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White, Paul

Agonize one of the phone numbers, but I only see 5.

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White, Paul

Working group members, but we do have 3 guests.

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White, Paul

Over three different entities represented as guests this morning and then interest of.

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White, Paul

Respecting their time and getting us through all of this, I think we will go ahead and start even though we don't quite have a forum, a quorum. Excuse me.

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White, Paul

Are plants Brian. Bob.

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White, Paul

Myself.

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White, Paul

No. Good morning, chief Locke. Thank you for joining us.

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White, Paul

And I think.

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Steve Locke

Yeah.

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White, Paul

Think I explained when we talked before, but you know this group that we have here was appointed by the legislature to look at long term, how to implement regional dispatching in Vermont. We had nothing to do with the grant process that you recently went through with DPS. So I don't want you to think that we were the group that scored your grant or not, but but we did think that from these organizations like yours that applied for grant funding that maybe we could learn something from your operation that would help us with our charge. It was given by the legislature to figure out.

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White, Paul

How to ultimately get the state to a network of reasonable dispatch centers?

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White, Paul

And so I guess in particular, we're interested in funding models, governance models and.

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White, Paul

Timelines. How you know, I know that your initial proposal was not for the entire county, but you know from what I've heard through the Grapevine that that might be a long term goal. And I just wondering if you could share with us thoughts on how you might get there or how the group might get there.

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Steve Locke

Sure, sure. So Steve Locke, currently the Fire Chief in South Burlington and I've been involved in the regional dispatch up here since about 2016 when I took over as the Fire Chief in Burlington. So the communities initially started as 7 communities in the in and about the Chittenden County area.

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Steve Locke

Uh started having these discussions in the spring of 2016 and then eventually decided to take the governance model of creating a Union municipal district, which is similar to what Green Mountain Transit is. So it allows basically an authority to, you know, with its own board of directors for complete governance.

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White, Paul

Yeah.

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Steve Locke

That model did require the voters to weigh in, and each of the communities, and that when that happens, it passed in six of the seven communities I think you've had Shelburne on already. And Shelburne, while the Shelburne manager was actively participating at that time. And then so it did not, it was not supported in Shelburne, and partly because they already were operating a regional center. So. So that was somewhat the easy part. And then getting the.

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Steve Locke

Bylaws. You know, we had the bylaws created and approved by the legislature, so we have a governing structure that spells out how it's going to operate. And then we're very much like a City Council, right? So we will eventually employ one person who will be the executive director.

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Steve Locke

It's very much like a city manager and then that person will hire his or her staff. And so that's the model we have opted with. We have what is somewhat different probably than a lot of the other conversations is all of our communities currently pay for dispatching. So there is no, it was never intended. We never went into this thinking that we were going to save money. We knew we were already collectively paying

over three and a half, \$1,000,000 for dispatch services. And I think every manager would say at some level they were underfunding their dispatch operations.

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Steve Locke

And so we always knew that this was going to cost money and maybe probably to do it well was gonna cost more money.

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Steve Locke

Umm.

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Steve Locke

Because we need, we need things like shift supervisors. We need, we're gonna have executive director. We're going to, we're going to end up subcontracting legal and HR and payroll and those things to one of the member communities. So, but our funding model is based upon customer service. So the five communities. So again, it passed in six communities, Milton it while I passed in Milton. Milton is opted to basically just monitor.

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Steve Locke

Now what is going on and they are not actively participating, although they reserve the right to come back in, they would just have to pay their share of the fees to get back in. So it's Burlington, South Burlington, Colchester, Winooski and Williston are the five communities that are actively pursuing this right now.

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Steve Locke

And our funding model, spelled out in our bylaws are very simple. It's called it's a three-year aggregate average calls for service to kind of smooth out any spikes there may be in anyone given year. It is interesting to note that the population of these five communities is about 100,000 people and about 20% of the States 9 to one call volume comes out of these five communities.

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Steve Locke

Umm.

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White, Paul

In your in your for those five communities you're talking all disciplines, right? Police, fire, and EMS.

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Steve Locke

Yes. Now with the exception of Colchester, UM, you know everyone. Everyone else runs a fire based EMS system, although I guess you could say Winooski runs sync uses St Mikes, but we do factor in Saint Mikes Rescue. We do factor that into but they're there because the university is very much like UVM has

its own police force and other they monitor other calls that go through there basically any student, any student.

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White, Paul

OK.

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White, Paul

OK.

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Steve Locke

Activity phone call. So they're going to maintain their kind of their communication centers. So that's so yes, it is, but it is multidisciplinary.

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kim cheney (Guest)

There you are.

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kim cheney (Guest)

Good, immediate.

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kim cheney (Guest)

Yes.

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Steve Locke

Our you know, our request ultimately and we knew for so we know. So where we're at I guess is a better way to put it is that we know we need about 3.

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Steve Locke

Can someone mute miss? I think it's.

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White, Paul

Yeah, taking care of that.

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White, Paul

Yep, done.

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Steve Locke

Change. Uh, OK, we know we needed about 3 million in startup cost capital cost to up fit our space our just because we're we're gonna build a new dispatch space and that includes everything from chairs and

consoles and filing cabinets to computers to you know what walls and bathrooms and so everything. So we knew we needed about 3 million in capital cost.

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Steve Locke

To stand this thing up and we are currently, you know, have have collected just over 2,000,000 through either member Community contributions we received \$750,000 year mark from.

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Steve Locke

Uh, Senator, Congressman Welch this year and then a couple of Homeland Security grants. And then with this anticipated grant, monies that were just or going hopefully release shortly. We have just over 2,000,000 basically in the bank and I think all five of our communities are willing.

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Steve Locke

To we know we're gonna just throw the rest of that money in in order to get this thing off the ground. This last million to get off the ground. We are. We have just. We just did our first round interviews for an executive director last week. We anticipate next week at our meeting. We'll narrow that pool down to a couple of candidates for follow up interviews and then kind of running parallel. We have hired or in the process of hiring.

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Steve Locke

An engineer design engineer firm for design build to build out our space because it's currently, you know, wide Open office complex.

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Steve Locke

To accommodate up to 9 positions, 9 dispatch positions to begin with and to your question at the beginning, the room is large enough that we can go bigger, but we we're gonna start with nine positions.

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Steve Locke

And I think that that's kind of where we are. I will, you know, I think you said timeline last thing I think said was timeline. We are building a budget for October 1.

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Steve Locke

Operations October 123.

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White, Paul

So I mean the the the initial communities that are in this have got a lot at stake say you know a year or two years down the road hinesburg or Richmond or somebody wanted to come on board they how were you going to assess their share of the investment that the other communities have already put up.

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White, Paul

OK, OK.

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White, Paul

But but it it's OK OK.

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Steve Locke

You know, it's spelled out in the agreement, and I just forget now how I would the details of it, but spelled in the in the agreement. Yeah, it would. There would be some reimbursement to the other communities and more likely just a reduction in fees through a given period of time.

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White, Paul

OK.

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White, Paul

OK, other working group members have.

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White, Paul

Questions for Steve.

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White, Paul

Let's.

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Burnham, Lance

Paycheck. How are you?

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Steve Locke

Good morning.

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Burnham, Lance

Sorry, just quickly, I know one of the the issues that everyone's facing obviously is manpower and finding the dispatchers. Is it the plan to take the dispatchers from the current list that's there from the agencies and move them over to this agency?

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Steve Locke

Yeah. So very early on, we Umm, we made a vote to guarantee employment to any current dispatcher. Well, the one the one.

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Steve Locke

Thing that is just been upsetting to our dispatchers is that they do have to apply in some part of that is that we have to have a way to collect their information right there. And so then we, you could call it something different than an application, but we've what we have said is that everyone has to submit an application, but all current dispatchers will be offered a job.

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Burnham, Lance

OK. Thank you. That's it.

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White, Paul

Mandy.

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Wooster, Mandy

Thanks. Good morning, chief.

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Steve Locke

Good morning.

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Wooster, Mandy

It's nice to see you. I just had a question. One was about the timeline, I heard October 1st, is that when you would have? I'm a little bit confused. So the agency that you're looking to take from VSP, is that Williston?

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Steve Locke

Like the the one agents? Yes, that's the 1/8 the the one agency that receives dispatch services from VSP as Wellston police.

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Burnham, Lance

No.

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Wooster, Mandy

OK. And so?

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Steve Locke

And I think that's only that's in fact that may not even be in fact that may have changed in between the time when the grant application was submitted and today.

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White, Paul

Yeah, I.

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White, Paul

Yeah.

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Steve Locke

Because I think they're using Essex now to fill the void.

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Burnham, Lance

Yep.

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Wooster, Mandy

OK. And so when you when you put in for this money that one agency is Williston, when you applied and that's the that you would expect to have that agency up and running by October?

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Steve Locke

So again, that's our that's our, that's our goal and our expectation a lot of that is going to come down to our biggest hurdle right now is timeline for engineering firms to complete the design. We have a we have a construction company who's eager to do the work over the winter.

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Steve Locke

And but the problem is getting the the electrical and Mechanical Engineers. So to answer your point, yeah, I mean we hope to be in the space in May.

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Steve Locke

Because it's not a lot of construction really, it's because it's a wide open space. But but if we're if so, if we're in, in May, we feel we're comfortable to be operational by October.

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Wooster, Mandy

Perfect. I wasn't trying to hold you to anything specific, just trying to get my.

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White, Paul

Right.

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Wooster, Mandy

That's all.

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Steve Locke

No, no. I just. I just wanna, I just like anytime anytime we give dates, I just we wanna talk about the reality of supply chain problems. And to be honest the workforce problem.

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White, Paul

Right.

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Wooster, Mandy

Thank you very much.

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White, Paul

There's also a hand up from Kim Cheney and Steve just I don't know if you know Mr Cheney, he is not a member of the working group. He's a member of the public. I guess I'll. I certainly didn't expect you to come in and field questions from the public, but.

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White, Paul

OK.

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White, Paul

Kim, Kim, go ahead.

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Steve Locke

Hi this is don't mind at all.

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kim cheney (Guest)

Good morning. Good morning, chief. I'm on the board of.

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kim cheney (Guest)

Central Market Public Safety Authority, which is.

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kim cheney (Guest)

I had an interest in. I'm excited about what you're doing, but I have a couple of questions.

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kim cheney (Guest)

Are you gonna use? Are you programming in?

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kim chenev (Guest)

CAD dispatching.

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kim chenev (Guest)

Yep.

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Steve Locke

There's no way this doesn't work without CAD. You can't move resources without and this big of an area without a computer telling the dispatcher who to send. And I think that you know that is.

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Steve Locke

I I have a I'm very passionate about computer aided dispatching and if anyone knows what's happens in Burlington is that.

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Steve Locke

Umm. The system automatically puts the fire truck and route. It already automatically puts the fire truck on scene. It is the computer is selecting the closest available unit based upon GPS location. You can't operate a dispatch center of this size without computer aided dispatch.

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kim chenev (Guest)

Is that?

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kim chenev (Guest)

What system have you got? Is it the?

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kim chenev (Guest)

Well, what system are you using?

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kim chenev (Guest)

OK.

