that supports expands capacity in one or more of the following areas. Regional dispatch communicating, sorry, regional communication, dispatching systems and then transition to these systems. Public safety communications, interoperability and radio upgrades to ensure compatibility with.

0:27:26.260 --> 0:27:56.560

Wooster, Mandy

Current national standards and equipment and technology that serves to increase transparency and public trust, and then the second one that I noted in there is \$9 million in Lehi congressionally directed spending funds to support. There was two sentences in this particular one once that used the word implementation, the other use transition. So I put them both together to support the implementation transition to statewide regional emergency communications. And I just wanted to put a note in the both of them that we don't expect to know whether funding.

0:27:56.820 --> 0:27:59.990

Wooster, Mandy

Will be awarded until winter or spring of 2023.

0:28:7.170 --> 0:28:29.530

Neal, Barbara

So I thought that was really good information. I did read through it before the meeting and the one thing one thing that struck me about Ohh well, two things. One, it's good information and it looks like there's at least some money potentially out there. And the other thing is, but we really can't necessarily depend on it. So I wonder if somewhere in our recommendation might be.

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Neal, Barbara

A recommendation that.

0:28:33.220 --> 0:28:36.90

Neal, Barbara

We DPS whoever continue to.

0:28:38.810 --> 0:28:53.520

Neal, Barbara

Investigate these potential funding opportunities, but then I think they're probably needs to be like a a more solid funding recommendation as well, right? That this would supplement that or.

0:28:54.570 --> 0:28:58.70

Neal, Barbara

Or or somehow support it. I don't know how that would all be worded but.

0:29:0.320 --> 0:29:1.870

Neal, Barbara

Anyway, my two cents on that.

0:29:2.940 --> 0:29:5.920

Paul White

Right. Because I mean, this would likely be one time funding not.

0:29:6.820 --> 0:29:7.540

Paul White

Ongoing.

0:29:7.910 --> 0:29:8.320

Neal, Barbara

Right.

0:29:8.360 --> 0:29:9.130

Paul White

The sustaining.

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The.

0:29:17.360 --> 0:29:18.290

Paul White

Right, yeah.

0:29:19.410 --> 0:29:19.610

Paul White

Yeah.

0:29:11.450 --> 0:29:20.290

Wooster, Mandy

Yeah, I think the point was just to, you know, the the same way that we're looking at all these different options, just talking about what potential funds are out there. And that's what I was trying to do.

0:29:21.140 --> 0:29:21.440

Neal, Barbara

Yep.

0:29:20.780 --> 0:29:21.570

Paul White

Yeah, absolutely.

0:29:23.490 --> 0:29:24.80

Wooster, Mandy

But great part.

0:29:23.640 --> 0:29:28.670

Burnham, Lance

I think the we're also lucky where we have a good working relationship with.

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Burnham, Lance

Diane, who is Senator Leahy's a, you know, law enforcement advocate and stuff so.

0:29:38.400 --> 0:29:44.170

Burnham, Lance

We have a very good working relationship with her, so any changes in that will be we will know almost immediately.

0:29:45.60 --> 0:29:47.950

Burnham, Lance

For some reason I can't, her last name escapes me, but.

0:29:47.310 --> 0:29:49.70

Paul White

They're Derby, Dianne Derby.

0:29:49.190 --> 0:29:50.90

Burnham, Lance

Yes, yes.

0:29:52.130 --> 0:29:52.620

Burnham, Lance

So.

0:29:56.190 --> 0:30:5.890

Burnham, Lance

Umm. And Mandy, if you're done, I can go over the couple things that I've been working on with Mark and one of the things that I put into the.

0:30:6.860 --> 0:30:7.600

Burnham, Lance

Into the.

0:30:9.0 --> 0:30:9.970

Burnham, Lance

Document as well.

0:30:10.660 --> 0:30:14.250

Wooster, Mandy

Certainly. Do you want me to stop sharing or do you? Do you wanna share the screen or do you want to share it again?

0:30:14.520 --> 0:30:16.610

Burnham, Lance

I don't have it up, so if you have it that be great.

0:30:17.300 --> 0:30:18.730

Wooster, Mandy

Just tell me where you want me to go to.

0:30:19.180 --> 0:30:23.290

Burnham, Lance

Just go to the I I dropped in on Newports.

0:30:23.670 --> 0:30:24.230

Burnham, Lance

The.

0:30:25.440 --> 0:30:27.90

Burnham, Lance

Structure building structure.

0:30:29.480 --> 0:30:30.210

Burnham, Lance

The.

0:30:31.290 --> 0:30:40.520

Burnham, Lance

Newports. Again, these are these are basically as we all know, you know these these examples that we're putting in here are all over the map.

0:30:41.600 --> 0:31:12.410

Burnham, Lance

But knowing essentially what Newport City does is they look at their overall operating budget for their for the dispatch center and they have recently taken on, taken on a number of fire departments up in the Northeast Kingdom and they have essentially taking broken down the call volume. If you get anywhere between 100 and 200 they there's administrative charge of \$2000, anything over 200, there's administrative of 3000.

0:31:12.510 --> 0:31:13.40

Burnham, Lance

Dollars.

0:31:13.720 --> 0:31:23.70

Burnham, Lance

And and then from there what they do is they break it, break out the whatever's left in their operating budget.

0:31:24.420 --> 0:31:27.830

Burnham, Lance

They do a percentage of call percentage of.

0:31:29.130 --> 0:31:39.140

Burnham, Lance

Uh, how much it cost per call to fill that gap and essentially what it boiled down to was essentially basically \$43 a call per agency.

0:31:40.640 --> 0:31:41.390

Burnham, Lance

Now there's.

0:31:42.90 --> 0:31:54.140

Burnham, Lance

Obviously, the call the departments that they took within the past year are not huge departments, but I can say that the average cost per.

0:31:54.970 --> 0:32:0.40

Burnham, Lance

Fire department in the Northeast Kingdom is anywhere between 3:00 and \$5000 a year.

0:32:0.730 --> 0:32:3.510

Burnham, Lance

Uh for their dispatching services.

0:32:5.70 --> 0:32:11.510

Burnham, Lance

So that is Newport, which is in frankly in line with almost what Barry Cities doing with theirs.

