

WASHOE COUNTY REGIONAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

800 MHz Joint Operating Committee

Tracy Moore, Chair
Vacant, Vice-chair
Ryan Sommers, Secretary

*****Draft Meeting Minutes*****

**Thursday, January 23, 2025
10:00 a.m.**

**Washoe County Administration Complex
1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada, 89512
Building A, Second Floor, Caucus Room**

This meeting was held at a physical location with a teleconference option.

Committee website: https://www.washoecounty.gov/technology/board_committees/800mhz_joc

Committee Members

Dave Cochran, City of Reno	Vacant, Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority (Alternate)
Craig Franden, City of Reno (Alternate)	Chris Ketring, Truckee Meadows FPD
Derek Keller, City of Sparks	Vacant, Truckee Meadows FPD (Alternate)
Connie Shepperd, City of Sparks (Alternate)	Ian Dasmann, TMWA
Matthew Lund, Nevada Air National Guard	Aaron Reyes, TMWA (Alternate)
Vacant, Nevada Air National Guard (Alternate)	Ed Atwell, UNR/NSHE
Darin Tedford, Nevada Dept. of Transportation	Jeremy Irwin, UNR/NSHE (Alternate)
Seth Daniels, Nevada Dept. of Transportation (Alternate)	David Brown, FBI
Ryan Sommers, North Lake Tahoe FPD	Vacant, US DEA
Russ Barnum, North Lake Tahoe FPD (Alternate)	Bryan Boren, US Dept. of Veterans Affairs
Don Pelt, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe	Ray Leal, US Dept. of Veterans Affairs (Alternate)
David Paulon, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe (Alternate)	Jenn Felter, Washoe County
Jarrod Nunes, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony	Darrin Rice, Washoe County (Alternate)
John Hecimovich, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony (Alternate)	Tracy Moore, Washoe County School District
Ben Carpenter, Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority	Mark Mathers, Washoe County School District (Alternate)



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Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM [Non-Action Item]

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m.

Present

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| • City of Reno | Dave Cochran |
| • City of Sparks | Connie Shepperd |
| • Nevada Air National Guard | Matthew Lund |
| • North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District | Ryan Sommers |
| • Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District | Charlie Moore |
| • Truckee Meadows Water Authority | Ian Dasmann |
| • UNR | Ed Atwell |
| • US FBI | David Brown |
| • US Dept. of Veterans Affairs | Bryan Boren |
| • Washoe County | Jenn Felter |
| • Washoe County School District | Tracy Moore |

Absent

- Nevada Dept. of Transportation
- Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe
- Reno-Sparks Indian Colony
- Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority
- US DEA (vacant)

Deputy District Attorney Wade Carner, Washoe County District Attorney's Office, was in attendance.

2. INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROVIDING PUBLIC COMMENT VIA TEAMS/TELEPHONE [Non-Action Item]. Wade Carner, Deputy District Attorney

Washoe County Deputy District Attorney Wade Carner provided the instructions for providing public comment: This meeting is being held at and physical location with a teleconference option. Members of the public may submit public comment by either attending the meeting in person, attending the meeting via teleconference or attending by telephone only utilizing Meeting ID: 232 988 434 989, Passcode: K4bF3Si7 or by telephone by dialing 775-325-0620 and entering Conference ID: 726 222 238#. To provide public comment via Teams, log into the Teams Meeting at the link on the first page of the notice of meeting and utilize the "Raise

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Hand” feature during any public comment period. To provide public comment via telephone only, press *5. Press *6 to mute/unmute.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT** [Non-Action Item] – Comment heard under this item will be limited to three (3) minutes per person and may pertain to matters both on and off the 800 MHz Joint Operating Committee agenda. However, action may not be taken on any matter raised during this public comment period until the matter is specifically listed on an agenda as an action item. Comments are to be made to the 800 MHz Joint Operating Committee as a whole.

There was no response to the call for public comment; no emails had been submitted prior to the meeting.

4. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS** [For Possible Action] Discussion and possible action to elect Committee officers, including a Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary.

- a. **Chair**

Ryan Sommers, North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District, nominated and moved to appoint Tracy Moore, Washoe County School District, as Chair; Member Tracy Moore accepted the nomination. Charlie Moore, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, seconded the motion. There were no further nominations or Committee discussions. There was no response to the call for public comment. Upon a call for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

- b. **Vice-Chair**

Ed Atwell, UNR, nominated and moved to appoint Ryan Sommers, North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District, as Vice-Chair; Member Sommers accepted the nomination. Jenn Felter, Washoe County, provided the second. There were no further nominations or Committee discussions. There was no response to the call for public comment. Upon a call for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

- c. **Secretary**

Ed Atwell, UNR, nominated and moved to appoint Dave Cochran, City of Reno, as Secretary; Member Cochran declined the nomination.