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Steve Locke

Burlington uses Tyler Technologies computerized as dispatch and when I was in Hartford, we purchased Spillman CAD, which did the same thing, but it's the true, it's the true CAD system, which is now Motorola CAD not.

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Steve Locke

Not just the records management component.

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kim cheney (Guest)

OK.

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kim cheney (Guest)

And.

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kim cheney (Guest)

Umm.

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Steve Locke

Because we plan to do borderless Elise Berlin, else I don't hate. Speak for hate, speak for my boss, but I'm confident work for firing EMS. We're gonna do borderless response. If the fire trucks at the grocery store and it says Burlington on it and the calls in South Burlington across the street, it's gonna send the Burlington Fire truck. We don't care what the name on the door. We want the closest available unit.

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kim cheney (Guest)

And have you talked about cross billing if if one municipality sends our truck?

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Steve Locke

I don't think there will be no cross billing. I think what we will have as a you know I make a lot of money off ambulance transports.

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Steve Locke

I shouldn't say that we get reimbursed a lot of money by ambulance transports and so that would be the one thing. One caveat, if you could see, you could see ambulance services not wanting to give up their transports because of the revenue loss revenue. But we have not. That's a little down the road. But I think it does tie into dispatching.

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kim cheney (Guest)

And is there any supplier for your equipment other than Motorola that you're looking at?

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Steve Locke

I think we're gonna ask the.

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Steve Locke

I think we're going to ask the new executive director to evaluate what the best product is. I think that I've been very passionate about cat and and that may not work well with some of the people who are

really hitched their wagons to valcour. And so I have, I think we're gonna let someone neutral who make those decisions.

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kim cheney (Guest)

We're actually thinking of buying a separate CAD unit. I think from, I don't know who's manufacturing it to to work with Valcour. Do you know of?

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kim cheney (Guest)

That system.

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Steve Locke

I'll say this our the Tyler Technologies vendor is confident that they can send the information to to Valcour. So you're the dispatcher processes the call and and a CAD system, but the information gets pushed. It's a one way push to Valve core.

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kim cheney (Guest)

OK.

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White, Paul

Right.

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White, Paul

Yeah.

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White, Paul

Well.

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Steve Locke

And I started. I'm starting to get ahead of my skis a little bit on my comfort level with technology, but that's what I that's that's the way we that's the way we envision it to happen.

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White, Paul

Well, thank you for. Thank you for.

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kim cheney (Guest)

Thank you. That's all very helpful. Thank you.

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White, Paul

Thank you for entertaining those questions, Steve. Barb. Neil.

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Neal, Barbara

Yep.

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White, Paul

I don't want to hold Steve up too long, but go ahead.

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Neal, Barbara

No, just a quick question, Steven, what do you expect your full staff number is going to be when you're operational with your planned 9 positions or workstations? I and do you have, are there enough existing dispatchers in the participating communities to meet that staffing goal?

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Steve Locke

And so there were. So I think the numbers 33, I think the number, the consultant number because back when we when we ran these numbers through three years ago was 33 full time staff. I don't believe anymore we have enough dispatchers. Burlington has seen a pretty significant reduction in their workforce. But beyond that they're excluding Burlington, we would have had, I would say we would have enough staff to transition in.

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Steve Locke

But with Barrington's authorized or 12, and they may be down to six, five or six full-time dispatchers right now, which is obviously problematic.

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Neal, Barbara

Yes. Are you concerned that you might?

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Neal, Barbara

Face the same staffing difficulties that DPS is experiencing now or.

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Neal, Barbara

Is there anything different that might alleviate those concerns?

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Neal, Barbara

Yeah.

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Steve Locke

But I think, I mean, I'm having a tough time hiring firefighters, you know, and and my 30 year career, that's never been a problem. So I think there's you have to be concerned about the workforce.

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Steve Locke

Problem shortage I do. I would. What I would say is I think we plan on building what we hope to be a state-of-the-art facility that people want to work in creating a cult because it really is about culture. Ultimately, we're going to have to pay good wages because we're in a market that's going to demand it. So I think for those things, I think our goal ultimately always have a concern where our goal is to build a state-of-the-art center where.

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Steve Locke

You know.

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Steve Locke

So our layout has a dispatch center, but also has a room like quiet rooms has a break rooms you know has has the culture where people can get away from their desk, go to the other side and still be brought back if needed. But operate in a world that's palatable to work life balance.

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Neal, Barbara

Good, great. Thank you.

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White, Paul

And at least initially.

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White, Paul

You do not plan to be a 911 piece app that correct?

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Steve Locke

That is correct.

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White, Paul

Right, right.

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Steve Locke

I mean certainly our our we have a strong desire to be another one center. I think we believe you know we have we believe a single source and our you know our kind of our model is set up that the way the room is set up that we'd have dedicated call takers. And again if you're using technology that while the call takers taking the call, the dispatcher seeing it on the screen and it gets in the dispatchers dispatching it while the 91 call takers still on. So yeah, that's our ultimate goal.

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White, Paul

Right.

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Steve Locke

But we to get off the ground, yeah.

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White, Paul

But in but in in steps though yeah.

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Steve Locke

Yeah.

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White, Paul

OK. Any other questions for uh chief lock?

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White, Paul

Let him run off to his next meeting.

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Steve Locke

Look.

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White, Paul

OK. Well, thank you very much for your time this morning.

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Steve Locke

Your.

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kim cheney (Guest)

Could I ask one more?

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White, Paul

Yep.

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kim cheney (Guest)

Kim Chaney.

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White, Paul

Go ahead, come.

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kim cheney (Guest)

Umm.

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kim cheney (Guest)

Chief.

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kim cheney (Guest)

How are you?

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kim cheney (Guest)

You've negotiated with the various unions, I guess, to try to put this together to get your wages.

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Steve Locke

So.

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kim cheney (Guest)

I mean.

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kim cheney (Guest)

That was a monumental problem we had was trying to get everybody together, but you got the unions together.

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White, Paul

Yeah.

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Steve Locke

Oh, no. I mean, I'll no, I'll, I'll say this. Most of the communities have negotiated. So again, because it's gonna be a new authority and the we're gonna be a new employer eventually they'll those employees will unionize with us, with our. I'm sure they're gonna unionize, right. But almost all the communities have negotiated an exit strategy with their current employees that basically say it written in their contract.

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Steve Locke

You know, we reserve the right to cease dispatch operations, cease that work, and for that, you're going to get something for it. And then by the way, you're going to be given employment with a new

authority. So most of the communities have already negotiated that in because we've been doing this for six years and exit path kind of a flight path into for them.

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kim cheney (Guest)

OK. And and just one.

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White, Paul

So every everybody, regardless of where they came from, everybody comes in equal in the new authority.

0:21:30.580 --> 0:21:30.800

White, Paul

OK.

0:21:33.770 --> 0:21:34.80

White, Paul

Umm.

0:21:45.270 --> 0:21:45.810

kim cheney (Guest)

OK.

0:21:29.270 --> 0:21:49.310

Steve Locke

Yeah. Although I think what we plan on doing is if you're a 35 year dispatcher in Burlington and you're gonna have more seniority, we're going to take start dates. All the start dates and basically put them into one way. And we've done this, put them into one spreadsheet. You're the senior dispatcher in the county, you're the senior dispatcher in this authority and that. Yeah.

0:21:51.490 --> 0:21:51.970

Steve Locke

Yeah.

0:21:53.890 --> 0:21:54.800

Steve Locke

Yes. Yep.

0:21:47.750 --> 0:21:56.520

White, Paul

Right, But what what when I said everybody comes in equal, I mean that they'll all be under one collective bargaining agreement rather than under different rules, right?

0:21:57.390 --> 0:21:57.580

White, Paul

Right.

0:21:55.360 --> 0:22:17.490

Steve Locke

It exactly we know we may have to honor the pension obligation and some unique situations where they weren't in vim or so soft wrong ton and Burlington some of the legacy employees have their own pension system we may have. We're gonna have to do some unique things there for small segment of the workforce to make them whole keep them whole.

0:22:18.900 --> 0:22:21.30

kim cheney (Guest)

And one last question.

0:22:22.130 --> 0:22:31.180

kim cheney (Guest)

Is your infrastructure adequate or are you gonna have to kind of reconstruct and rebuild the whole infrastructure so you can communicate with people?

0:22:33.50 --> 0:23:3.260

Steve Locke

So we're letting every community keep their own infrastructure, own communications infrastructure. All we're doing is I'm gonna use a very nontechnical term because I'm not a radio guy. Our we're building our center in the South Bronx, current South Burlington Police Department. The 2nd floor is vacant. There's a vacant and we're going to be able to hit everyone's now. We're much flatter because we're near the lake, we can hit everyone's everyone's radio infrastructure either through microwave or IP.

0:23:3.380 --> 0:23:7.10

Steve Locke

To trip their radio systems right out of that building.

0:23:14.670 --> 0:23:14.970

White, Paul

OK.

0:23:8.130 --> 0:23:18.560

Steve Locke

So but if Brandon wants a new radio system or new towers, or that's on, that's still on Burlington. We're not. We're not taking over radio, any communities, radio infrastructure.

0:23:19.640 --> 0:23:20.110

kim cheney (Guest)

OK.

0:23:19.410 --> 0:23:21.660

White, Paul

And not building your own and not building your own.

0:23:23.840 --> 0:23:24.280

White, Paul

OK.

0:23:21.910 --> 0:23:47.360

Steve Locke

And not building our own. I mean, I think there's there's clearly a common a desire to move to like a trunk system for the county. But you know, right now Burlington just got authorized for six and a half, \$1,000,000 radio system. I think they're gonna build it, but they're gonna build it, trunking compatible. And so I think that's what they're all talking about is OK, we're still gonna maintain your own, but let's make sure what any infrastructure we put in is able to be moved to a trunk system.

0:23:48.350 --> 0:23:50.970

Steve Locke

But right now, I think that's just too much to bite off.

0:23:52.440 --> 0:23:53.10

White, Paul

Yeah. OK.

0:23:57.400 --> 0:23:57.640

White, Paul

Yes.

0:23:52.770 --> 0:23:59.420

kim cheney (Guest)

OK. Well, it's very different world over there than it is here. Good to hear. You've worked it through. Thanks.

0:24:0.60 --> 0:24:0.590

Steve Locke

You're welcome.

0:24:2.880 --> 0:24:3.310

Steve Locke

See ya.

0:23:59.780 --> 0:24:5.860

White, Paul

OK, alright, great. Thank you, Steve, we will let you. You're welcome to hang around, but we will let you off the hook.

0:24:5.70 --> 0:24:13.450

Steve Locke

No, I have a I'm doing the same. I'm I have the I have the Regional Planning Commission asked me to do this at 9 and I got a department meeting next door at 9 too, so all good. Thank you though.

0:24:12.620 --> 0:24:15.50

White, Paul

Alright, great. Thank you. Have a good day.

0:24:18.530 --> 0:24:24.410

White, Paul

OK, I see we have added uh think we added Mark Anderson to the list. So I think we now have a quorum.

0:24:28.200 --> 0:24:32.240

White, Paul

Who else has joined it? I'm all Chief Cambridge's also here and.

0:24:37.350 --> 0:24:39.820

White, Paul

So we never actually called the meeting to order for lack of a quorum.