0:32:12.630 --> 0:32:15.400

Burnham, Lance

And man, if you can go down a little bit where?

0:32:16.620 --> 0:32:22.340

Burnham, Lance

And I don't wanna speak for Mark, but I pretty sure I got an understanding what we're where we're looking at.

0:32:24.800 --> 0:32:28.240

Burnham, Lance

Or up. I can't remember where it is when we're talking about Valve Corp.

0:32:32.870 --> 0:32:33.590

Burnham, Lance

Yeah, right here.

0:32:34.490 --> 0:32:55.50

Burnham, Lance

Uh determining the incident types per service mark is very heavily active on the balcorp board. He has essentially asked for cross wind to run a the call types of services throughout all departments within the state.

0:32:56.300 --> 0:33:11.740

Burnham, Lance

He is in the process of getting that and once we get it, it'll really as we say here it there's a there's multitudes of tight incident types that is based on the valve core system, but reality there's only about 57 that are really.

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Burnham, Lance

The concrete call volume for law enforcement and fire and EMS.

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Burnham, Lance

But once he gets that.

0:33:21.630 --> 0:33:51.320

Burnham, Lance

That data from crosswind and valcor, what we will do and and I I think I said this last time, it might be easier for us to say rather than look at 1251 types of calls for service, what can we do to say this is what we're not charging for or what agencies should not be charging for and but that data is coming, we don't have it in our in our possession yet or at least Mark doesn't have it in his possession yet. But I would imagine that.

0:33:51.420 --> 0:33:52.970

Burnham, Lance

That would come rather quickly.

0:33:54.850 --> 0:34:5.280

Burnham, Lance

And that'll that may help set the stage for what other formulas that people could use or something that we could put in the write up so.

0:34:6.710 --> 0:34:11.250

Burnham, Lance

I'm getting that data sometimes is not easy but.

0:34:11.870 --> 0:34:17.720

Burnham, Lance

I think this is where we take marks position within the report and everything and say we need this now so.

0:34:21.170 --> 0:34:21.600

Paul White
OK.

0:34:22.840 --> 0:34:23.890

Burnham, Lance
Oh, marks here now.

0:34:25.360 --> 0:34:27.670

Paul White
Yes, looks like Mark has joined us. Welcome, mark.

0:34:28.320 --> 0:34:31.50

Anderson, Mark
Hello. Thank you, Sir. I'm legit tied up on another issue.

0:34:32.870 --> 0:34:35.620

Anderson, Mark
I think I heard everything Lance just said and.

0:34:37.90 --> 0:34:39.670

Anderson, Mark
Generally, generally on point.

0:34:40.920 --> 0:35:0.620

Anderson, Mark
We, the Valcour Governance Board, authorized the release of data for 2 reports for that, this committees working on last Wednesday, and I'll simply admit we're in the middle of moving her office. And I didn't do anything after that. So the delay is entirely on me and we'll work on it for next week.

0:35:4.650 --> 0:35:14.320

Neal, Barbara
So this this report is going to include all the different call types for any agency that is like tracked through Valcour, is that right? So.

0:35:16.520 --> 0:35:18.560

Neal, Barbara
And then there's a handful that are not.

0:35:19.770 --> 0:35:20.490

Neal, Barbara
Is that correct?

0:35:23.120 --> 0:35:26.460

Anderson, Mark
I think so. I'm not sure.

0:35:35.110 --> 0:35:35.430

Neal, Barbara
Got it.

0:35:27.460 --> 0:35:46.130

Anderson, Mark

I'm not sure to answer your question, Barb, but we'll be able to get all the call types as well as reduce those down to what we call as common call types. So the 57 common types, if I have for example, my agency has a call type for an internal affairs investigation, a background investigation for hiring a new person.

0:35:47.270 --> 0:35:49.560

Anderson, Mark

Nobody cares about that from a dispatching sentence.

0:35:50.310 --> 0:35:53.220

Anderson, Mark

Suppose I'll just get routed into an administrative common call.

0:35:54.860 --> 0:35:59.910

Anderson, Mark

Some agencies might have a foot patrol call type. So where does that get routed? Might be a quality of life service.

0:36:1.90 --> 0:36:7.680

Anderson, Mark

So to to what Lance said, to be able to take the the list of 1200 calls times.

0:36:8.610 --> 0:36:9.560

Anderson, Mark

We might see.

0:36:10.330 --> 0:36:38.160

Anderson, Mark

200 of those being different segmentations of motor vehicle crashes based on jurisdiction, whereas DMV will have different levels of investigations based on a truck involved in a collision, whereas I just call it hey, something got damaged or somebody got killed so there will be duplicity in the 1200 calls. The common call pets will generally be representative of what we're looking to do and then a pair it out things that simply.

0:36:39.380 --> 0:36:47.730

Anderson, Mark

Don't require a significant dispatch resources as Lance as previously mentioned will probably be the easiest way to to approach that.

0:36:49.760 --> 0:36:50.130

Neal, Barbara
OK.

0:36:50.870 --> 0:36:51.300

Neal, Barbara
Thanks.

0:36:57.170 --> 0:36:57.730

Paul White
So.

0:37:0.90 --> 0:37:7.120

Paul White
Now that mark is here and it, I think that might be Bob Schlachter's phone number that has appeared again so.

0:37:7.890 --> 0:37:17.20

Paul White
Technically, I think we have a quorum now, but we at this point in the meeting, we've already talked about all the work that has been done since last week.

0:37:19.50 --> 0:37:23.40

Paul White
Umm, I don't know what more we can accomplish. I mean to.

0:37:24.360 --> 0:37:26.730

Paul White
You know, Mark wasn't here. Bob wasn't here for the discussion.

0:37:28.140 --> 0:37:38.80

Paul White
Is there anything else that we can effectively task here? My time the rest of the morning better spent calling all these non attendees to try to get them here for next week.

0:37:50.420 --> 0:37:50.660

Paul White
Sure.

0:37:40.940 --> 0:37:50.960

Neal, Barbara
Well, I have a question on one other part of the report. It's kind of it's not something that I was supposed to follow up on on though. So I don't know if you wanna go there now or we can go next week.

0:37:51.450 --> 0:37:52.20

Paul White
Yeah, go ahead.

