

Joint Finance and Policy Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 22nd 2017

Committee Members in Attendance

Capt. Lee Miller Robert Layman Jolena Young Jim Junkins
David Von Moll Danny Garrison Jeff Merriman

Staff Members on Audio Bridge

Dorothy Spears-Dean Steve Marzolf Lewis Cassada Lyle Hornbaker Sam Keys
Stefanie McGuffin Amy Ozeki Melissa Parsons Tim Addington

1) Call the Meeting to Order

Mr. Von Moll called the meeting to order at 1:00PM.

2) Approval of the January 10th Finance Committee Minutes

Mr. Von Moll called for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 10th Finance Committee meeting. Capt. Lee Miller made the motion, and Mr. Robert Layman seconded it. The motion passed 7-0-0.

3) Approval of the July 17th Policy Committee Minutes

Mr. Von Moll called for a motion to approve the minutes from the July 17th Policy Committee meeting. Mr. Jim Junkins made the motion, and Mr. Danny Garrison seconded it. The motion passed 7-0-0.

4) Proposed NG9-1-1 Decision Package

Ms. Dorothy Spears-Dean presented the NG9-1-1 Decision Package to the Committees. Discussed first were potential offsets for NG9-1-1 transition costs. They would come from the PSAP Grant Program, billing agreements, Network Improvement Fund, elimination of wireless cost recovery, and elimination of tariffs. Staff is recommending that the PSAP Grant Program be exclusively used to support NG9-1-1, except for \$500,000 to be used for the PSAP Education Program. Grant Program funding would be limited to transition needs, CHE, NG9-1-1 GIS, and networking. Ms. Spears-Dean reviewed the FY19 PSAP Grant timelines, the FY19 Grant awards will be made before the final results of the 2018 General Assembly Session are known. FY19 Grant Awards shouldn't be dependent on ESInet award or legislation. The new NG9-1-1 program was discussed, that would replace the shared services and individual PSAP programs. Other grant related issues were presented; CAD, mapping, consolidations, address file verification, and ancillary thoroughfares. Those items would not be included in the FY19 Guidelines. Ms. Spears-Dean asked for comments. There was Committee discussion. Mr. Von Moll asked if we are we taking the view of keeping the plane running until we replace it.

Ms. Spears-Dean said yes if it is related to NG9-1-1, FY19 is our “readiness” period. Call handling equipment needs to be NG9-1-1 ready, and we are doing the maintenance items we can in preparation for NG9-1-1. There was Committee discussion. Ms. Spears-Dean said the expectation is that \$6,000,000 would support the NG9-1-1 program and \$500,000 would support the PEP program in FY19. Also in FY19 there may be support for an outstanding CAD issue that has an end of life issue in 2020. Mr. Marzolf discussed the \$69,000,000 implementation cost for NG9-1-1. Until the legislation passes, we have to work within the financial limits of the current PSAP Grant Program. Ms. Jolena Young asks about how we will avoid re-work costs as NG9-1-1 is implemented, and would there be an element in the RFP process where we leverage CHE across more jurisdictions. There was Committee discussion. Mr. Garrison asked about possible funding for secondary PSAPs.

Ms. Spears-Dean reviewed the NG9-1-1 decision package that Staff will present at the March 9th Board meeting. The package is in three parts, changes that require Board action only, changes that require new legislation, and the financial impact of the changes. The Board items are approving the changes to the PSAP Grant Program (except NG9-1-1 language), redirecting money from the Billing Agreements as PSAPs transition off the selective routers, and authorize the use of the Network Improvement Fund to support the PSAP Grant Program. New legislation would be required to eliminate carrier cost recovery, wireline tariffs, and change the 60/30/10 funding split to a 60/40 split for “NG9-1-1 Grant Requests”.

Ms. Spears-Dean reviewed the Current Funding scenario and the Funding with Legislative Changes scenario for the Committees. Staff will correct a math error on one of the cells in the Legislative Changes scenario (year 2023). If deployment could happen faster, then funds would go to pay back the Treasury loan. There was Committee discussion. Staff’s current best guess is a 5 year deployment. Mr. Von Moll recommended that Staff firm up a loan amount to be requested, a specific target and not a range. Mr. Layman asked if the Northern Virginia localities would seek some kind of recovery for their NG9-1-1 deployment. Mr. Marzolf said we don’t know for certain.

Ms. Spears-Dean asked for any further comments. Mr. Jim Junkins asked, from a VITA/PSC standpoint what would be the NG9-1-1 funding needs. Ms. Spears-Dean said that we would be able to augment with contractors and possibly staff augments in the future. Mr. Marzolf said that the NG9-1-1 provider would be the PSAP’s point of contact the same way Verizon/Century Link is today. Mr. Junkins discussed some lessons learned from the Phase 1/Phase 2 deployments, and asked to consider staffing levels in light of those lessons. Mr. Junkins also cautioned about “standards” and the need for what comes out of the Northern Virginia deployment needs to be applicable state-wide.

Ms. Spears-Dean asked the Committee if it would make a motion to endorse the content of the NG9-1-1 Decision Package. Mr. Von Moll made the motion and Mr. Garrison seconded it. The

motion passed 7-0-0. Mr. Von Moll again asked for Staff to “nail down” the desired amount of the Treasury Loan that will be requested.

5) Funding Committee Update

Ms. Spears-Dean said that Staff is waiting on a VACO member to join the Committee. 4 of the 5 members are in place. Hopefully the first meeting will be soon after the March 9th Board Meeting.

6) New Business

Staff will prepare the NG9-1-1 Decision Package for the March 9th Board Meeting as discussed, making any adjustments that were recommended. Staff will provide a range to the Board for their borrowing authority. Mr. Marzolf stated that staff will provide draft legislative changes with markups for review.

7) Public Comments

Mr. Von Moll asked for public comments. There were none. The meeting adjourned at 2:17PM.