0:24:39.900 --> 0:24:43.130

White, Paul

Umm, I guess I'll do that now. It's 856.

0:24:44.370 --> 0:24:52.0

White, Paul

And I could, I just have a motion to just to take care of the formalities, have a motion to approve last week's minutes.

0:24:55.200 --> 0:24:56.30

Burnham, Lance

I'll make that motion.

0:24:56.830 --> 0:24:57.750

White, Paul

Is there a second?

0:24:58.540 --> 0:24:59.410

Neal, Barbara

I'll second it.

0:25:0.370 --> 0:25:3.260

White, Paul

Like a discussion, any issues with the Minutes?

0:25:4.680 --> 0:25:6.800

White, Paul

If not all those in favor of approval say aye.

0:25:8.380 --> 0:25:8.830

Neal, Barbara

I.

0:25:9.290 --> 0:25:9.660

Burnham, Lance

I.

0:25:10.520 --> 0:25:11.350

White, Paul

Anybody opposed?

0:25:13.300 --> 0:25:15.840

White, Paul

Does appear to have it in the Minutes are approved.

0:25:17.210 --> 0:25:23.90

White, Paul

So I kind of rushed the good mornings because I didn't want to keep Chief flock waiting. But I do.

0:25:24.280 --> 0:25:28.190

White, Paul

As promised, I do have three different sets of guests coming in. We just heard from.

0:25:29.400 --> 0:25:31.540

White, Paul

Chief Steve Locke from Shelton County.

0:25:32.640 --> 0:25:39.910

White, Paul

Next up, we have Captain Bixby and Sheriff Fox from Rutland County and.

0:25:41.90 --> 0:25:45.240

White, Paul

See, uh, I see share box.

0:25:49.990 --> 0:25:53.300

White, Paul

I don't see Captain Bixby yet, but it's still a couple minutes early.

0:25:54.340 --> 0:26:2.310

White, Paul

So any comments from anybody from either this morning or from last week before we're just killing a couple of minutes here?

0:26:5.640 --> 0:26:10.280

White, Paul

I will say I had a conversation with Mandy yesterday and we are getting down to the point where.

0:26:12.340 --> 0:26:13.110

White, Paul

Well, we have.

0:26:14.340 --> 0:26:25.580

White, Paul

The report to do at about 5 weeks, but we do need time for writing and time for a set of legalize legal eyes not legalized but you know.

0:26:26.240 --> 0:26:30.950

White, Paul

Eyes of an attorney to pass over it to sort of make sure that we're not.

0:26:32.140 --> 0:26:46.440

White, Paul

Making fools of ourselves, I guess. And we want to make sure that we have opportunity for input from every member of the working group. We've heard from. We've heard a lot from some and nothing from some others. So I just wanna make sure that over these next.

0:26:47.860 --> 0:26:51.530

White, Paul

Week or so. Any comments or any?

0:26:52.780 --> 0:27:8.340

White, Paul

Statements or whatever, anything that anyone wants to be sure, is reflected in this report. Please get him to me or to Mandy now soon as the better. Hopefully yesterday, so that we can start to formulate this into a report format.

0:27:10.40 --> 0:27:21.110

White, Paul

And I think I think we all seem to be in agreement that in order to do this right and to really deliver what the legislature is asking for, we need more time. But we do need to deliver them a report of some sort.

0:27:21.710 --> 0:27:22.290

White, Paul

Umm.

0:27:24.160 --> 0:27:28.910

White, Paul

What exactly would that will look like? I'm not not entirely.

0:27:30.720 --> 0:27:31.610

White, Paul

Decided yet?

0:27:33.260 --> 0:27:35.910

White, Paul

But if anybody has any comments on that, please feel free to chime in.

0:27:38.570 --> 0:27:47.790

Wooster, Mandy

I just wanted to thank the members of the group that did send me information. So Barb sent me some information about Schlachter sent me some information. Lance sent me information, so I appreciate that.

0:27:55.550 --> 0:28:4.520

White, Paul

Share Fox do you know it was uh, Captain Bixby gonna be able to join us. I know. I I had promised to send a reminder earlier in the weekend and I forgot until all of a sudden.

0:28:5.920 --> 0:28:12.430

White, Paul

As I was headed to bed last night at midnight, all of a sudden it hit me. I never sent my reminders, so I sent them early this morning.

0:28:21.620 --> 0:28:21.940

White, Paul

OK.

0:28:13.990 --> 0:28:21.950

Fox, David J

But oh, good morning. Yes, I'm having some trouble with my video today, but Captain Bixby will not be present today. He we had some.

0:28:27.390 --> 0:28:27.730

White, Paul

OK.

0:28:22.620 --> 0:28:30.430

Fox, David J

Work that came up and actually I'm going to have to run out fairly quickly once we're completed to cover some positions. So unfortunately he can't make it today.

0:28:30.990 --> 0:28:44.160

White, Paul

OK, I have heard from a command. I'm not sure why. I've heard from a couple of people. Steve Locke mentioned it and I got an e-mail saying that the teams link on the website was not working this morning, but people seem to be finding their way into the meeting somehow.

0:28:48.860 --> 0:28:49.170

White, Paul

Right.

0:28:45.880 --> 0:28:51.130

Wooster, Mandy

Now there's the phone number that's associated with it to still allow access. I'll have the folks will take a look at it.

0:28:52.940 --> 0:28:55.110

White, Paul

So if you're, uh, sheriff, if you're ready.

0:28:56.430 --> 0:29:12.400

White, Paul

It is 9:00 o'clock and that's the time that I had penciled you in. So I think you, I think you were here

through Steve locks presentation. So you know the kind of information that we're interested in, but anything that you're willing to share with us about your plans, where would like to listen to.

0:29:13.270 --> 0:29:20.410

Fox, David J

All right. Well, well, I'm like, Steve, we don't have any agencies down here that have paid for dispatch services.

0:29:21.300 --> 0:29:31.700

Fox, David J

Umm for as long as I can remember. I don't think they ever have, so that is a bit of a hurdle for us. If we were to look at funding from individual.

0:29:32.480 --> 0:29:34.230

Fox, David J

Towns or entities to.

0:29:34.900 --> 0:29:36.600

Fox, David J

Pay for a dispatch service.

0:29:38.260 --> 0:29:44.90

Fox, David J

I I currently personally run through my own department about 30 contracts a year.

0:29:45.620 --> 0:29:49.250

Fox, David J

For law enforcement services and security and as such.

0:29:50.40 --> 0:29:53.330

Fox, David J

And it's it's quite a task to get everything.

0:29:54.390 --> 0:30:1.980

Fox, David J

In line and you know get through budgets and everything. To do that, I cannot imagine having to add another 32.

0:30:2.780 --> 0:30:7.780

Fox, David J

Individual contracts to try to support a dispatch regional dispatch.

0:30:11.420 --> 0:30:32.570

Fox, David J

Rutland County is quite busy with calls using lances, numbers, I believe from the last meeting or the meeting before the county averages about 14,000 calls a year. That does not include my calls which through this department I run about 6 to 7000 a year. So we're looking at a 20,000 a year call service.

0:30:35.10 --> 0:30:45.840

Fox, David J

You know that's including the 32 other agencies. There's actually 38, six of those other agencies are dispatched through Washington County, New York Fire Service.

0:30:46.490 --> 0:30:51.900

Fox, David J

So they, they they currently are not interested in switching over because they have a really good.

0:30:52.760 --> 0:30:55.310

Fox, David J

Umm. Rate with Washington County.

0:30:55.920 --> 0:31:6.130

Fox, David J

And I guess that all depends on what would happen as a funding source, whether or not they would stay with Washington County or if the town would mandate that they switched over to a regional from the area.

0:31:10.260 --> 0:31:22.710

Fox, David J

So we do currently dispatch for Addison County Sheriff and we've been doing that for probably 6 to 7 years now. Once once they shut their dispatch center down.

0:31:23.560 --> 0:31:28.110

Fox, David J

They do maneuver around. I am not a 24/7 dispatch center currently.

0:31:29.470 --> 0:31:31.770

Fox, David J

They they work within the hours that I have.

0:31:32.550 --> 0:31:34.270

Fox, David J

Coverage on the dispatch center.

0:31:35.360 --> 0:31:42.180

Fox, David J

And that's that's gone pretty well. We haven't had any issues as far as you know, radio issues from from Addison. So that works out.

0:31:45.120 --> 0:31:53.20

Fox, David J

I heard staffing as a that is still a concern of mine. I'm getting full time dispatchers.

0:31:54.320 --> 0:31:54.930

Fox, David J

I don't.

0:31:56.100 --> 0:32:5.110

Fox, David J

We may possibly pick up dispatchers that are traveling to Westminster depending on what occurs there, but that is not a guarantee.

0:32:5.940 --> 0:32:18.600

Fox, David J

As is any law enforcement and fire, and everybody's having difficulty obtaining staff, we also are having difficulty obtaining the dispatchers that are interested in coming up onto the system.

0:32:21.20 --> 0:32:41.570

Fox, David J

I currently have three full time dispatchers. Two of those were days and one of them is like quasi supervisor that does some other duties and then the remainder of my shifts are covered by part time dispatchers and or I have five officers that are also certified to dispatch that we'll cover some times in the dispatch center.

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Fox, David J

We currently run UM.

0:32:49.340 --> 0:32:53.620

Fox, David J

Two dedicated councils and we have 1/3 backup console for dispatch.

0:32:55.190 --> 0:33:5.600

Fox, David J

I did apply for the Hsu grant for more consoles that I did sign paperwork on yesterday, so I'm assuming that is a fairly solid.

0:33:7.510 --> 0:33:10.370

Fox, David J

Option for us at this point that will get the funding for those.

0:33:13.930 --> 0:33:18.480

Fox, David J

The the hope and I don't. I know you're not the grant committee.

0:33:20.660 --> 0:33:32.630

Fox, David J

I fully believe that the grant application was way out in front of of where we needed to be or should have been at this point because we don't do not have a funding source.

0:33:33.720 --> 0:33:41.320

Fox, David J

Or funding source options to look at before that grant application came out and if you didn't apply, you were going to miss that.

0:33:42.530 --> 0:33:43.710

Fox, David J
Honestly my.

0:33:45.380 --> 0:33:50.350

Fox, David J
And line on this is what is brought forward far as a funding source.

0:33:51.930 --> 0:33:55.20

Fox, David J
I need to have something that's going to show me that there's a.

0:33:55.860 --> 0:34:5.540

Fox, David J
Dedicated funding source for long term that I personally do not wanna have to chase money for. Once you get something up and running. If I have 10 dispatchers on and then.

0:34:6.240 --> 0:34:13.690

Fox, David J
Five years down the road, 3 or 4 agencies decide that, well, I'm going to go with an agency out of anything county or an agency out of.

0:34:14.350 --> 0:34:21.380

Fox, David J
Addison County. That's gonna create a lot of restructure that I am not looking to deal with.

0:34:23.620 --> 0:34:27.730

Fox, David J
Understand the difficulty of trying to come up with a funding structure that.

0:34:28.440 --> 0:34:35.430

Fox, David J
Doesn't necessarily hit taxes hard, but I think we're probably all agree with that. I don't know if that's gonna happen.