0:37:51.630 --> 0:37:55.320

Neal, Barbara
Now Mandy, can I ask you to share again?

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Wooster, Mandy
But just tell me one.

0:37:57.440 --> 0:38:14.720

Neal, Barbara
And it's the part of the report that talks about how we're supposed to identify the reduction in workload that will, if it will, happen at the Department of Public Safety. And I just was reading through that. So I'm not quite sure where it is in the report, but.

0:38:15.600 --> 0:38:19.490

Neal, Barbara
Umm, as reading through that this morning, here we go.

0:38:20.460 --> 0:38:35.410

Neal, Barbara
Right. And had a couple comments. So it and I'm, I'm wondering if we're really addressing the question we're supposed to be getting at here. So it says that we are to identify the reduction in workload that will result at the two Vermont State Police dispatch centers.

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Neal, Barbara
From a fully operational regional dispatch model, we've talked about the streamlining of dispatch positions, a greater focus on 911 to meet the catchment area rate, which is great. But I have a comment there. Like I've mentioned several times before.

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Neal, Barbara
That.

0:38:56.650 --> 0:38:59.980

Neal, Barbara
That as new regional centers come on board.

0:39:1.60 --> 0:39:6.350

Neal, Barbara
Or are implemented or stood up. The 911 board would would consider.

0:39:6.970 --> 0:39:7.580

Neal, Barbara
Umm.

0:39:8.990 --> 0:39:13.20

Neal, Barbara
Making them 911 piece apps if they're.

0:39:15.180 --> 0:39:18.30

Neal, Barbara
If they're interested in that so.

0:39:27.230 --> 0:39:27.540

Paul White

Right.

0:39:19.680 --> 0:39:27.950

Neal, Barbara

So that I just want that out there, that it's not a given that there won't be some changes in the way 911 calls are.

0:39:28.50 --> 0:39:34.300

Neal, Barbara

Ohm are routed, but it depends on a whole bunch of factors. I just want to kind of a place marker there.

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Neal, Barbara

And then.

0:39:36.740 --> 0:39:40.310

Paul White

But before you, before you go to your next point, is to go along with that though they.

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OK.

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Paul White

You know, I'll pick on Brian since he's not here. If I'm Brian, Pete, and I'm expanding my dispatch center, and I'm gonna take on Northfield PD and maybe Richmond and a Glover fire, and I don't know who else he might be proposing to take on. If you then offer to make me a peace app again.

0:39:58.960 --> 0:40:5.460

Paul White

Mcbrian a piece up again, you know he's got to be prepared for the fact that he may be getting calls from Bennington. He may be getting calls from wherever.

0:40:18.670 --> 0:40:18.890

Paul White

Right.

0:40:6.30 --> 0:40:30.870

Neal, Barbara

Absolutely yes. So they have to be able to play by the the rules that are in place for being part of the 911 system. Some of them may want to do that and some may not want to do that. But what at at least at this point, I wouldn't imagine that there would be the addition of more 911 seats around the state. I think it would be the movement of.

0:40:32.670 --> 0:40:32.970

Paul White

Yeah.

0:40:34.930 --> 0:40:35.280

Paul White

Right.

0:40:32.240 --> 0:40:43.420

Neal, Barbara

Workstations, literally the equipment from existing facilities into new ones that can meet all the requirements, are willing to play by the rules of the game. So.

0:40:44.130 --> 0:40:44.660

Neal, Barbara

Umm.

0:40:45.500 --> 0:41:2.110

Neal, Barbara

So maybe that's, you know, still too iffy to include in here, but but I think you know there the potential for seeing shifts and how 911 calls route is is definitely there at least in my mind, so.

0:41:2.460 --> 0:41:10.970

Paul White

So you think that the the total number of 911 call taking positions right now is adequate, they just wear their physical where they're housed or?

0:41:11.700 --> 0:41:14.230

Paul White

Is might be rearranged.

0:41:14.880 --> 0:41:18.810

Neal, Barbara

Yeah, could be rearranged depending all these different variables are met.

0:41:20.420 --> 0:41:31.310

Neal, Barbara

So the the board's position has historically been that where we can get the call taking function and the dispatching function in one place.

0:41:37.690 --> 0:41:38.30

Paul White

Right.

0:41:32.30 --> 0:41:45.330

Neal, Barbara

The better, right? But you have to have agencies that want to do it, right? So there's training requirements and and all of that. And and like I said before, they're kind of the rules of the road. They have to agree to abide by.

0:41:46.560 --> 0:41:49.300

Neal, Barbara

So there are a lot of factors, but.

0:41:50.460 --> 0:42:1.350

Neal, Barbara

But we've always or the board has always kind of held that position of where we can make it a one stage call, you know one person, one facility handling it.

0:42:3.270 --> 0:42:3.700

Paul White

Better.

0:42:4.900 --> 0:42:5.210

Paul White

OK.

0:42:2.470 --> 0:42:8.920

Neal, Barbara

The better it is for the caller. So. So there's that. And then.

0:42:11.120 --> 0:42:16.290

Neal, Barbara

The part where I wasn't sure if we are identifying the reduction in workload is in like the.

0:42:17.440 --> 0:42:20.830

Neal, Barbara

The 3rd and 4th bullets there so.

0:42:23.350 --> 0:42:28.400

Neal, Barbara

Maybe it just needs more some expansion on what's meant by the other.

0:42:29.800 --> 0:42:30.650

Neal, Barbara

Bullets.

0:42:32.870 --> 0:42:39.460

Neal, Barbara

I almost felt like when I read through that that we're we're citing the things that have already been done to alleviate.

0:42:40.440 --> 0:42:46.480

Neal, Barbara

To help manage the workload that exists now, when I think what what they're looking for is.

0:42:51.550 --> 0:42:51.990

Paul White

Right.

0:42:47.340 --> 0:42:54.840

Neal, Barbara

How much workload is going to shift completely out of the facility? And I'm not sure we're covering that there. So I'm just calling that out that.

0:42:56.60 --> 0:42:59.170

Neal, Barbara

In my view, that section needs some more.

0:43:0.430 --> 0:43:1.380

Neal, Barbara

Explanation.

0:43:2.170 --> 0:43:3.950

Neal, Barbara

And I think it would have to come from DPS.

