

# WASHOE COUNTY REGIONAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

## 800 MHz Joint Operating Committee

Ryan Sommers, Chair  
Don Pelt, Vice Chair  
Bryan Boren, Secretary

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

**Special Meeting  
Thursday, May 7, 2026  
9:00 a.m.**

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

This meeting was held at the physical location listed above and via teleconference.

Committee website: [https://www.washoecounty.gov/technology/board\\_committees/800mhz\\_joc](https://www.washoecounty.gov/technology/board_committees/800mhz_joc)

### **Committee Members**

Dave Cochran, City of Reno  
Craig Franden, City of Reno (Alternate)  
Derek Keller, City of Sparks  
Connie Shepperd, City of Sparks (Alternate)  
Matthew Lund, Nevada Air National Guard  
Vacant, Nevada Air National Guard (Alternate)  
Ryan Sommers, North Lake Tahoe FPD  
Russ Barnum, North Lake Tahoe FPD (Alternate)  
Don Pelt, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe  
David Paulon, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe (Alternate)  
Jarrod Nunes, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony  
John Hecimovich, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony (Alternate)  
Ricardo Duarte, Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority  
Nicole Lecap, Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority (Alternate)

Chris Ketring, Truckee Meadows FPD  
Vacant, Truckee Meadows FPD (Alternate)  
Ian Dasmann, TMWA  
Aaron Reyes, TMWA (Alternate)  
Ed Atwell, UNR/NSHE  
Jeremy Irwin, UNR/NSHE (Alternate)  
Vacant, US DEA  
Bryan Boren, US Dept. of Veterans Affairs  
Ray Leal, US Dept. of Veterans Affairs (Alternate)  
Joe Colacurcio, Washoe County  
Shannon Hardy, Washoe County (Alternate)  
Mark Mathers, Washoe County School District  
Seana Baker, Washoe County School District (Alternate)



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## **Agenda**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

#### **Present**

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| • City of Reno                              | Craig Franden  |
| • City of Sparks                            | Derek Keller   |
| • North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District | Ryan Sommers   |
| • Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District  | Chris Ketring  |
| • UNR                                       | Ed Atwell      |
| • FBI                                       | David Brown    |
| • US Department of Veterans Affairs         | Bryan Boren    |
| • Washoe County                             | Joe Colacurcio |
| • Washoe County School District             | Mark Mathers   |

#### **Absent**

- Nevada Air National Guard
- Nevada Department of Transportation
- Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe
- Reno-Sparks Indian Colony
- Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority
- Truckee Meadows Water Authority
- US DEA (vacant)

Jennifer Gustafson, Washoe County District Attorney's Office, was also in attendance.

### **2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no response to the call for public comment.

### **3. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 16, 2025 & JANUARY 22, 2026, MINUTES**

There was no response to the call for public comment.

Ed Atwell, University of Nevada, Reno, moved to approve the Committee meeting minutes of October 16, 2025, and January 22, 2026, as written. Bryan Boren, US Department of Veterans Affairs, seconded the motion, which carried on a 9-0 vote.

### **4. WASHOE COUNTY REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM FUND REVIEW**

Quinn Korbolic, Washoe County Technology Services, conducted a PowerPoint presentation and reviewed slides with the following titles: Washoe County Regional Communications System Fund; Regional Communications System Infrastructure (210-3) (2 slides); Washoe County Regional Communications System Fund (210-1 Operations); and Washoe County Regional Communications System Fund (3 slides).

Mr. Korbolic reminded the Joint Operating Committee (JOC) members that Washoe County took out a bond to pay for the new P25 Nevada Shared Radio System (NSRS), and that money is placed into separate accounts. The amount included in the NSRS Infrastructure area is specific to the addendum

payments made over the last fiscal year (FY) as well as for next fiscal year. A representative from the finance team pointed out that the bond proceeds that were taken out do not reside in that fund; they live in the Capital Fund. A brief discussion ensued regarding how monies were received from each agency and transferred to specific funds. Mr. Korbulic explained that the 10 percent reserve was set aside pursuant to the P25 interlocal agreement in case one or more more agencies were to pull out of the agreement. The finance representative confirmed that the 10 percent for infrastructure was kept in a separate cash fund.

Mr. Korbulic remarked that the ending fund balance for the Infrastructure Account was decreasing to \$600,000 because of an additional payment from that account to support the P25 addendum. Ed Atwell, UNR, said he thought any funds taken from the 10 percent needed to be presented to and approved by the JOC. Mr. Korbulic noted that in addition to the infrastructure revenue contributions from FYs 2022 through FY 2026, a \$750,000 payment was made in FY 2019. Approval was also given for Fox Mountain and Marble Bluff, and the \$700,000 from FY 2026 was part of the addendum, which was approved by the JOC. Mr. Atwell expressed frustration about receiving the materials for this item the day before the meeting. Mr. Korbulic commented that this item was meant to be informational, and he will discuss staff's proposal about how to move forward with the discussion.