0:34:40.820 --> 0:34:51.940

Fox, David J
I that's pretty much what I have. You know, we're a fairly large, we have about 58,000 in the population and the county, 15 of which which lived in the Rutland city which.

0:34:52.660 --> 0:34:59.90

Fox, David J
I don't believe that they're looking at converting over to a different dispatch from what they have now.

0:35:0.390 --> 0:35:13.0

Fox, David J
I haven't talked to the Chief Kilcullen a whole lot about it, but I know they're dispatchers are in a union at this point and it could be difficult for them to to move from from that to a a regional regional dispatch.

0:35:14.310 --> 0:35:18.110

Fox, David J

We did not. We've had local meetings here with.

0:35:18.880 --> 0:35:22.470

Fox, David J

Umm, fire, EMS and law enforcement representatives.

0:35:23.500 --> 0:35:33.210

Fox, David J

And they're all in agreement that, you know, I I do have the most experience, you know, outside of Roland City for dispatch. And, you know, we have the infrastructure.

0:35:34.80 --> 0:35:45.710

Fox, David J

To a certain level to to be able to take that on so and no one else was honestly interested in taking on a regional dispatch. So they kind of just tag your it and.

0:35:46.930 --> 0:36:1.640

Fox, David J

Here I am and and I. I truly believe that I would like to keep dispatch local for local knowledge and you know enter department working and and as such because it's it does make the job easier and responses probably more efficient.

0:36:2.300 --> 0:36:5.590

Fox, David J

Now which, you know, did see some hiccups when things were changed before.

0:36:6.360 --> 0:36:13.910

Fox, David J

And they're also all in agreement with they would like to have a local local dispatch center that they could go to and rely on for service.

0:36:17.560 --> 0:36:18.200

White, Paul

OK.

0:36:19.620 --> 0:36:29.80

White, Paul

So I apologize I'm I've got a couple of questions that some of which you you kind of answered, but I just want to make sure I understood you right and I realized that obviously you are.

0:36:30.70 --> 0:36:34.920

White, Paul

Years behind where Chittenden County is in the planning process. That's you know, that's that's a given.

0:36:36.140 --> 0:36:47.310

White, Paul

They've started a long time ago and are a lot closer to the finish line, but so you currently dispatch only for yourself and for the Addison County Sheriff that you don't do any fire dispatching right now.

0:36:48.750 --> 0:36:49.40

White, Paul

OK.

0:36:50.800 --> 0:36:51.60

White, Paul

OK.

0:36:47.680 --> 0:36:51.690

Fox, David J

No, we don't do any fire or EMS dispatching currently.

0:36:58.230 --> 0:36:58.560

White, Paul

OK.

0:36:52.650 --> 0:37:1.370

Fox, David J

You only outside dispatching that we do is. If we were on a highway safety program, we will often run those details through for the through this office.

0:37:2.70 --> 0:37:4.630

White, Paul

Correct for law enforcement, OK and.

0:37:6.410 --> 0:37:22.880

White, Paul

You're. I haven't had the benefit of looking at the proposal you submitted for the Homeland Security grant, are you you? If you're whatever you're awarded for funds you talking about building a dispatch center in your current building, or are you looking at building something off site?

0:37:23.360 --> 0:37:31.270

Fox, David J

While looking I ran some numbers on that and it what I put in was for some renovations of my current building to make space.

0:37:31.100 --> 0:37:31.400

White, Paul

OK.

0:37:31.930 --> 0:37:39.140

Fox, David J

Umm, comparing that to going outside, setting up a new agency, renting a building, getting the infrastructure put into that.

0:37:40.110 --> 0:37:48.710

Fox, David J

Umm, within a couple years the the the building renovations would more than pay for renting and other space to put a dispatch center in.

0:37:49.850 --> 0:37:50.50

White, Paul

Ah.

0:37:53.20 --> 0:38:12.890

White, Paul

And you're going under the assumption that there will be some funding source from the state or from, you know, something other than Member communities, you know, Rutland County towns kicking in all of the costs you're plan is you're planning on some either congressional or state funding. Is that that I?

0:38:15.100 --> 0:38:15.420

White, Paul

OK.

0:38:12.0 --> 0:38:23.620

Fox, David J

That that is my. That is my plan. Yes. If it's it may be not accurate, but that's that's what I'm relying on as that a funding source will develop.

0:38:32.490 --> 0:38:32.940

White, Paul

Right.

0:38:24.260 --> 0:38:44.740

Fox, David J

That will get him up and get us up and running, and we'll have long term funding where it's not going to be. Or what if this happens and this one drops off or this one switches to a different agency and because you're still gonna have the same amount of work done to set this up. And then if you lose something, then you're going to lose employees and it's just gonna make for an unstable center.

0:38:45.490 --> 0:38:45.740

White, Paul

Sure.

0:38:47.250 --> 0:38:57.30

White, Paul

And so this is probably premature, but I mean you have any ballpark estimate of the timeline, I mean, if if everything aligned properly, you know if this working group came up with the?

0:38:58.170 --> 0:39:2.540

White, Paul

The the golden egg for the legislature have had to pay for all of this.

0:39:3.10 --> 0:39:10.630

White, Paul

Umm, what kind of timeline do you think it would be before you would be able to stand up as a what could be considered a regional dispatch center?

0:39:11.560 --> 0:39:14.430

Fox, David J

And then I guess going into a ballpark answer would be.

0:39:19.470 --> 0:39:23.760

Fox, David J

So getting those completed is gonna weigh into this and then getting the equipment.

0:39:25.140 --> 0:39:28.490

Fox, David J

Set up in place. So I would. I would dare say.

0:39:33.550 --> 0:39:33.790

White, Paul

OK.

0:39:30.360 --> 0:39:35.530

Fox, David J

Into 2020, early 2024 would would be a safe, safe area for us.

0:39:36.90 --> 0:39:36.960

White, Paul

OK. Thank you.

0:39:40.890 --> 0:39:41.330

White, Paul

Umm.

0:39:42.370 --> 0:39:43.560

White, Paul

Questions for Sheriff Fox?

0:39:50.270 --> 0:39:53.310

White, Paul

Let's shaking his head. No other questions, Barb.

0:39:54.390 --> 0:39:55.410

White, Paul

Barb shaking her head.

0:40:0.530 --> 0:40:1.40

White, Paul

OK.

0:40:3.320 --> 0:40:9.990

White, Paul

I'm not seeing any hands or any people unmuting, so I guess everybody has what they need. Thank you for your time this morning.

0:40:11.710 --> 0:40:14.870

White, Paul

I appreciate you sharing with us that information and again you're.

0:40:15.680 --> 0:40:22.440

White, Paul

You're welcome to stay for the rest of the media, of course, but I think that's all we have for you. Unless there's anything that unless you have any questions of us.

0:40:37.940 --> 0:40:38.530

White, Paul

Yeah.

0:40:38.590 --> 0:40:40.240

Fox, David J

Very, very difficult.

0:40:41.330 --> 0:40:50.50

Fox, David J

Process that you're going to have to try to bring forward and there's not a lot of clear answers for you all at this point, so I do appreciate your work and and hopefully we can all come to a.

0:40:51.150 --> 0:40:55.420

Fox, David J

Resolution where we can make these work, if that's the direction that we all want to go.

0:40:56.180 --> 0:41:0.340

White, Paul

Yeah. Thank you. A couple of hands does actually just popped up here.

0:41:0.500 --> 0:41:4.250

White, Paul

Uh, see that there's two hands, but I can't see who they are.

0:41:9.20 --> 0:41:10.870

White, Paul

Some reason teams isn't showing me a.

0:41:11.590 --> 0:41:12.920

White, Paul

Through the hands belong to.

0:41:12.370 --> 0:41:24.380

advocate (Guest)

What about me, Paul? I just have to standard radio question about radio interoperability planning needs assessment across 44 systems in Rutland County. Or are you looking at Trump tradio or what?

0:41:27.50 --> 0:41:29.430

Fox, David J

That was a little garbled I couldn't catch. Quite all of that.

0:41:32.170 --> 0:41:32.550

White, Paul

This.

0:41:31.820 --> 0:41:43.750

advocate (Guest)

Are you have you complete completing a radio needs assessment and or engineer design for a trunked radio system to integrate the four systems that are currently operating in Rutland County?

0:41:44.450 --> 0:42:1.20

Fox, David J

We we yeah, we've been in touch with Terry Levalley on getting access to tower stuff and getting everything trunked in together. We I haven't put a lot of time into it and not knowing where the funding structure was going to be at this point, but we have looked into those.

0:42:11.570 --> 0:42:12.180

Fox, David J

Correct.

0:42:5.450 --> 0:42:22.620

White, Paul

Yeah, I think it's compared to Chittenden County. I think you're safe to say that you're really kind of in the infancy stage of this, which which is, you know, which is fine. You gotta start somewhere. But comparing what you have ready to go and what Chittenden County has ready to go is really very different.

0:42:22.860 --> 0:42:23.200

Fox, David J

Right.

0:42:25.970 --> 0:42:26.490

White, Paul

OK.

0:42:30.400 --> 0:42:30.920

Fox, David J

Thank you.

0:42:27.530 --> 0:42:32.0

White, Paul

Great. Thanks, Dave. And we'll talk to you again.

0:42:32.460 --> 0:42:33.520

Fox, David J

OK. Bye bye.

0:42:36.400 --> 0:42:37.640

White, Paul

So the next.

0:42:38.660 --> 0:42:40.680

White, Paul

Guess that I had lined up was.

0:42:43.450 --> 0:42:53.520

White, Paul

From the city of Saint Albans, the tenant Vancouver, and as I said before, I was late in sending my reminders and I didn't have him scheduled until 9:20.

0:42:54.510 --> 0:42:56.0

White, Paul

Umm so I'm not.

0:42:56.900 --> 0:43:0.570

White, Paul

Because of my late reminder, I'm not sure if he's going to be able to join us or not.

0:43:2.110 --> 0:43:2.900

White, Paul

Umm so.

0:43:4.570 --> 0:43:14.140

White, Paul

Back to the report. I know that since last week Barb had provided Mandy with some information. Mandy was there anything else that we're still waiting on?

0:43:14.960 --> 0:43:15.530

White, Paul

1st.

0:43:18.960 --> 0:43:20.930

White, Paul

Step up recommendations.

0:43:21.960 --> 0:43:47.210

Wooster, Mandy

Yeah, I saw the recommendations is a piece that we're waiting on, also waiting on Drews right up. So thus far received the one from Mark Anderson and Lance over this past week. And I received one from Bob Schlachter will have to go through and look at the wording and just try to to fix them up a little bit, but it's there. So I'm gonna need some information from recommendations.

0:44:3.990 --> 0:44:4.210

White, Paul
Right.

0:43:48.230 --> 0:44:5.500

Wooster, Mandy

We're also going to need to start looking at, you know, the sections. Some of them are gonna need some, you know, in in order for this to look right. You know, I think that you mentioned it, Paul, is that some of the stuff is gonna have to go at the bottom of the report in an appendix, some of these larger.

0:44:6.410 --> 0:44:11.860

Wooster, Mandy

Tables and we we have a brand new large, very large table from Lance and reference to his write up.