0:43:5.920 --> 0:43:15.650

Paul White

Right. I mean, I think you're right. I think what they're asking the question being asked is if we stand up all these regional centers, how much is DPS budget gonna be able to be reduced?

0:43:16.850 --> 0:43:17.190

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Yeah.

0:43:17.30 --> 0:43:18.690

Neal, Barbara

Yes. Yep.

0:43:19.870 --> 0:43:20.750

Burnham, Lance

I would also add a.

0:43:19.770 --> 0:43:22.50

Neal, Barbara

And is it gonna be, you know? Yeah.

0:43:21.780 --> 0:43:24.370

Burnham, Lance

Yeah. I would also ask, I think they're also asking.

0:43:27.820 --> 0:43:33.830

Burnham, Lance

Is how much work is going to actually be transitioned from us to the centralized systems.

0:43:35.290 --> 0:43:38.700

Burnham, Lance

And I know that if I could find this year, I've got.

0:43:40.300 --> 0:43:48.750

Burnham, Lance

Huge folder here. Now this the data that I have is basically 2018-2019 but we broke down the calls.

0:43:51.50 --> 0:43:55.400

Burnham, Lance

For service per agency so that way.

0:43:56.370 --> 0:44:10.310

Burnham, Lance

Just to stick with Brian, Brian would know what he's getting on average, how many calls these actually come through. I would imagine that usually typically we run, we see anywhere between us five and a 7% increase each year.

0:44:12.130 --> 0:44:16.740

Burnham, Lance

Between some of the bigger agencies, the smaller agencies we see relatively status quo.

0:44:18.220 --> 0:44:19.910

Burnham, Lance

We do have a little bit of.

0:44:21.410 --> 0:44:31.120

Burnham, Lance

We do have that data. It's not like I said, it's 2018-2019. It's three years old, but it's at least something that we could use for data.

0:44:32.570 --> 0:44:34.200

Burnham, Lance

And we may even be able to.

0:44:36.350 --> 0:44:39.740

Burnham, Lance

Run it through Valcour to figure out really what those totals are.

0:44:44.680 --> 0:44:45.60

Paul White

Right.

0:44:44.560 --> 0:44:45.80

Burnham, Lance

Yeah.

0:44:41.660 --> 0:44:49.80

Neal, Barbara

I think that's key to the whole discussion is what is that shift in in workload really going to look like?

0:44:50.400 --> 0:44:54.760

Neal, Barbara

We had a big jump in 911 calls. I think it was two years ago.

0:44:56.380 --> 0:45:5.480

Neal, Barbara

No, no, it was last year we went up over 12% between 2020 and 2021. Not really clear to me why, but we did.

0:45:6.860 --> 0:45:20.850

Neal, Barbara

And prior to that, we've been having increases of between maybe one and 3%. I have that data pulled somewhere. So the five to 7% increase is interesting to me. Maybe it's a lot of administrative stuff.

0:45:23.830 --> 0:45:24.310

Burnham, Lance

That's it.

0:45:28.110 --> 0:45:28.510

Burnham, Lance

Yeah.

0:45:23.250 --> 0:45:32.100

Neal, Barbara

And this year, we're tracking back in that lower range right now. So almost think that 2021 was an anomaly, but time will tell.

0:45:32.900 --> 0:45:43.110

Burnham, Lance

Yeah, I think I think that you know, 2021 is gonna be that that is gonna be all over the place just because of COVID. And it's really my opinion, not accurate data.

0:45:44.950 --> 0:45:54.240

Burnham, Lance

I mean, I've back in 2020, we all remember if you had to go somewhere, there's nobody else on the road. So you know the call volume really went way down.

0:45:56.450 --> 0:46:6.690

Burnham, Lance

And I I I think, Barb, you hit the hit the nail right on the head that 5 to 7% increase really is administrative asks that it placed on us and.

0:46:9.630 --> 0:46:11.390

Burnham, Lance

But I would say on average.

0:46:12.820 --> 0:46:17.970

Burnham, Lance

If I would agree with you, maybe 1 to 2% every every year as far as an increase in calls?

0:46:19.210 --> 0:46:37.60

Neal, Barbara

And I'm just guessing that it's administrator. I mean it. I think it's important that you know, we have those numbers and I think some of the information that marks gonna provide and valcour is gonna provide will help firm up those numbers maybe so or bring them more current, right than the 2018 nineteen numbers.

0:46:37.640 --> 0:46:38.10

Burnham, Lance

Yes.

0:46:41.370 --> 0:46:42.10

Burnham, Lance

Although.

0:46:43.790 --> 0:46:46.440

Burnham, Lance

And Mark, if you're still on, if you correct me if I'm wrong.

0:46:47.200 --> 0:46:50.150

Burnham, Lance

Balfour will not tell us why, or any Ms numbers correct.

0:46:51.570 --> 0:46:52.860

Burnham, Lance

Because they're not on the system yet.

0:47:0.180 --> 0:47:0.530

Burnham, Lance

OK.

0:46:54.270 --> 0:47:0.620

Anderson, Mark

Well, for the the agencies that, but it will be limited the.

0:47:2.400 --> 0:47:12.590

Anderson, Mark

I guess to explain simply a a lot of fire and EMS agencies report out to other systems, and so Val core streamlines to those systems and.

0:47:13.520 --> 0:47:16.170

Anderson, Mark

Avoids duplicative data for that reason.

0:47:17.0 --> 0:47:19.730

Burnham, Lance

Yeah. And I think that's what Bob was gonna get us too, so.

0:47:22.620 --> 0:47:22.990

Burnham, Lance

I.

0:47:20.400 --> 0:47:33.130

Paul White

Right. But while Bob and Drew both Bob was gonna report on what's reported through what National Fire Incident Reporting System and drew the same through what's reported through siren for EMS agencies.

0:47:38.120 --> 0:47:43.230

Anderson, Mark

Though my recollection of what Drew said is that sirens not going to be representative broadly.

0:47:45.740 --> 0:48:4.880

Paul White

Right. Be right then that's what I had asked him to write up for today. Or we had asked him to write it for today was an explanation of what data is not captured because, you know, like you said, there's a lot of minor or administrative type tasks that they do. If nobody goes to the hospital in the bus, then nothing gets reported.