Jenn Felter, Washoe County, nominated and moved to appoint Bryan Boren, Department of Veterans Affairs as Secretary; Member Boren accepted the nomination. Charlie Moore, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, seconded the motion. There were no further nominations or Committee discussions. There was no response to the call for public comment. Upon a call for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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5. **APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 17, 2024, MINUTES** [For Possible Action] – Committee members may identify any additions or corrections to the draft minutes as transcribed.

Connie Shepperd, City of Sparks, moved to approve the minutes as written. Charlie Moore, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, provided the second. There was no response to the call for Committee or public comment. Upon a call for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

6. **FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 WCRCS (WASHOE COUNTY REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM) BUDGET** [For Possible Action] – Review, discussion, and possible action to approve one of three Washoe County Regional Communication System (WCRCS) Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget scenarios and recommend that the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners approve the recommended budget scenario. *Quinn Korbulic, Washoe County Technology Services.*

Quinn Korbulic, Washoe County Technology Services, reviewed the [staff report](#) and [recommended FY26 budget](#) (Budget Worksheet Two, Scenario Two) for this item. The proposed budget is approximately a 2.8 percent increase, primarily due to salary and benefits, utility, overhead and lease increases. It was recommended to continue with a ten percent contribution to the Infrastructure Fund. There are equipment needs to be prepared for the new system. There were three scenarios provided for consideration. There was discussion of the P25 impacts to the Infrastructure Fund and five-year system maintenance plan.

WCRCS FY25/26 Proposed Budget Highlights
Overview of Budget Proposal: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Total Operations Budget: \$2,176,892.62• Operations Budget Increase FY25 to FY26: \$58,844.84 or 2.8%• Agency Radio Count: 6,889<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Radio count increase/(decrease): (333)• Operations Cost per radio: \$316.00 annually<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Increase of \$22.72 over FY25
Recommendation to continue 10% Infrastructure Contribution