0:44:12.300 --> 0:44:44.550

Wooster, Mandy

Umm, but in order to kind of get to that point, I kind of need everybody to give me their their the write ups and at least kind of get them. So as I started to do the appendix and they start to do any footnotes, they all kind of go in order at the end to kind of do it at a different time is gonna be challenging. I think there are some pieces of this report that are going to need an explanation piece of a summary piece. I'm also missing from another Chief Cambridge is on he provided the funding structure for.

0:44:45.370 --> 0:44:48.380

Wooster, Mandy

Can't remember where the phone makes structure was for. Let me see real quick.

0:44:47.750 --> 0:44:48.880

White, Paul
Manchester baby.

0:44:49.490 --> 0:45:6.980

Wooster, Mandy

Manchester and so I just, I need a little bit of a a write up on that piece of of if you can explain the funding mechanism a little bit because it just has a table that's associated with it and then there's a part of the table that doesn't have a title and I don't know if that's like a base funding, it's in the.

0:45:8.20 --> 0:45:20.970

Wooster, Mandy

I don't know exactly what that is, so I need a little more guidance from Chief Cambridge on that piece in order to finalize that. So yes, it's Manchester rescue, just need a little bit of narrative. And then the second column has.

0:45:22.410 --> 0:45:30.0

Wooster, Mandy

64,000 or 67,000. I don't know if that's the base or or exactly what that is. I'm happy to share if somebody knows the the answer to that.

0:45:34.180 --> 0:45:35.840

Cambridge, Anthony

I'll. I'll be sending you a write up soon.

0:45:36.570 --> 0:45:39.750

Wooster, Mandy

Thanks. I appreciate that. That would be helpful.

0:45:40.450 --> 0:45:40.960

Wooster, Mandy

Uh.

0:45:55.510 --> 0:45:55.820

White, Paul

Right.

0:45:41.730 --> 0:46:5.640

Wooster, Mandy

I think that once we get some of these write ups, you know we're going to have to go back and look at the the way I see it is the way that the legislation broke it out. There's the first three points and then they go into more detail later on in the legislation and a lot of it's repetitive. So we're gonna have to try to marry those sections together cuz I can't see us wanting to repeat ourselves as we go through this. So we're going to kind of have to interleave those two together.

0:46:7.240 --> 0:46:13.430

Wooster, Mandy

And then I think once we get to that point, so if I can get, I'm hoping to get Drew's right up.

0:46:13.770 --> 0:46:19.220

Wooster, Mandy

And then if we can get to to this point, then we can start to really look at what is left.

0:46:19.620 --> 0:46:42.490

Wooster, Mandy

Umm for a couple of reasons. One, do we do we have the information. Can we put it in there? And two, we need to be able to say what we need more time for. So we need to be able to actually identify what we need more time for. If we're gonna ask for that extension. So I'm just hoping to get some of those pieces in so that we can start to formulate it in a more meaningful way.

0:46:48.450 --> 0:46:57.440

White, Paul

OK, thank you. And Mandy, I see your note in the chat about the teams link not working being due to perhaps people having pop-ups blocked in their browsers.

0:47:6.570 --> 0:47:7.610

White, Paul

For the guests, right?

0:47:8.420 --> 0:47:8.730

White, Paul

Right.

0:46:58.710 --> 0:47:10.410

Wooster, Mandy

Yeah, that doesn't make a ton of sense to me. But as far as what that means, it just it, it seems like it's for the guests that are just signing on, new people that are signing on May not have the pop ups enabled.

0:47:10.700 --> 0:47:27.620

White, Paul

Yeah, I think anybody that was invited to the meeting like maybe I just click join and I come right in. But if you're clicking on the link from the website and using teams in a web browser, perhaps the issue is due to pop up screen blocked but anyhow OK so.

0:47:28.590 --> 0:47:45.380

White, Paul

Like I said, I have Lieutenant Ben Couture had agreed to meet with us at 9, but because I forgot to remind him, I don't know if he's gonna make it or not. Next week, I only have one scheduled in. That is the folks from Middlebury EMS.

0:47:47.940 --> 0:47:52.850

White, Paul

And those were the only ones that had responded to my request. And I were this far into the.

0:47:53.830 --> 0:48:3.180

White, Paul

Process that I don't want to really spend any more time chasing down anymore of these grant applicants. So I think we've heard enough different variations of proposals that.

0:48:5.120 --> 0:48:9.210

White, Paul

I don't know that anymore than what's already been invited is gonna really give us.

0:48:10.110 --> 0:48:10.790

White, Paul

And he knew.

0:48:11.530 --> 0:48:15.140

White, Paul

Revelations on how to pay for this thing, or how to build it so.

0:48:20.320 --> 0:48:20.550

White, Paul

Yeah.

0:48:17.820 --> 0:48:20.870

Wooster, Mandy

So it makes me think of a couple things. If we still have a second.

0:48:21.290 --> 0:48:22.140

White, Paul

Yes, absolutely.

0:48:36.230 --> 0:48:36.510

White, Paul

Umm.

0:48:22.450 --> 0:48:40.300

Wooster, Mandy

So if we're not gonna invite, I agree. I don't think we have the time to invite more folks in so, but it does leave some folks without a timeline, and I know that we were going to do the timeline for to put it into the report, cuz timeline is a piece of ours. So it would be helpful if.

0:48:42.70 --> 0:48:43.460

Wooster, Mandy

Just look real quick.

0:48:44.230 --> 0:48:50.40

Wooster, Mandy

I have reached out to some of these agencies previously, so I think that we have.

0:48:50.530 --> 0:48:51.280

Wooster, Mandy

Umm.

0:48:53.280 --> 0:48:54.810

Wooster, Mandy

Is Chief Pete's gone? Yeah.

0:48:55.750 --> 0:49:2.860

White, Paul

Well, I see he's still in the meeting. He sent a note in the chat saying he had to go to a meeting with the city manager, but he's still logged into the meeting. So.

0:49:3.370 --> 0:49:3.840

Wooster, Mandy

OK.

0:49:3.870 --> 0:49:4.190

White, Paul

Hello.

0:49:5.660 --> 0:49:15.310

Wooster, Mandy

And so I think that if we could obtain from the city of Montpelier the town of St Johnsbury, I know, hopefully Ben can join us for Saint Albans PD.

0:49:17.270 --> 0:49:34.740

Wooster, Mandy

I have Orange County and then we'll need Middlebury. What's so? We still need some agencies timelines in order to add to this report. So assuming that Chief Pete will be with us at least next week, that leaves the Thomas St Johnsbury, the town of Saint Albans and Middlebury regional EMS.

0:49:41.40 --> 0:49:41.990

Burnham, Lance

Yeah, I can.

0:49:35.540 --> 0:49:42.310

Wooster, Mandy

I didn't do that or any folks connected to them and can ask for a timeline, you know, from a minimum timeline.

0:49:43.190 --> 0:49:43.810

Wooster, Mandy

To a Max.

0:49:43.10 --> 0:49:55.210

Burnham, Lance

I can get, I can get St. John's or Saint Albans. Actually, I'm. I'm texting with Ben Kuja right now. Paul. He's having problems getting in. I just don't wanna turn it off his pop up blocker.

0:49:57.390 --> 0:49:58.20

Burnham, Lance

But.

0:49:57.110 --> 0:50:1.140

White, Paul

OK. And uh, Middlebury, EMS is joining us next week.

0:50:1.420 --> 0:50:1.990

Burnham, Lance

Yeah.

0:50:1.720 --> 0:50:2.580

Wooster, Mandy

OK, perfect.

0:50:10.970 --> 0:50:11.810

White, Paul

The three months.

0:50:13.500 --> 0:50:13.780

Wooster, Mandy

Yeah.

0:50:3.370 --> 0:50:15.460

Burnham, Lance

Hartford, just having conversations with them previously they to them. It's like one to three months just because they have everything set up. Yeah, it's just a matter of funding for the position.

0:50:16.100 --> 0:50:18.950

Wooster, Mandy

I've got Hartford and I've got, uh, Orange County.

0:50:19.500 --> 0:50:21.160

Burnham, Lance

OK, I can call.

0:50:21.980 --> 0:50:27.670

Burnham, Lance

Uh St johnsbury. I talked to him at least once a week anyway, so I'll I can get that.

0:50:39.590 --> 0:50:44.760

Burnham, Lance

Actually, Mandy, would it work if I forwarded Ben this invite?

0:50:45.620 --> 0:50:46.840

Wooster, Mandy

Sure, I can afford it to Ben.

0:50:44.90 --> 0:50:47.430

White, Paul

Yeah, if you could, if you forward him the invitation to the meeting, yeah.

0:50:47.750 --> 0:50:48.460

Wooster, Mandy

If I have.

0:50:49.370 --> 0:50:49.670

White, Paul

Did it.

0:50:48.940 --> 0:50:50.480

Burnham, Lance

I got I got this kind of do it right here.

0:50:50.850 --> 0:50:51.290

White, Paul

Didn't he?

0:50:50.520 --> 0:50:54.150

Wooster, Mandy

Yeah. Have you? Because I I have my old. I don't have them in this e-mail.

0:50:55.460 --> 0:50:57.920

White, Paul

And then he should just be able to click the join button.

0:50:58.720 --> 0:50:59.370

White, Paul

Come right in.

0:51:2.250 --> 0:51:2.700

White, Paul

Hopefully.

0:51:17.810 --> 0:51:23.450

Wooster, Mandy

As we're doing that, there's one more piece that we have highlighted here as well and that is.

0:51:25.280 --> 0:51:25.770

Burnham, Lance

There he is.

0:51:24.910 --> 0:51:26.920

Wooster, Mandy

Just like that, just stand by.

0:51:32.240 --> 0:51:32.710

Burnham, Lance

There it is.

0:51:31.950 --> 0:51:32.720

White, Paul

Hey, good morning, Ben.

0:51:33.490 --> 0:51:36.470

Ben Couture (Guest)

Good morning. Sorry about being late.

0:51:36.780 --> 0:51:45.160

White, Paul

No. Well, I apologize for the late reminder. I had planned to send you a reminder on Monday and then I hear this this morning that there problems with the link on the web page so.

0:51:46.70 --> 0:51:49.340

White, Paul

Just combination of you know stuff happens.

0:51:49.500 --> 0:51:50.390

Ben Couture (Guest)

Yes it does.

0:51:51.840 --> 0:52:21.330

White, Paul

But thank you for joining us this morning. I think I, as I explained to you on the phone when we talked before, we're just this is not the committee that reviewed the Homeland Security grants. We are the working group that was tasked by the legislature, was looking at the broader, more longer term, how do we transition the state to a network of regional dispatch centers and we're interested in basically, I haven't read your proposal. I'm just hoping that we can learn from you guys.

0:52:21.440 --> 0:52:24.70

White, Paul

You collectively meeting all the applicants for this grant funding.

0:52:25.480 --> 0:52:26.530

White, Paul

Something about?

0:52:27.950 --> 0:52:43.380

White, Paul

Funding. You know how you intend to pay for it? Go ongoing beyond the initial startup costs and like we talked about governance and by that, I mean, who's who's gonna own it, who's gonna run it, who has a say in things. And then the timeline. When you think that.

0:52:44.940 --> 0:52:47.880

White, Paul

In a perfect world, when would this all be up and operational?