Mr. Korbulic indicated that the ending fund balance listed on the 210-1 Operations slide was not necessarily accessible, but a buffer exists to move that money from the Operations Account to the Infrastructure Account. He clarified that staff needed to take many things into account, including the debt reserve and the cash balance, so that the Operations Account is not overused. Responding to Mr. Atwell's concerns, Mr. Korbulic stated that no money is spent out of the Infrastructure Account without Committee approval. He reviewed the proposal outlined in the presentation to review excess Operations funds and possibly transfer them to the Infrastructure Account with JOC approval. He recognized that those transferred funds would be combined with the 10 percent infrastructure contribution, but the County's accounting system would separate the funds. He noted that with the recommendation to transfer excess funds to the Infrastructure Fund, staff did not recommend adding the 10 percent extra to infrastructure this coming fiscal year.

Mr. Korbulic stated that staff does not depend on interest to operate the system, though he will update the Committee on it during each quarterly fund report. Interest in the interest-pooled investment and realized gain investments will accrue on top of the fund balance, he continued, and the percentage of those gains that are moved into the Infrastructure Fund will also accrue interest over time.

Mr. Korbulic noted that discussions were held internally about saving money through the Infrastructure Account for the new system so that it could be purchased outright instead of financing it. He remarked that staff does not currently have an estimate for the NSRS core upgrade or the cost to replace the system, so it is not making a recommendation for a target balance. The five-year Infrastructure Replacement Plan is geared more towards maintenance, and most of those needs can be handled through the infrastructure budget and not the Infrastructure Fund.

Mr. Atwell suggested that, given recent cost overruns and challenges in getting sites built, the Committee should not focus on new projects until they complete the ones already planned. He reiterated his request that the extra 10 percent and the accounting of it both be kept separate from any other monies, and the Committee should vote on each expenditure. He wanted assurance that the Committee knew what was specifically funded through the 10 percent additional funding. Mr.

Korbolic assured him that the 10 percent was held in a separate account, and the accounting system has the ability to easily separate out any other money put into that account.

Mark Mathers, Washoe County School District, expressed support for both hearing regular financial updates from Mr. Korbolic and his proposal for a process to transfer excess funds from Operations to Infrastructure, which would help members assess the adequacy of the fund.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

Mr. Mathers moved to approve the two proposals. Mr. Atwell offered an amendment that the Committee receive and be able to review a format for the reporting they will see to ensure it is easy for members to read. The mover accepted the suggested amendment.

Mark Mathers, Washoe County School District, moved to approve the proposal to provide quarterly reporting of the Infrastructure Account and other account balances as appropriate, as well as the proposal to review budget proposals each October. The Committee shall also receive and be able to review a format for the reporting they will see to ensure it is easy for members to read. Chris Ketring, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, seconded the motion, which carried on a 9-0 vote.

## **5. WASHOE COUNTY REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM FISCAL YEAR 2026 – 2027 BUDGET INFRASTRUCTURE CONTRIBUTION**

Quinn Korbolic, Washoe County Technology Services, reviewed the Regional Communications System budget comparison included with the backup materials for this agenda item. He repeated the recommendation that the Committee not move forward with the 10 percent Operations contribution given the healthy status of the fund balance and the potential to move some of it into the Infrastructure Fund.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

Ed Atwell, University of Nevada, Reno, moved that the Committee forgo the additional 10 percent contribution for this fiscal year. Mark Mathers, Washoe County School District, seconded the motion, which carried on a 9-0 vote.

## **6. SYSTEM STATUS UPDATE**

Regional Communications Coordinator Tyler Gerber-Winn conducted a slideshow presentation and reviewed one slide entitled WCRCS Staff Update and four entitled System Status Update. He expected that Southern Nevada would make a significant request for logical identification numbers, so any other requests should be made soon. He described the nature of the integrated backup radio solutions, noting that Washoe County School District police currently have three of them in service. He encouraged anyone not receiving notifications from him about outages to reach out to him or someone from staff.

Mr. Gerber-Winn explained that staff had no control over bi-directional amplifiers (BDAs) except to find them when they begin to malfunction, turn them off, and work with the vendor, though more and more BDAs will be a part of the system in the future. The two major types of interference, he continued, were interference at the tower, which impacts the tower's ability to communicate with units in the field, and local interference, which is more challenging to find. He recognized that the solutions to address that problem are reactive. He discussed the process by which radio infrastructure experts review any plans that citizens have for installing new BDAs to ensure they will not cause this type of interference. Staffing is the biggest reason they have not been able to inspect systems and ensure annual maintenance is being completed. Most BDAs have a lifespan of five to seven years. He talked

about the challenges in identifying radios that are out of tolerance, particularly those which were more geographically fenced-off or away from the urban core. He discussed the practice of using radio frequency modeling software while performing preventative maintenance to establish a baseline.

**7. 800 MHz JOINT OPERATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND/OR STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS, REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION, AND SELECTION OF TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

There were no requests.

The next regular meeting of the 800 MHz Joint Operating Committee is scheduled for July 23, 2026.

**8. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no response to the call for public comment.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 a.m.