0:48:6.40 --> 0:48:11.630

Paul White

Even though it may have occupied a lot of the providers time and a lot of the dispatchers time.

0:48:17.500 --> 0:48:23.50

Paul White

OK, so it it looks like we do have a quorum now, but now that we're pretty much done with the meeting.

0:48:26.540 --> 0:48:30.540

Paul White

We can go through the motion of calling the meeting to order just to approve minutes and adjourn, I guess, but.

0:48:32.130 --> 0:48:33.910

Paul White

Anything else anyone wanted to?

0:48:34.740 --> 0:48:37.280

Paul White

Quote on today or should I just focus on?

0:48:38.420 --> 0:48:39.860

Paul White

Trying to get everybody here for next week.

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Paul, this is Bob Schlachter to copy me.

0:48:46.20 --> 0:48:47.440

Paul White

Yes. Welcome, Bob.

0:48:47.370 --> 0:48:58.420

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Ohh good, finally got it working. I've been on for probably 25 minutes now. Just so you know that I was in the background, I just couldn't get to talk at the moment.

0:48:58.700 --> 0:49:1.440

Paul White

Yeah, we, we saw you pop in and out a couple times, but.

0:49:1.820 --> 0:49:2.530

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OK.

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And yes, I'll work on getting that information on, you know, what's captured by National Fire incident reporting system and what's not. And I think we got some good examples here in our area. So hopefully that will help.

0:49:16.580 --> 0:49:17.290

Paul White

Great. Thank you.

0:49:22.70 --> 0:49:22.340

Paul White

Uh.

0:49:21.630 --> 0:49:29.760

Brian Peete

I just I wanted to. I'm sorry. Just wanted to apologize to everybody. I'm sorry I wasn't able to log on until now. Had a a few other issues to take care of earlier this morning.

0:49:30.960 --> 0:49:31.590

Paul White

Welcome, Brian.

0:49:34.190 --> 0:49:44.340

Paul White

So I guess I'll direct this to Lance for lack of better idea. You know, we we have talked about, you know, we've gathered costs from.

0:49:45.470 --> 0:49:47.60

Paul White

Several different things.

0:49:52.0 --> 0:49:55.190

Paul White

But there's still quite a few that we don't have.

0:49:56.780 --> 0:50:2.930

Paul White

And I guess we had talked about, you know is it is it enough to just give a representative sample of what?

0:50:3.790 --> 0:50:10.900

Paul White

Agencies are charging, you know, looking at the working groups charge from the legislature. You know, they say.

0:50:12.810 --> 0:50:15.950

Paul White

Consider a document how current dispatching services are provided.

0:50:16.870 --> 0:50:23.180

Paul White

In the various funding methods and it says shall include detail by town or by emergency service provider.

0:50:23.780 --> 0:50:28.570

Paul White

Umm, just want to revisit do we really think it's sufficient to just give?

0:50:29.350 --> 0:50:35.740

Paul White

A representative hand sample from the 8:00 or 10:00 or so agencies that we've queried.

0:50:37.60 --> 0:50:42.370

Paul White

I know it's a lot of work to try to cover what every single town or.

0:50:43.400 --> 0:50:44.990

Paul White

Service is paying.

0:50:46.700 --> 0:50:48.820

Paul White

And I'm just wondering is that what's expected of us?

0:50:49.950 --> 0:50:55.330

Burnham, Lance

Yeah. And I think we, we've talked about this a couple times. I don't think we've ever come up with a concrete.

0:50:56.530 --> 0:51:0.440

Burnham, Lance

Answer, But I would agree. I think of to to.

0:51:1.260 --> 0:51:3.30

Burnham, Lance

To reach out to every town.

0:51:10.670 --> 0:51:10.980

Paul White

Right.

0:51:4.120 --> 0:51:14.870

Burnham, Lance

And ask what they pay is is gonna be twofold. One, it's gonna be very time consuming. The other thing is it's going to be different per.

0:51:15.760 --> 0:51:17.750

Burnham, Lance

One town could have two different bills.

0:51:19.120 --> 0:51:19.450

Paul White

Right.

0:51:18.670 --> 0:51:30.520

Burnham, Lance

They could have. They could pay for their fire, or they could pay for their police through wherever, but their fire in their EMS may be dispatched elsewhere, and I'll use an example of Grand Isle.

0:51:31.690 --> 0:51:32.110

Burnham, Lance

County.

0:51:33.0 --> 0:51:38.400

Burnham, Lance

The police is dispatched by us, but they're fire and their EMS is dispatched out of shower.

0:51:40.80 --> 0:51:53.110

Burnham, Lance

And we could go and I do know that there are some towns where they have three different avenues where they're police is covered by state police, but they're fires dispatched by somebody else and their EMS maybe dispatched by somebody else. So.

0:51:56.540 --> 0:51:56.840

Burnham, Lance

Yeah.

0:52:4.850 --> 0:52:5.120

Burnham, Lance

Right.

0:51:52.460 --> 0:52:21.330

Paul White

Right. And I and I and I gave the example of the town of Orange that gets state police coverage and they contract with Barry Town for firing Ms so they don't have any dispatching bills. But so yeah, I agree, reaching out to every town would be too exhaustive. But we do have, from Barb, we have a list of all the agencies that dispatch. If we go, you know, we could share a number of agencies providing dispatch service that we haven't.

0:52:22.780 --> 0:52:23.620

Paul White

Got numbers from.

0:52:27.220 --> 0:52:35.360

Burnham, Lance

I guess I didn't realize we had that and I apologize if we have that. Barb, if you wanna share that to me, I have 0 problems reaching out to those people.

0:52:34.540 --> 0:52:41.510

Paul White

I think I think she's sent it out. One of our very first meetings I can, I'm sure I can find it.

0:52:44.110 --> 0:52:44.650

Burnham, Lance

Is it in?

0:52:45.810 --> 0:52:47.690

Paul White

Yeah, I think it's on the resource page.

0:52:42.120 --> 0:52:49.950

Neal, Barbara

Right. It should be on the on the web page I think so it probably says dispatch organizations and.

0:52:50.960 --> 0:52:52.470

Neal, Barbara

ESP's or something like that.

0:52:53.190 --> 0:52:53.960

Neal, Barbara

Let's see.