0:52:48.230 --> 0:53:2.810

Ben Couture (Guest)

Yeah. So St. Albans currently has central dispatch. And right now we dispatch for 28 different agencies. Excuse me, let me turn member on my radio for a quick second here.

0:53:10.230 --> 0:53:11.260

Ben Couture (Guest)

Sorry about that.

0:53:12.710 --> 0:53:16.840

Ben Couture (Guest)

Umm, we dispatch for 28 different agencies within the county.

0:53:18.0 --> 0:53:31.750

Ben Couture (Guest)

Currently we dispatch for 9 EMS agencies, 14 fire departments, 2 police departments in Franklin County and also one Police Department, EMS Agency and Fire department in Chittenden County.

0:53:33.170 --> 0:53:33.990

Ben Couture (Guest)

Umm.

0:53:35.700 --> 0:53:36.610

Ben Couture (Guest)

So.

0:53:37.590 --> 0:53:38.550

Ben Couture (Guest)

We handled.

0:53:39.190 --> 0:53:40.640

Ben Couture (Guest)

Pretty much the.

0:53:42.730 --> 0:53:52.410

Ben Couture (Guest)

Out of all the numbers that I've been able to crunch, I we're probably the biggest municipality of fires receiving the majority of the calls.

0:53:53.950 --> 0:54:1.460

Ben Couture (Guest)

Our agency is very, very busy when it comes to that, and we're also a peace app administrator where we're also on number one call center.

0:54:2.400 --> 0:54:3.220

Ben Couture (Guest)

Ohm.

0:54:4.40 --> 0:54:7.930

Ben Couture (Guest)

Currently what we asked for in the grant is.

0:54:8.590 --> 0:54:9.370

Ben Couture (Guest)

Umm.

0:54:10.880 --> 0:54:29.730

Ben Couture (Guest)

Additional help and assistance in funding in Georgia Mountain project where we have a tower on there right now. This project will increase coverage not only in Franklin County but also be able to reach out to Grand Isle County and further into Trenton County.

0:54:31.990 --> 0:54:38.200

Ben Couture (Guest)

Currently there is no cost that the city has budgeted for the the cost of the project.

0:54:39.120 --> 0:54:42.500

Ben Couture (Guest)

On the second part of the grant is.

0:54:42.780 --> 0:54:47.20

Ben Couture (Guest)

Umm, a new proposed tower site and the Bakersfield area.

0:54:47.800 --> 0:54:48.910

Ben Couture (Guest)

This would also.

0:54:49.660 --> 0:55:11.610

Ben Couture (Guest)

Be greatly beneficial for us as that's a rural area and a reception far as radios and cell phones in the area obviously don't work, so that would benefit at least six other agencies that we dispatch for also include Police Department for as.

0:55:11.690 --> 0:55:14.690

Ben Couture (Guest)

Umm, you know better coverage for that area.

0:55:16.620 --> 0:55:21.270

Ben Couture (Guest)

Over the past couple of years, we have been working on.

0:55:21.990 --> 0:55:24.620

Ben Couture (Guest)

Umm. A redundancy program?

0:55:25.710 --> 0:55:27.840

Ben Couture (Guest)

So that if our radios go down.

0:55:29.280 --> 0:55:50.160

Ben Couture (Guest)

We have a contingency plan set up. The likelihood is that you know, it'd be nice to keep everything so we don't have to evacuate dispatch every single time or radio goes down or radios go down. So included in the plan is a second base station.

0:55:50.990 --> 0:55:59.580

Ben Couture (Guest)

Umm that would be used for a contingency separate from our original radios so that we don't have to evacuate dispatch.

0:56:1.260 --> 0:56:3.950

Ben Couture (Guest)

And then the 4th part that we put in for.

0:56:4.740 --> 0:56:11.100

Ben Couture (Guest)

For the grant, this year is the simulcast system.

0:56:11.780 --> 0:56:12.830

Ben Couture (Guest)

Which is a.

0:56:14.60 --> 0:56:25.340

Ben Couture (Guest)

It's an IP based and in Franklin County the mountains are beautiful, but reception is pretty bad. So currently right now we have three sites in the county.

0:56:26.0 --> 0:56:39.900

Ben Couture (Guest)

Umm. And it right now I think we have one in Sheldon Bakersfield and on top of Saint Albans Hill and the two agencies that are on it right now, both Sheldon and Bakersfield.

0:56:41.100 --> 0:56:44.430

Ben Couture (Guest)

Really praise the system on how good it is.

0:56:45.940 --> 0:56:56.790

Ben Couture (Guest)

There are areas that still are difficult for us to reach, even with all the equipment that we have. So we're hoping for 10 more additional sites.

0:56:57.980 --> 0:56:58.550

Ben Couture (Guest)

For that.

0:56:59.300 --> 0:57:1.620

Ben Couture (Guest)

Umm, currently on how we.

0:57:2.480 --> 0:57:4.210

Ben Couture (Guest)

I basically I would say is.

0:57:4.900 --> 0:57:13.900

Ben Couture (Guest)

How we were run dispatch is that it's run through the city budget. It's a tagged in with the Police Department budget.

0:57:14.900 --> 0:57:16.580

Ben Couture (Guest)

We run off from contracts.

0:57:17.240 --> 0:57:18.710

Ben Couture (Guest)
For each municipality.

0:57:19.980 --> 0:57:25.460

Ben Couture (Guest)
Currently, right now we're at the end of a three-year contract with the agencies that we dispatch for.

0:57:27.630 --> 0:57:29.250

Ben Couture (Guest)
The cost that we.

0:57:30.680 --> 0:57:34.100

Ben Couture (Guest)
That we came up with is a \$12.00 per capita rate.

0:57:34.870 --> 0:57:38.960

Ben Couture (Guest)
Which roughly breaks down to three cents a person a day.

0:57:43.130 --> 0:57:44.580

Ben Couture (Guest)
And those contracts?

0:57:45.430 --> 0:57:52.190

Ben Couture (Guest)
Uh, we just, you know, it offsets the cost of running the dispatch center.

0:57:53.120 --> 0:57:57.450

White, Paul
So I'm sorry that that, that \$12.00 per capita is that regardless of.

0:57:59.50 --> 0:58:7.320

White, Paul
You know, like whether you're dispatching just fire or fire and EMS or fire. And I know there aren't very many police departments up your way, but.

0:58:8.740 --> 0:58:9.330

White, Paul
That that.

0:58:10.900 --> 0:58:11.450

Ben Couture (Guest)
So.

0:58:10.530 --> 0:58:12.700

White, Paul
Doesn't doesn't matter what disciplines you're dispatching.

0:58:33.410 --> 0:58:33.750

White, Paul

OK.

0:58:35.240 --> 0:58:35.570

White, Paul

OK.

0:58:13.60 --> 0:58:37.650

Ben Couture (Guest)

Yeah. So those do get broken down, so that if we end up dispatching for like a fire department, but we don't dispatch for Police Department or and we don't dispatch for their rescue services, we usually break it down to the total of calls and then split it into like a 1/3 option of what the the cost would be.

0:58:38.110 --> 0:58:44.330

White, Paul

OK. And all of you mentioned you currently have three towers and you're looking to build more. Those are all owned by the City of Saint Albans.

0:58:44.780 --> 0:58:58.650

Ben Couture (Guest)

So the two towers, the one in Sheldon for simulcast, the one in Sheldon and the one in Bakersfield, we assisted them in helping put up that equipment.

0:59:3.980 --> 0:59:4.330

White, Paul

OK.

0:59:0.770 --> 0:59:26.300

Ben Couture (Guest)

The lot of the fire departments own their own equipment and what we do is, you know, if they're if they break, obviously we can't dispatch to them. And a lot of times, you know, we come in and, you know, we may split the cost with them to get it up and running. The simulcast system, they still have to maintain their normal radio channels. The simulcast system is more for paging.

0:59:27.700 --> 0:59:37.690

Ben Couture (Guest)

And but they still need that ground to ground channel so that you know in the event of emergency they can go and use that Channel.

0:59:38.580 --> 0:59:43.820

White, Paul

So you're you're dispatching them over towers that they own of their own, or at least partially owned.

0:59:44.980 --> 0:59:45.910

White, Paul

OK, OK.

0:59:44.120 --> 0:59:53.690

Ben Couture (Guest)

Correct. Yeah. So the the simulcast sites we'd be looking at, you know installing equipment onto the the towers?

0:59:54.380 --> 0:59:54.640

White, Paul

Good.

0:59:55.220 --> 0:59:56.590

Ben Couture (Guest)

Yeah, that they currently have.

1:0:2.770 --> 1:0:3.160

White, Paul

OK.

1:0:4.210 --> 1:0:4.760

White, Paul

And.

1:0:6.340 --> 1:0:12.750

White, Paul

Is there any plan to sell? You're currently funded the this \$12.00 per capita. Is that the long term plan is to stay with that?

1:0:13.310 --> 1:0:14.950

Ben Couture (Guest)

It's current right now.

1:0:14.90 --> 1:0:15.140

White, Paul

Model, yeah.

1:0:16.110 --> 1:0:21.220

Ben Couture (Guest)

There has been some communication, some talk on whether or not we may change that.

1:0:23.690 --> 1:0:31.790

Ben Couture (Guest)

No decisions have been made yet, but you know there is a possibility of us talking about going per call instead of per capita.

1:0:32.210 --> 1:0:32.900

White, Paul

Right. OK.

1:0:36.880 --> 1:0:38.270

White, Paul

OK and.

1:0:39.490 --> 1:0:49.780

White, Paul

Timeline. Do you have any? I know there's supply chain issues and and all of that, but any idea of a time frame of completing all of the different improvements that you have planned?

1:0:50.130 --> 1:0:51.560

Ben Couture (Guest)

Yeah. So.

1:0:53.960 --> 1:0:55.790

Ben Couture (Guest)

The Georgia Mountain project.

1:0:57.110 --> 1:1:0.110

Ben Couture (Guest)

We labeled as being like #1 priority for us.

1:1:2.170 --> 1:1:8.200

Ben Couture (Guest)

And so we would be hoping to get that done and wrapped up by.

1:1:8.970 --> 1:1:11.880

Ben Couture (Guest)

This time next year on that project.

1:1:12.990 --> 1:1:24.280

Ben Couture (Guest)

The simulcast system sites that would be a progressive, you know, as as we're able to install the equipment on and build out.

1:1:24.490 --> 1:1:29.430

Ben Couture (Guest)

Uh, that and that probably would take like a year and a half to do.

1:1:31.160 --> 1:1:31.950

Ben Couture (Guest)

Because.

1:1:33.430 --> 1:1:34.460

Ben Couture (Guest)

Of just the.

1:1:37.470 --> 1:1:40.490

White, Paul

There's a lot involved. Yeah, yeah, yeah.

1:1:42.280 --> 1:1:42.530

White, Paul

Right.

1:1:38.510 --> 1:1:42.800

Ben Couture (Guest)

Yeah, there's a lot involved, you know, manpower and and everything like that.

1:1:44.460 --> 1:1:45.190

Ben Couture (Guest)

And.

1:1:46.150 --> 1:1:52.840

Ben Couture (Guest)

The redundancy program. That's something that would probably be like second on our list.