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Budget worksheet 2 - Scenario 2 - Recommended Budget																
Washoe County Regional Communication System Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Worksheet - Agency Cost Allocation for Operations Maintenance																
FY26 Washoe County Regional Communications System Budget Comparison FY25 vs FY26	Active Radio Count Comparison - by budget fiscal year				Radio Count increase or decrease	Operations Contribution Comparison						FY25 to FY26 Difference from Operations + 10%				
	FY24/25		FY25/26 Budget			FY24/25		FY25/26		FY24/25		FY25/26				
	EDACS	P25	BEON	Total		Operations Finalized	FY25 Payment to Infrastructure added to Ops	Proposed Operations Contribution	Plus 5% to Infrastructure	Plus 10% to Infrastructure	Plus 20% to Infrastructure	Operations Only Difference	Plus 5% to Infrastructure	Plus 10% to Infrastructure	Plus 20% to Infrastructure	
Nevada Air National Guard	30	40		40.0	10.0	\$8,798.32	\$0,678.15	\$12,639.82	\$13,271.81	\$13,903.80	\$15,187.78	\$2,961.67	\$3,593.66	\$4,225.65	\$5,489.83	
Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority	277	227	42	269.0	(50.0)	\$81,237.76	\$89,361.56	\$85,892.77	\$9,252.91	\$9,983.05	\$10,993.33	(\$4,356.76)	(\$108.44)	\$4,141.50	\$12,541.77	
Drug Enforcement Administration	26	11		11.0	(15.0)	\$7,625.21	\$8,387.73	\$3,475.95	\$3,648.75	\$3,823.54	\$4,171.14	(\$4,911.78)	(\$4,737.98)	(\$4,554.18)	(\$4,416.59)	
Federal Bureau of Investigation	37	31		31.0	(6.0)	\$10,851.26	\$11,836.38	\$9,795.86	\$10,285.65	\$10,775.44	\$11,755.03	(\$2,140.52)	(\$1,650.73)	(\$1,160.94)	(\$81.35)	
Incline Village General Improvement District	4	3		3.0	(1.0)	\$1,173.11	\$1,290.42	\$947.99	\$995.39	\$1,042.78	\$1,137.58	(\$542.43)	(\$295.03)	(\$247.63)	(\$152.84)	
North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District	101	86		86.0	(15.0)	\$29,620.99	\$32,583.99	\$20,855.70	\$21,898.48	\$22,941.27	\$25,026.84	(\$11,727.40)	(\$10,984.61)	(\$9,941.83)	(\$7,256.26)	
Carson City Fire Department	9	2		2.0	(7.0)	\$2,639.49	\$2,993.44	\$631.99	\$663.59	\$695.19	\$758.39	(\$2,771.45)	(\$2,239.65)	(\$2,208.25)	(\$2,145.05)	
Nevada Shared Radio System	1602	1711		1,711.0	109.0	\$469,830.04	\$516,813.04	\$540,668.21	\$567,701.62	\$594,735.03	\$648,801.85	\$23,855.16	\$50,888.57	\$77,921.98	\$131,988.80	
Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe	87	81		81.0	(6.0)	\$25,515.11	\$28,068.63	\$25,595.63	\$26,875.41	\$28,155.19	\$30,714.76	(\$2,470.99)	(\$1,191.21)	\$88.57	\$2,648.13	
REMSA	34	29		29.0	(5.0)	\$9,071.42	\$10,568.37	\$9,163.87	\$9,622.06	\$10,080.25	\$10,996.54	(\$1,304.70)	(\$1,349.51)	(\$698.31)	\$28.06	
Reno, City of	1303	1030	228	1,258.0	(45.0)	\$382,140.16	\$426,354.18	\$397,522.27	\$417,398.38	\$437,274.50	\$477,026.72	(\$22,531.91)	(\$2,595.80)	\$16,920.32	\$56,672.54	
Reno-Sparks Indian Colony	70	56		56.0	(14.0)	\$20,529.40	\$22,582.34	\$17,695.74	\$18,580.53	\$19,465.32	\$21,234.89	(\$4,086.00)	(\$4,001.81)	(\$3,117.02)	(\$1,347.45)	
Sparks, City of	472	453		453.0	(19.0)	\$138,426.83	\$152,269.51	\$143,461.93	\$150,635.03	\$157,808.13	\$172,154.32	(\$8,407.56)	(\$1,834.49)	\$5,536.61	\$19,894.81	
Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District	336	326		333.0	(3.0)	\$88,541.13	\$106,395.25	\$105,226.48	\$110,887.81	\$115,746.13	\$125,271.78	(\$3,106.76)	\$2,992.56	\$7,263.86	\$17,876.53	
Truckee Meadows Water Authority	105	19		19.0	(86.0)	\$30,794.10	\$33,873.51	\$6,903.91	\$6,304.11	\$6,604.30	\$7,264.70	(\$27,599.00)	(\$27,569.40)	(\$27,209.21)	(\$26,068.82)	
University of Nevada, Reno	76	76		76.0	0.0	\$22,289.07	\$24,517.97	\$24,015.65	\$25,216.44	\$26,417.22	\$28,818.78	(\$602.32)	\$698.46	\$1,899.25	\$4,300.81	
US Department of Veterans Affairs Police	22	21		21.0	(1.0)	\$6,452.10	\$7,087.31	\$6,635.90	\$6,967.70	\$7,299.49	\$7,963.09	(\$461.40)	(\$126.61)	\$202.19	\$995.78	
Washoe County School District	1072	712	261	973.0	(99.0)	\$314,593.13	\$345,832.45	\$307,463.57	\$322,836.75	\$338,269.92	\$368,956.28	(\$36,386.86)	(\$22,369.10)	\$97,622.52	\$23,123.83	
Washoe County	1559	1330	118	1,458.0	(103.0)	\$457,219.12	\$502,941.03	\$460,089.37	\$483,093.84	\$506,098.30	\$552,107.24	(\$42,851.08)	(\$19,547.20)	\$3,157.27	\$48,166.21	
Total	7222	6,224.0	649.0	6,889.0	(333.0)	\$ 2,118,047.78	\$2,329,852.56	\$2,176,892.82	\$2,285,737.25	\$2,394,581.88	\$2,612,271.14	(\$152,959.94)	(\$ 44,115.31)	\$4,729.32	\$ 435,378.52	
Cost Per Radio						\$293.28	\$322.60	\$316.00	\$331.80	\$347.59	\$379.19					
						Current Cost										
						Cost per radio annually for FY26										

Ed Atwell, UNR, moved to recommend FY26 Budget Scenario Two, with a ten percent contribution to infrastructure. Charlie Moore, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, provided the second. There was no further Committee discussion or response to the call for public comment. Upon a call for a vote, the motion carried unanimously. Chair Moore made himself available to present to the Board of County Commissioners if needed.

- VETERANS AFFAIRS POLICE DEPARTMENT SPONSORSHIP OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL TO JOIN THE WCRCS AS A SPONSORED AGENCY** [For Possible Action] – A review, discussion, and possible action to approve the inclusion of Veteran's Affairs Emergency Medical as a Sponsored Agency, sponsored by VA Police. *Melissa Lawney, Washoe County Technology Services.*

Bryan Boren, Department of Veterans Affairs, shared the aim of the request is to bring on additional communication with Emergency Management, emergency room & ambulance service that is going to be started 2025; and be able to communicate with other area hospitals for disasters and emergency response. There is a similar model in place in Churchill County. This would also allow for coordination with hospitals in the larger service area.

There was discussion questioning the need for a formal agreement with Emergency Management separate from the Police agreement already in place. It was recommended that Mr. Korbolic and Mr. Boren work together to determine what would work best and be in alignment with the Interlocal provisions. It was further requested that an item be brought back to the Committee with a presentation/update on progress and the item could be revisited if necessary.

- 800 MHz JOINT OPERATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND/OR STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS, REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION AND SELECTION OF TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS** [Non-Action Item] – The next meeting of the 800 MHz JOC (Joint Operating Committee) is scheduled for April 17, 2025.

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- Presentation for Item 7 with updates on progress

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There was no response to the call for public comment.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

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