0:52:54.200 --> 0:53:1.810

Paul White

So like for example it would show Southwest New Hampshire mutual aid and then all the Vermont agencies they dispatch for or.

0:53:3.970 --> 0:53:5.980

Paul White

Another example that we haven't captured yet.

0:53:9.550 --> 0:53:10.90

Paul White

Like what?

0:53:9.280 --> 0:53:12.900

Neal, Barbara

So that might get us closer to.

0:53:15.400 --> 0:53:17.810

Neal, Barbara

To what the legislatures requesting.

0:53:18.790 --> 0:53:20.150

Neal, Barbara

Let me see if it's on there.

0:53:29.480 --> 0:53:32.380

Neal, Barbara

Yeah, dispatch organizations and.

0:53:33.210 --> 0:53:36.320

Neal, Barbara

The emergency service providers they dispatch for.

0:53:38.120 --> 0:53:39.170

Neal, Barbara

Are listed.

0:53:46.610 --> 0:53:46.920

Paul White

Right.

0:53:40.860 --> 0:53:47.440

Neal, Barbara

I do not have phone numbers because all we maintain are the emergency phone numbers and we don't release those.

0:53:48.100 --> 0:53:50.580

Burnham, Lance

Where? Where? Where did you find that Barber? I apologize.

0:53:53.360 --> 0:53:53.830

Burnham, Lance

Yep.

0:53:56.690 --> 0:53:57.70

Burnham, Lance

Yep.

0:53:50.980 --> 0:53:58.50

Neal, Barbara

So it's on the DPS web page, under boards, commissions this group resources.

0:53:59.860 --> 0:54:1.230

Neal, Barbara

If you go and resources.

0:54:3.40 --> 0:54:3.510

Neal, Barbara

I can.

0:54:4.540 --> 0:54:4.980

Neal, Barbara

Got it.

0:54:3.330 --> 0:54:5.280

Burnham, Lance

There we go. Sorry.

0:54:7.760 --> 0:54:8.170

Burnham, Lance

OK.

0:54:9.650 --> 0:54:10.80

Burnham, Lance

OK.

0:54:8.860 --> 0:54:12.580

Neal, Barbara

So it might get us closer to it might get us closer to the.

0:54:13.350 --> 0:54:16.940

Neal, Barbara

Because the legislature is letting us do it, per agency, right?

0:54:16.950 --> 0:54:17.770

Paul White

Right, right.

0:54:18.650 --> 0:54:39.180

Paul White

And I agree that reaching out to all 252 municipalities to ask what they pay for dispatching would really be a waste of huge waste of time. But if we can document who is, you know, and if we if we missed one

or two here and there, that's not a big deal. But if we can document all the different dispatching agencies that cover all of those different principalities.

0:54:40.910 --> 0:54:48.990

Paul White

The tally of their budgets, which is kind of what we've been doing, just we've been doing it sort of piece meal as they come to mind.

0:54:50.630 --> 0:54:53.300

Burnham, Lance

OK. Yeah, I'm looking at this now.

0:54:55.230 --> 0:54:56.240

Burnham, Lance

You know we have.

0:54:57.110 --> 0:54:58.700

Burnham, Lance

We have a good number of them.

0:55:0.410 --> 0:55:2.720

Burnham, Lance

And I will certainly start.

0:55:4.610 --> 0:55:9.790

Burnham, Lance

Contacting these agencies and seeing what I can get.

0:55:15.190 --> 0:55:16.530

Burnham, Lance

These Barb these.

0:55:19.30 --> 0:55:25.940

Burnham, Lance

Like, let's take Colchester PD for example. That's mentioned on here. It's a full time agencies, they dispatched just for.

0:55:27.150 --> 0:55:31.600

Burnham, Lance

Themselves, other than the fire department rescue and the PD.

0:55:35.90 --> 0:55:38.450

Burnham, Lance

This is the ask from them to say what is your budget?

0:55:40.250 --> 0:55:40.720

Burnham, Lance

Umm.

0:55:43.310 --> 0:55:46.970

Burnham, Lance

Because we're we know on here, there's a number of just agencies that.

0:55:47.940 --> 0:55:48.930

Burnham, Lance

Like Burlington?

0:55:50.510 --> 0:55:51.900

Burnham, Lance

Bennington PD.

0:55:52.30 --> 0:55:53.170

Paul White

Right, there's self-sufficient.

0:55:53.760 --> 0:56:0.40

Burnham, Lance

Yeah, I'll Bennington takes out. Yeah, that's better. Question the the self-sufficient agencies.

0:56:0.760 --> 0:56:2.340

Burnham, Lance

I have no problem reaching out.

0:56:8.940 --> 0:56:9.170

Paul White

Right.

0:56:12.620 --> 0:56:12.860

Paul White

Right.

0:56:3.700 --> 0:56:12.910

Burnham, Lance

But I think at at day what we're asking them is, hey, what is your operating budget rather than what are you charging for these other agencies that are coming on?

0:56:13.700 --> 0:56:14.70

Burnham, Lance

OK.

0:56:13.780 --> 0:56:14.700

Neal, Barbara

That makes sense.

0:56:13.600 --> 0:56:16.850

Paul White

Yeah, basically. Basically, what are you charging yourself?

0:56:20.510 --> 0:56:20.780

Paul White

Right.

0:56:17.30 --> 0:56:22.820

Burnham, Lance

Yeah, it's not. What do you what do you, what are you taxing yourself at? Yeah, let me, I'll get. I'll jump on this.

0:56:24.210 --> 0:56:24.810

Burnham, Lance

Uh tomorrow.

0:56:25.460 --> 0:56:26.130

Burnham, Lance

I'll jump on that.

0:56:26.900 --> 0:56:27.480

Paul White

Thank you. That's.

0:56:34.890 --> 0:56:37.580

Paul White

Anything else before we go to public comment?

0:56:39.180 --> 0:56:40.510

Wooster, Mandy

I have to hop off. Thank you everyone.

0:56:40.980 --> 0:56:41.930

Paul White

Yep. Thank you, Mandy.

0:56:41.580 --> 0:56:42.10

Burnham, Lance

I mean.

0:56:46.990 --> 0:56:50.190

Paul White

I don't know. We've never actually called the meeting to order for lack of a quorum, but.