1:1:54.310 --> 1:2:5.260

Ben Couture (Guest)

To get installed at the Police Department, which I don't think that would take very long. In order to do so. That could probably be maybe less than a year to get that up and running.

1:2:6.610 --> 1:2:7.340

White, Paul

So you're.

1:2:6.580 --> 1:2:10.880

Ben Couture (Guest)

And then the tout, then the proposed tower site and enosburg.

1:2:12.270 --> 1:2:17.90

Ben Couture (Guest)

That's brand new in the works, so I'm not entirely too sure.

1:2:19.70 --> 1:2:22.670

Ben Couture (Guest)

When the green light would be given for that for that project.

1:2:23.420 --> 1:2:23.640

White, Paul

OK.

1:2:26.240 --> 1:2:28.610

White, Paul

Your current dispatch center is in the PD, right?

1:2:28.910 --> 1:2:29.950

Ben Couture (Guest)

Yes, it is, yes.

1:2:30.90 --> 1:2:36.460

White, Paul

And and so that when you talked about a second base station you that's also would be in the same in the same building.

1:2:36.840 --> 1:2:38.140

Ben Couture (Guest)

Yes, that's correct. Yeah.

1:2:38.100 --> 1:2:38.490

White, Paul

OK.

1:2:38.930 --> 1:3:9.250

Ben Couture (Guest)

It'd be separate from our original radial system that we have now. So currently what we have now for a contingency plan is that if our radios go down, we call them the Eagles. They're basically boxes that has all the radio equipment in it with key coders. So that you can, you know, take them and move them portable. The system works. However, it doesn't reach out to all the agencies because you're using, you know, mobile radios.

1:3:9.330 --> 1:3:13.890

Ben Couture (Guest)

As a base station, so a lot of times when we test that equipment.

1:3:16.450 --> 1:3:26.750

Ben Couture (Guest)

We're having to, you know, we're we're having to move and bring our truck up up on the hill in order to, you know, tone everyone out.

1:3:28.440 --> 1:3:31.310

Ben Couture (Guest)

So and because we dispatch for so many agencies.

1:3:33.500 --> 1:3:36.490

Ben Couture (Guest)

You know, relocating up to our.

1:3:43.710 --> 1:3:43.920

White, Paul

Yep.

1:3:37.580 --> 1:3:44.90

Ben Couture (Guest)

You know emergency command post which is at the top of the radar base in Saint Albans.

1:3:45.530 --> 1:3:49.100

Ben Couture (Guest)

Is it's pretty tasking. In order to do that so.

1:3:50.60 --> 1:4:3.290

Ben Couture (Guest)

In the event that we can stay home and stay here at the PD and dispatch from here is better than trying to, you know, relocate every time, you know we have an issue with some equipment.

1:4:4.0 --> 1:4:9.100

White, Paul

Right. So in in the event that you did have to totally evacuate your building?

1:4:10.410 --> 1:4:22.820

White, Paul

Is there any plan in the future to have a redundancy plan with another, you know, another fixed site so you're not having to truck everything up to the radar base is like kick it or you know have it roll over to some other agency.

1:4:23.930 --> 1:4:24.480

White, Paul

To cover.

1:4:31.730 --> 1:4:31.920

White, Paul

Right.

1:4:23.800 --> 1:4:53.970

Ben Couture (Guest)

So right, I mean, right now our, our, our big thing is getting the phones transferred over for us. So currently right now we have the phone lines that come into the Police Department. I have a separate redundancy program set up on a different network. So that if our phone lines go down, they ring on some other phones that that are in dispatch, our emergency command post is all set up.

1:4:54.70 --> 1:5:4.780

Ben Couture (Guest)

Where the radio equipment it's just transferring the phones and moving all our binders and everything like that up there at the base. There has been talk.

1:5:5.900 --> 1:5:11.910

Ben Couture (Guest)

In reference to possibly setting up another, you know, contacting another agency if we needed to.

1:5:13.870 --> 1:5:23.580

Ben Couture (Guest)

That was when the the previous chief was here. So it kind of stalled out. But you know, it could be a possibility one day.

1:5:24.920 --> 1:5:30.900

White, Paul

Is there anybody else in the county that that still dispatches? Does the Sheriff's Department still do themselves, or do you dispatch for them?

1:5:31.200 --> 1:5:33.30

Ben Couture (Guest)

Uh, we dispatch for the Sheriff's Department.

1:5:33.740 --> 1:5:33.960

Ben Couture (Guest)

Yeah.

1:5:32.940 --> 1:5:35.830

White, Paul

You do, so you're really you're really hit in the county.

1:5:36.320 --> 1:5:38.720

Ben Couture (Guest)

Yeah, yeah, I think there's only.

1:5:40.530 --> 1:5:47.290

Ben Couture (Guest)

Let's see, there's two agencies in Franklin County that we don't dispatch for currently right now.

1:5:50.850 --> 1:5:53.990

White, Paul

OK. Any questions for Lieutenant Kutcher?

1:5:55.950 --> 1:5:56.470

White, Paul

Let's.

1:5:58.220 --> 1:5:59.140

Burnham, Lance

Good morning, Ben. How are you?

1:5:59.530 --> 1:6:0.260

Ben Couture (Guest)

Good. How are you?

1:6:0.730 --> 1:6:3.340

Burnham, Lance

Good. I took care of that issue yesterday, by the way.

1:6:3.540 --> 1:6:4.230

Burnham, Lance

It.

1:6:3.690 --> 1:6:4.880

Ben Couture (Guest)

OK. Thank you.

1:6:5.740 --> 1:6:6.330

Burnham, Lance

Hey.

1:6:7.140 --> 1:6:12.950

Burnham, Lance

Uh, I know you gave an approximate timeline and say, like 12 months before you know the tower.

1:6:14.540 --> 1:6:31.820

Burnham, Lance

The agencies that you're looking to absorb with this with this expansion, do you need that infrastructure in place for those to actually come on board or can you reach them now like I'm saying, Swan, you guys must be able to reach swan from your PD, is that correct?

1:6:32.190 --> 1:6:35.650

Ben Couture (Guest)

We can reach reach certain areas in Swanton.

1:6:36.370 --> 1:6:36.750

Burnham, Lance

OK.

1:6:43.510 --> 1:6:43.810

Burnham, Lance

Yep.

1:6:36.370 --> 1:6:46.180

Ben Couture (Guest)

Umm, there are some dead spots that we do have in that area. The Georgia Mountain project would definitely increase the the coverage area for that.

1:6:46.500 --> 1:6:50.120

Burnham, Lance

OK, but you definitely need that for Grand Isle?

1:6:53.170 --> 1:6:54.400

Burnham, Lance

OK, OK.

1:6:50.990 --> 1:6:56.560

Ben Couture (Guest)

Yes, that would be a definite for grandyle yeah, that that covers pretty much all the islands.

1:6:57.160 --> 1:6:57.480

Burnham, Lance

OK.

1:6:57.650 --> 1:6:59.970

Ben Couture (Guest)

If the islands wanted, you know.

1:7:0.720 --> 1:7:2.630

Ben Couture (Guest)

The come back and and dispatch.

1:7:4.760 --> 1:7:5.210

Burnham, Lance

Good luck.

1:7:6.650 --> 1:7:8.480

Burnham, Lance

What they want, what they get is gonna be 2.

1:7:8.850 --> 1:7:9.240

Ben Couture (Guest)

Yeah.

1:7:11.920 --> 1:7:13.100

Burnham, Lance

Alright, thank you man.

1:7:13.440 --> 1:7:14.380

Ben Couture (Guest)

Yeah, no problem.

1:7:16.50 --> 1:7:20.820

White, Paul

I see Kim Cheney at any other working group members with questions before we go to public.

1:7:25.900 --> 1:7:32.340

White, Paul

I'm not seeing any even just for your information, Kim Cheney is a member of the public. He's not a member of the working group, but he is.

1:7:33.100 --> 1:7:38.880

White, Paul

It's pretty knowledgeable in these matters himself from work with the Central Vermont authority. Kim, go ahead.

1:7:40.30 --> 1:7:47.220

kim cheney (Guest)

Thank you. Who does your engineering for the simulcast? Is that in house or have you hired consultants?

1:7:48.680 --> 1:7:50.750

Ben Couture (Guest)

That will be Burlington Communications.

1:7:51.550 --> 1:7:53.380

Ben Couture (Guest)

Who does all our radio?

1:7:54.300 --> 1:7:57.660

Ben Couture (Guest)

Upgrades and monitors are antennas.

1:7:58.170 --> 1:7:59.350

kim cheney (Guest)

So that's Motorola.

1:8:1.650 --> 1:8:2.430

kim cheney (Guest)

It's it's.

1:8:1.720 --> 1:8:3.430

Ben Couture (Guest)

They do deal with Motorola.

1:8:3.900 --> 1:8:5.130

kim cheney (Guest)

Yeah. So.

1:8:4.750 --> 1:8:6.490

Ben Couture (Guest)

They also deal with Kenwood too, so.

1:8:8.660 --> 1:8:15.340

kim cheney (Guest)

OK. And do you ever use some push to talk LTE communications?

1:8:18.530 --> 1:8:19.420

kim cheney (Guest)

Cell phones.

1:8:20.380 --> 1:8:21.610

Ben Couture (Guest)

No, no.

1:8:21.640 --> 1:8:23.160

kim cheney (Guest)

No. OK, thank you.

1:8:23.560 --> 1:8:24.170

Ben Couture (Guest)

You're welcome.

1:8:24.220 --> 1:8:26.730

White, Paul

OK, OK. Any other questions for Ben?

1:8:27.880 --> 1:8:29.830

White, Paul

Or do you have any questions of us?

1:8:32.280 --> 1:8:35.280

Ben Couture (Guest)

No, I don't think so. If anyone has any questions for me, I'm.

1:8:39.400 --> 1:8:41.620

White, Paul

Right. Well, we appreciate your time this morning.

1:8:42.740 --> 1:8:50.380

White, Paul

As I explained before, we're tasked with writing this report back to the legislature, so we're just gathering as much information as we possibly can before.

1:8:51.280 --> 1:8:59.560

White, Paul

Setting to the task of drafting the report, and I appreciate you sharing with us your plans and and for joining us this morning.

1:9:0.210 --> 1:9:4.620

Ben Couture (Guest)

OK, if you have any other further questions or anything like that, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

1:9:5.110 --> 1:9:7.760

White, Paul

OK. Well, we will. Thanks. Have a great day.

1:9:8.250 --> 1:9:8.760

Burnham, Lance

Thanks man.

1:9:6.890 --> 1:9:9.0

Ben Couture (Guest)

OK, very good. Thank you. Have a good day.

1:9:11.740 --> 1:9:15.610

White, Paul

OK. That wraps up our guest for today.

1:9:17.490 --> 1:9:22.570

White, Paul

It's 940, so we have a few minutes. If there's anything anybody wants to.

1:9:24.300 --> 1:9:25.270

White, Paul

Contribute.

1:9:26.670 --> 1:9:42.90

White, Paul

I guess I can't emphasize enough that I would like as much input as possible on the writing of this report. I don't want it to be, you know, the chairs report or the DPS's report. I want it to be the working groups report, but we can only do that if we have input from the working group. So.

1:9:44.50 --> 1:9:58.750

White, Paul

Time is getting short, so if there's any I know I'm. I'm being redundant here, but if there's any comments or any points that you want to drive home in this report, now is the time to get him in anything and anybody has before we go to public comment.

1:10:2.420 --> 1:10:5.590

Neal, Barbara

Well, I just have a question that's not really.

1:10:6.670 --> 1:10:14.200

Neal, Barbara

You know, within our purview here, but it's about the grant program and the presentation that DPS needs to make to joint fiscal.

1:10:15.200 --> 1:10:17.160

Neal, Barbara

Umm so.

1:10:17.990 --> 1:10:33.830

Neal, Barbara

That presentation is on November 9th. I think it is and does joint fiscal make a decision about whether or not DPS can release the funds or what what happens at that meeting and and if nobody on this call knows, that's fine. I'll find out somewhere else. But.

1:10:39.80 --> 1:10:39.380

Neal, Barbara

OK.

1:10:34.520 --> 1:10:58.840

White, Paul

Well I'm I am far from an expert on that, but that's my understanding is that the the Commissioner or her designee will make a presentation to joint fiscal saying this is where we want to award the money and how much and joint fiscal because because the legislature is not in session, joint fiscal essentially has the authority of the full body to authorize release of up to six and a half million.

1:10:59.500 --> 1:11:3.670

White, Paul

In the other 4 1/2 is being held pending the receipt of our report.

1:11:4.340 --> 1:11:4.740

Neal, Barbara

OK.

1:11:5.720 --> 1:11:6.770

Neal, Barbara

OK. Thanks.

1:11:6.690 --> 1:11:9.630

White, Paul

Lance Lance is more involved in that than than I am, but.

1:11:10.0 --> 1:11:18.110

Burnham, Lance

Yeah, I can. I can just add to Paul Paul's correct. I can tell you that the Commissioner has been meeting with joint fiscal on a routine basis.

1:11:19.350 --> 1:11:20.340

Burnham, Lance

Essentially.

1:11:21.440 --> 1:11:46.310

Burnham, Lance

Uh joint fiscal has been very involved in this as they are with every project and the goal is essentially their goal is to assist us and ask questions. So when we actually do present, it's almost a no brainer that OK, we've done all the work that we needed to do to get the actual approval. So that way after we do present, it's a very quick time or it's a very quick turn around.

1:11:47.890 --> 1:11:51.340

Burnham, Lance

With the decision and I know the Commissioner has been meeting.

1:11:53.590 --> 1:11:54.920

Burnham, Lance

Potentially even weekly.

1:11:56.200 --> 1:12:9.230

Burnham, Lance

They've had us talk to a number of other Commissioners throughout the state or not us, but her talk to

other Commissioners around the state regarding financing and stuff like that. So I would imagine a very quick turnaround regarding a response.

1:12:10.720 --> 1:12:11.10

Neal, Barbara

OK.

1:12:12.260 --> 1:12:12.810

Neal, Barbara

Thank you.

1:12:15.430 --> 1:12:18.270

White, Paul

Anything else before I go to uh public comment.

1:12:25.730 --> 1:12:51.340

White, Paul

Just for the groups information, I did so George Merkel. We've talked about this before. George Merkel was one of the representatives of the Chiefs Association. He's retiring here in another 10 days or so. And as a result, he has not been attending our meetings regularly. I had asked Brian Pete as president of the Chiefs Association, to appoint a replacement and as of.

1:12:52.40 --> 1:13:14.800

White, Paul

That was it. Friday. I reached out to Brian. He did not have a name for us yet he had solicited some names solicited for of the Chiefs Group who might be willing to step up and take George's place. At this point, it's kind of getting to be too late for that person to really have much of an impact on the work of the working group, but I guess it would be good to have somebody occupying that seat so that everybody's represented.

1:13:17.170 --> 1:13:36.220

White, Paul

So that's that update. Maybe next week we'll have a new, I know there are there have been a couple of other chiefs that have been attending our meetings here periodically sitting in quietly in the back of the virtual room. Maybe one of them will get the tap which would be good since they've been listening in already. But I don't want to assume that.

1:13:39.110 --> 1:13:41.500

White, Paul

Any other last minute comments before I go to.

1:13:43.90 --> 1:13:43.670

White, Paul

Public comment.

1:13:45.260 --> 1:13:46.630

White, Paul

See no hands though.

1:13:47.330 --> 1:13:47.860

White, Paul

Umm.

1:13:48.880 --> 1:13:51.610

White, Paul

Him. You had your hand up earlier. Was that just left over from?

1:13:52.400 --> 1:13:55.630

White, Paul

Umm, your question of Ben Kutcher? Or did you have something else?

1:14:1.570 --> 1:14:1.940

White, Paul

OK.

1:13:57.650 --> 1:14:6.360

kim cheny (Guest)

I guess it's in the leftover category, but Captain Burnham raised some interesting questions about joint fiscal.

1:14:8.420 --> 1:14:10.550

kim cheny (Guest)

In my players case.

1:14:12.360 --> 1:14:13.120

kim cheny (Guest)

Uh.

1:14:14.710 --> 1:14:19.440

kim cheny (Guest)

It was our app was sent back to work on governance, so I don't think.

1:14:20.160 --> 1:14:24.380

kim cheny (Guest)

That can go before joint fiscal until that's completed, that's.

1:14:25.810 --> 1:14:27.340

kim cheny (Guest)

Because there isn't any.

1:14:28.410 --> 1:14:29.400

kim cheny (Guest)

Approved.

1:14:30.490 --> 1:14:32.660

kim cheny (Guest)

DPS hasn't approved a grant.

1:14:33.970 --> 1:14:34.890

kim cheney (Guest)

So I think.

1:14:35.790 --> 1:14:37.770

kim cheney (Guest)

I don't know if anybody else is in that.

1:14:38.820 --> 1:14:40.670

kim cheney (Guest)

Bucket, but it would seem to me.

1:14:42.170 --> 1:14:45.630

kim cheney (Guest)

To follow that, if you don't have DPS approved you.

1:14:46.320 --> 1:14:49.180

kim cheney (Guest)

You can't go to joint fiscal and ask for approval.

1:14:51.680 --> 1:15:8.750

White, Paul

Yeah, I again, not having been at all involved in that granting process. I I should keep my mouth shut. But my understanding from just casually looking at them and talking to various people is I don't know if any of the applications were 100% perfect, but they.

1:15:9.480 --> 1:15:18.720

White, Paul

They were what they were, they were what we have. So that's, you know, between the, I guess, between the Commissioner and joint fiscal as far as what she recommends to be released for funds.

1:15:20.120 --> 1:15:21.490

White, Paul

Uh, any other public comment?

1:15:24.330 --> 1:15:26.170

advocate (Guest)

Uh, yeah. See worker here.

1:15:26.630 --> 1:15:27.410

White, Paul

Go ahead, Steve.

1:15:28.80 --> 1:15:36.590

advocate (Guest)

So I I troubled by the fact that the work group still has not addressed many of the issues which I've raised.

1:15:38.170 --> 1:15:40.10

advocate (Guest)

And that it seems that.

1:15:41.300 --> 1:15:42.470

advocate (Guest)

You're gonna accept.

1:15:43.390 --> 1:16:11.380

advocate (Guest)

You you've heard from some of these applicants that they, they don't have a radio plan, they don't have a failover plan, they don't have a governance plan. And it's fundamentally, I mean to allow the department to throw this money on the street and in effect create disruption among the evolution of this regional governance. And planning is really unconscionable that, that these.

1:16:12.300 --> 1:16:38.170

advocate (Guest)

These regional plans need to be written. They need to include LMR and LTE. They need to include failover. I did forward to the Chair all the eggs arts from the 10 year telecommunications plan, which the statewide Communications Interoperability Plan relies on, and suggest that the Department of Public Service is supposed to be designing resiliency for public safety and.

1:16:39.40 --> 1:16:42.720

advocate (Guest)

It's it's a cluster screw, you know, it's.

1:16:44.110 --> 1:16:50.60

advocate (Guest)

This is not the way to spend public money. This is not to the way to assure public safety.

1:16:51.70 --> 1:16:52.670

advocate (Guest)

Somebody needs to take, you know.

1:16:53.330 --> 1:16:59.480

advocate (Guest)

Take a high level overview and say we're not ready to spend this money. We need some planning done.

1:17:1.110 --> 1:17:1.490

advocate (Guest)

And.

1:17:2.740 --> 1:17:16.900

advocate (Guest)

I I just adapted that everyone can hear again and again and receive written transcripts of comments that address these issues in specificity, including LTE. And it just keeps sweeping it under the rug.

1:17:18.0 --> 1:17:18.950

advocate (Guest)

I mean, I think the.

1:17:19.930 --> 1:17:27.760

advocate (Guest)

Possibly all the public comments should be included in the report, so the legislature could actually see that at least somebody's raising these issues.

1:17:28.580 --> 1:17:32.440

advocate (Guest)

But I feel like work group is a mist and not address these issues.

1:17:35.860 --> 1:17:36.340

advocate (Guest)

Thanks.

1:17:37.540 --> 1:17:38.190

White, Paul

OK.

1:17:40.860 --> 1:17:50.210

White, Paul

I I hear you, Steve. I know you've repeated that several times, that we're not addressing the issues you're bringing forward. And I guess until the report is actually written and submitted.

1:17:51.970 --> 1:17:59.210

White, Paul

It's to be determined what we have addressed and what we haven't have. We have we discussed them in this forum in great detail.

1:18:0.210 --> 1:18:3.830

White, Paul

No, but that doesn't necessarily mean that they won't be included in the report.

1:18:6.600 --> 1:18:13.100

White, Paul

I just we have a narrow, somewhat narrow scope and a in a restrictive timeline and.

1:18:14.370 --> 1:18:16.690

White, Paul

We need to get some kind of a report.

1:18:17.470 --> 1:18:22.40

White, Paul

Even though it's going to be by all accounts someone incomplete.

1:18:24.40 --> 1:18:33.750

White, Paul

We need to get to the task of writing any other comments before we we are. We still have a few minutes, but I don't have anything else unless somebody else has something else to bring up.

1:18:40.510 --> 1:18:42.590

White, Paul

If there's nothing else, then uh.

1:18:43.960 --> 1:18:46.60

White, Paul

I guess we can adjourn until next week.

1:18:48.640 --> 1:18:52.120

White, Paul

Mandy, is there anything in particular, anything that we have already talked about that you need?

1:18:52.860 --> 1:18:55.890

White, Paul

I assume you're still here. You didn't have to leave at 9:30 this time.

1:18:57.930 --> 1:18:58.770

White, Paul

He did leave, OK.

1:19:0.570 --> 1:19:0.830

White, Paul

OK.

1:18:56.440 --> 1:19:1.910

Burnham, Lance

Mandy, she did. But we're we're all set for now. I just. I just texted her.

1:19:2.560 --> 1:19:3.490

White, Paul

OK, very good.

1:19:4.190 --> 1:19:5.940

White, Paul

Uh, we'll talk to you all next week.

1:19:7.970 --> 1:19:9.260

Burnham, Lance

Thank you. Thank you.

1:19:8.330 --> 1:19:10.0

Neal, Barbara

Thanks Paul. Bye everyone.