0:56:51.830 --> 0:57:0.470

Paul White

Umm, since we had the time, I don't know if we're required to take public comments since we didn't actually call the meeting to order, but I will open it up regardless. Is there any?

0:57:1.280 --> 0:57:2.270

Paul White

Members of the public.

0:57:1.340 --> 0:57:2.390

advocate (Guest)

Nice try.

0:57:3.180 --> 0:57:3.990

Paul White

Yeah.

0:57:6.250 --> 0:57:9.110

Paul White

I figured you would call me out on that. Steve. What do you got for us?

0:57:10.180 --> 0:57:10.650

advocate (Guest)

Well.

0:57:11.600 --> 0:57:32.170

advocate (Guest)

I'm just. I'm somewhat aghast that I've made these points about how to collect the data and then working at it myself. I made the point about the self dispatch towns. I mean, is anybody bothering to listen or to read the transcripts that I dutifully provide of my comments? I mean, it seems like we're.

0:57:33.140 --> 0:57:42.910

advocate (Guest)

I'm going through the motions here. The department appears to be trying to ram this flawed RFP through and hand out millions of dollars without plans.

0:57:44.280 --> 0:57:46.580

advocate (Guest)

I got a response from the public.

0:57:47.240 --> 0:57:57.370

advocate (Guest)

Department of Public Safety this morning to a public records request for the regional dispatch facility grant plan, which was prior scheduled to be.

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advocate (Guest)

Presented to the Joint Fiscal Committee for approval today, immediately after this meeting.

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advocate (Guest)

And.

0:58:6.410 --> 0:58:15.400

advocate (Guest)

The public records officer for the department, after having been referred this request by the Commissioner, whom I filed it with, has no idea what I'm talking about.

0:58:16.210 --> 0:58:34.520

advocate (Guest)

So this is the level of cooperation and coordination between this work group and the department that the required plan for the release of the money. No one recognizes it and she has to ask me where in the statute does it say we have to write a regional dispatch facility grant plan.

0:58:35.480 --> 0:58:37.600

advocate (Guest)

Is this just freaking absurd?

0:58:38.550 --> 0:58:39.40

advocate (Guest)

So.

0:58:42.340 --> 0:58:44.230

advocate (Guest)

I think we need to ask when.

0:58:45.150 --> 0:58:49.60

advocate (Guest)

Would any funded capacity come online?

0:58:50.900 --> 0:59:14.370

advocate (Guest)

How much training and radio connectivity and console installation etcetera are we three months out? Are we six months out? I raised prior to the issue of Montpelier not having gotten the consent of its members. It's some subscribers to dilute the service quality and timing that we currently have come to expect.

0:59:15.230 --> 0:59:15.700

advocate (Guest)

Umm.

0:59:17.680 --> 0:59:34.790

advocate (Guest)

So the RFP is a sham that's being analyzed in a memo will be going out from people smarter than I that they department did not follow the finance and management department guidelines. The department didn't follow their own.

0:59:36.230 --> 0:59:48.390

advocate (Guest)

Public Safety Department of Public Safety granting plan they didn't specify any RFP the necessary requirements for what are you trying to accomplish. So the whole RFP for.

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advocate (Guest)

These you know, to try to head out this money is a gross, almost a uncommon unreconcilable flaw. Sorry, Lance, I'm sure you worked hard on it, but you didn't follow the rules. The rules are in statute.

They're clearly in the in the department's rules. They're in the federal law. They're in state law. So that RFP, we need to think about, how do we? How does this group needs to think about, how do they advise the Commissioner next week?

1:0:20.230 --> 1:0:25.10

advocate (Guest)

Uh, you will. You'll understand what I'm talking about by then.

1:0:25.700 --> 1:0:41.130

advocate (Guest)

But the fact that she intends to go ahead and ram these grants out the door, absent any planning I've told you, the RFP didn't include any provision for redundancies or failover. How would we? Why would we spend public money on such a risky business?

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advocate (Guest)

So we need to rethink it. Alright, the the chasm I mentioned chasm in one of the earliest comments to the federal size of tool for inventory radio systems. When I mentioned that this entire.

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advocate (Guest)

Processed fails to include the capital costs.

1:1:1.180 --> 1:1:7.790

advocate (Guest)

You know, my peers attempting to ram a radio system through and capture half the money.

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advocate (Guest)

Uh, and that's capital cost, but nobody else is trying to do that was was rare, small exceptions, but there's no interoperability review. There's no failover review. There's no engineered design of coverage or of.

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advocate (Guest)

Uh, technology?

1:1:28.10 --> 1:1:53.10

advocate (Guest)

And and yet all that was required in the RFP, despite its other failings. So you're gonna need to rethink and reissue an RFP. None. None of the proposals that came in address the issues of governance that require governance. We learned that central Vermont thinks that the governance only applies to the process of putting in the radios, not to the ongoing operation of the dispatch.

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advocate (Guest)

That's a a very self-serving interpretation, but it's clear to me that the governance requirement, participatory governance by select boards and served agencies is supposed to be for the dispatching

service, not just for the radio installers, so that that was a convenient slight of hand typical of Brian Pete and his consultant.

1:2:17.260 --> 1:2:20.630

advocate (Guest)

So who's gonna own this equipment? What if? What if?

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advocate (Guest)

These grants are made and then the region gets on its feet with governance and decides they want somebody else to operate it. Do they have to buy this equipment from whoever was granted it?

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advocate (Guest)

Or is this equipment going to be owned by a prospective regional governing board?

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advocate (Guest)

That's the key question because we're we're wrestling with that one here. But you're gonna wrestle with it where the sheriff's.

1:2:49.60 --> 1:3:4.380

advocate (Guest)

Uh, you know Lamoral sheriff, in an example, one of you used could change, and the next sheriff might not be interested in running a a dispatch operation. You know, the towns might jump into Rutland or Wyndham.

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advocate (Guest)

Uh for it, with the sheriff for AB sat. But that might change some years from now. Who's gonna own the infrastructure? Who's gonna plan the infrastructure for both failover to one region, to another and failover to state resources? That engineering hasn't been done and yet you're preparing to throw 5 or \$6 million. It's gonna be a huge waste and fiasco, and it's gonna really embarrass the department for their lack of planning.

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advocate (Guest)

So.

1:3:33.780 --> 1:3:53.470

advocate (Guest)

Congressional directed spending. That's the first we heard of it. I had a public records request in it, which probably prompted the reveal here set 3/4 of a million from Sanders office in nine million from liaison office. By the way, Diane Derby retired five or six months ago from Leggies office. For those of you are keeping track.

1:3:56.300 --> 1:3:58.750

advocate (Guest)

I liked marks quote that there will be duplicity.

1:4:0.770 --> 1:4:3.820

advocate (Guest)

I think he met a different word, but it it sort of rang true.

1:4:4.630 --> 1:4:5.150

advocate (Guest)

Uh.

1:4:5.820 --> 1:4:11.470

advocate (Guest)

How are we going to deal with nonprofits? I've gotten stonewalled by Middlebury.

1:4:12.250 --> 1:4:35.770

advocate (Guest)

EMS, which is a nonprofit and not a not a public instrumentality except maybe legally, but that would have to go to court to be ruled on, but they're not bound to the same records, transparency and reporting and governance and planning requirements that government agencies are. So that's a weird bird in this equation because.

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advocate (Guest)

You know, if things go haywire and they claim that they're not subject to public records law, how do you even know that they're designing properly for a failover that's a two seater dispatch station? It may be a wrench in the works of creating an Addison County.

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advocate (Guest)

Dispatch PSAP that could fail over to Rutland or and vice versa. So.

1:4:58.430 --> 1:5:2.800

advocate (Guest)

Disaster readiness. We're talking about keeping the same number of seats as we have now.

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advocate (Guest)

I I don't think the same number of seats we have now has been modeled for another super Storm or hurricane coming through, breaking fiber, knocking down cell towers etcetera. How how many seats is it gonna take regionally distributed to handle handle those calls spikes in emergency calls while certain.

1:5:28.10 --> 1:5:36.210

advocate (Guest)

Distributed capacity is offline. We may be in a lot of standalone islands at that point and we need to have designed for that.

1:5:37.780 --> 1:5:38.270

advocate (Guest)

So.

1:5:42.420 --> 1:6:9.500

advocate (Guest)

So again, the only thing that some of this six and a half million should be used for right now is statewide technical assistance in governance and statewide technical assistance in radio systems, both LMR and LTE design until we have our our head around the capital costs and who's gonna govern these things, you can't make a coherent proposal to the legislature of how to fund it and how much it's gonna cost.

1:6:10.200 --> 1:6:34.60

advocate (Guest)

Are we talk? We don't know whether we're talking 50 million or 100,000,000 or 200,000,000 in the next 10 years for radio systems upgrades and interoperability and that's where the shared planning, the integrated planning of fixed wireless, cellular and public safety radio can save because they can share towers, they can share generators, they can share fiber back home you gave extreme.

1:6:34.830 --> 1:6:37.960

advocate (Guest)

Economies of scope and scale by doing integrated planning.

1:6:39.480 --> 1:6:40.340

advocate (Guest)

I'm almost done.

1:6:41.570 --> 1:6:43.710

advocate (Guest)

Trying. Too bad you can't arrest me over the.

1:6:44.440 --> 1:6:46.570

advocate (Guest)

Over the phone for talking more than two minutes.

1:6:47.230 --> 1:6:47.840

advocate (Guest)

Umm.

1:6:48.600 --> 1:7:18.730

advocate (Guest)

At this point, the departments tack on this is risking undermining the credibility of both the department and the work group. In effect, there are, you know, leading this work group on here, not whether you're gonna get a grant, you're expecting a grant or not. Not that you've seen this and you haven't don't have any problems with it. And then it's gonna blow up in, in the procurement process, potentially even in the courts. But there's work group needs to clear.

1:7:18.870 --> 1:7:39.200

advocate (Guest)

Our clarify where it requires that it the integration with the department's plans and where it opposes what the department is up to because the department is trying to ram out this money, absent the proper planning, absent the proper governance, and it's gonna infect move much of what this.

1:7:39.890 --> 1:7:56.940

advocate (Guest)

The foundation that this work group could stand to to deliver to the legislature, the legislature needs a conceptual strategy to get out of the mess we're in and that can't be done with the work group and the department working at cross purposes.

1:7:59.220 --> 1:7:59.850

Paul White

Thank you, Steve.

1:8:1.690 --> 1:8:3.610

Paul White

Is there any other public comment?

1:8:13.200 --> 1:8:14.270

Paul White

If not.

1:8:15.700 --> 1:8:20.520

Paul White

I would ask for a motion to adjourn, but we never called the meeting to order, so I guess I will.

1:8:19.570 --> 1:8:31.770

advocate (Guest)

Paul, could I ask you to Paul, can I ask you to ask your Members about putting some of these items that I've raised on the agenda to be talked about? This is not just an exercise in venting, you know.

1:8:38.970 --> 1:8:56.240

Paul White

Well, I guess I will say that if there for any meeting, if there's a member of the working group that wants a particular subject placed on the agenda, by all means let me know whether they can. Those are items that Steve has raised or any other items that we haven't gotten to on our own.

1:8:57.820 --> 1:8:58.430

Paul White

Accidentally.

1:9:0.730 --> 1:9:22.750

Paul White

You the agenda is pretty much just a a standing formality. We have to have an agenda, but it's if there's some specific topic that anybody wants to get on an agenda to make sure that we talk about on any particular meeting. By all means, please either let me know now or send me an e-mail or whatever or phone call.

1:9:33.530 --> 1:9:37.80

Paul White

OK. I think we've reached the end of our useful time here.

1:9:37.960 --> 1:9:41.610

Paul White

I will be making some phone calls to try to make sure everybody is here next week.

1:9:42.430 --> 1:9:46.780

Paul White

Those of you that are on the call, if you can, we were are if you if you missed the beginning of the meeting.

1:9:47.940 --> 1:9:59.430

Paul White

We are receiving a visit from Commissioner Morrison from DPS next week. She has a number of things to report to us and I would ask that everybody tried to be present for next weeks meeting.

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Paul White

Because I'd really like to have a full working group here when the Commissioner presents.

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Paul White

With that, if there's nothing else.

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Paul White

We'll see you all next week.

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Thank you.

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Neal, Barbara

Thank you. Bye bye.