

WASHOE COUNTY REGIONAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

P25 Radio System Joint Operating Committee

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

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

Thursday, July 23, 2026

This meeting was scheduled to begin directly after the 800 MHz Joint Operating Committee meeting but not earlier than 10:15 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 with a teleconference option.

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

Committee Members

Cody Shadle, City of Reno	Joseph Schum, Truckee Meadows FPD
Angela Phelps, City of Reno (Alternate)	Shane Akerson, Truckee Meadows FPD (Alternate)
Derek Keller, City of Sparks	Ian Dasmann, TMWA
Connie Shepperd, City of Sparks (Alternate)	Aaron Reyes, TMWA (Alternate)
Matthew Lund, Nevada Air National Guard	Ed Atwell, UNR/NSHE
David Almada, Nevada Air National Guard (Alternate)	Jeremy Irwin, UNR/NSHE (Alternate)
Ryan Sommers, North Lake Tahoe FPD	Vacant, US DEA
Vacant, 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)	Joe Colacurcio, Washoe County
Jarrod Nunes, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony	Shannon Hardy, Washoe County (Alternate)
John Hecimovich, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony (Alternate)	Mark Mathers, Washoe County School District
Ricardo Duarte, Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority	Seana Baker, Washoe County School District (Alternate)
Nicole Lecap, Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority (Alternate)	



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Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

The meeting was called to order at 9:38 a.m.

Present

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| • City of Reno | Cody Shadle |
| • City of Sparks | Derek Keller |
| • Nevada Air National Guard | David Almada |
| • North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District | Ryan Sommers |
| • Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe | Don Pelt |
| • Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority | Nicole Lecap |
| • Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District | Joseph Schum |
| • Truckee Meadows Water Authority | Aaron Reyes |
| • UNR | Ed Atwell |
| • US Department of Veterans Affairs | Bryan Boren |
| • Washoe County | Joe Colacurcio |
| • Washoe County School District | Mark Mathers |

Absent

- Reno-Sparks Indian Colony
- US DEA (vacant)

Kathrine Hoffman, Washoe County District Attorney's Office, was also in attendance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no response to the call for public comment.

3. APPOINTMENT OF P25 TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair Ryan Sommers, North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District, stated there were three open positions on the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for two-year terms. He hoped all three vacancies could be filled through one vote.

Ed Atwell, University of Nevada, Reno, nominated Keith Mullen, Shane Akerson, and Robert Allen to keep their positions on the TAC. It was confirmed that all three were willing to continue in those roles.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

Mr. Atwell moved that Keith Mullen, Shane Akerson, and Robert Allen be appointed to serve on the P25 Technical Advisory Committee for two-year terms. Don Lake, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, seconded the motion, which carried on a 12-0 vote.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MAY 7, 2026, MINUTES

There was no response to the call for public comment.

Don Pelt, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, moved to approve the Committee meeting minutes of May 7, 2026, as written. Derek Keller, City of Sparks, seconded the motion, which carried on a 12-0 vote.

5. CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE BID FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE SEVEN LAKES RADIO COMMUNICATION SITE

Quinn Korbolic, Washoe County Technology Services, conducted a PowerPoint presentation and reviewed slides with the following titles: Construction Manager at Risk; Seven Lakes Radio Site; Seven Lakes Site Plan; and P25 Addendum. The intent of this site, he explained, was to provide radio coverage to the Red Rocks/Rancho Haven area, which is currently spotty or nonexistent. It would also provide redundant coverage along Pyramid Highway. He said the site would be powered by a significant solar array.

Mr. Korbolic indicated that the original estimate included a substantial amount for road construction, but estimates were modified downward after the contractor viewed the site. Additionally, the cost for the solar installation was less than projected. He noted that inflation was also included in the estimate. He felt that this project would be well-suited for the construction manager at risk process, as would future construction projects. Responding to a query from Mark Mathers, Washoe County School District, he confirmed that no additional work would need to be done to the P25 addendum for this project.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

Don Pelt, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, moved to move forward with the Seven Lakes Radio Project Site bid in an amount not to exceed \$1,577,134.00, and that the Committee recommend to the Board of County Commissioners that it approve the bid. Mark Mathers seconded the motion, which carried on a 12-0 vote.

6. NEVADA SHARED RADIO SYSTEM PROJECT UPDATE

Regional Communications Coordinator Tyler Gerber-Winn conducted a slideshow presentation and reviewed slides with the following titles: P25 System Update; Upcoming Commissioning – Tahoe; Upcoming Installations – Tahoe (2 slides); Upcoming Commissioning – Slide/Rose/Ophir; Upcoming Installations – Slide/Rose/Ophir; Upcoming Commissioning – Metro Red Peak (2 slides); Upcoming Commissioning – Metro (3 slides); Site Construction; Site Remediation (2 slides); Radio Reprogram; E911 Reimbursement; E911 Reimbursement – Potential Uses; Future Funding; Future Staff – DBA; Future Staff – PMS; Future Staff – Infrastructure; and Future Scrap or Explore.

Mr. Gerber-Winn explained that the Site on Wheels was being installed due to leasing issues with the new owners of the Tahoe Biltmore, and it would fulfill Washoe County's contractual obligation in the Tahoe basin. He remarked that that the project was expected to be done in July of 2026, not 2027 as the presentation indicated. He discussed the weatherproofing done on the equipment in Incline Village and the reason why a new ice bridge was needed at the Mt. Rose site.

Quinn Korbolic, Washoe County Technology Services, remarked that staff would return to the Joint Operating Committee (JOC) for approval of an additional guaranteed maximum price for the Smokey Quartz site once the conditional use permit was approved by the City of Sparks, likely in October.

Mr. Gerber-Winn noted that the Ash Field project was pulled because of lack of funding. None of the Seven Lakes, Smokey Quartz, or Ash Field projects were tied to any specific timeline. Much of the work currently being done, he continued, would need to be reinspected in the spring. He said any damaged equipment would be replaced before the system went online.

Mr. Gerber-Winn remarked that around 2,500 radios needed to be reprogrammed. This process will be quicker than the original program-and-install because it will be a refresh. He encouraged agencies who were considering changing the name or purpose of certain channels to send information to the radio team so those changes could be incorporated.

Mr. Korbolic noted that the amount of E911 reimbursement was approaching \$2 million, which would need to be addressed during October's discussion. Mr. Gerber-Winn provided additional details about some of the potential uses listed for those reimbursements, saying these and other options could be discussed at that meeting. He described all the steps involved in performing inspections on bi-directional amplifier (BDA) equipment, which he said were time-consuming. Hiring additional staff could help perform those required annual inspections. He believed that remote monitoring of BDAs would be a part of future fire codes, which could increase the risk assumed by the County.

Mr. Gerber-Winn defined PM as preventative maintenance, adding that the County's radio shop was funded through a separate funding source which made it harder to add positions and did not allow for overtime. He posited ways which future PM could be achieved and spoke about challenges in hiring qualified radio maintenance techs. The Enhanced Digital Access Communications System did not require as much regular maintenance as the P25 system did, he noted, though some things with the P25 system would be easier. He provided additional details about the suggestions for project types that potential infrastructure staff could handle. Mr. Korbolic added that as cost estimates and details about these options become clear, that might help guide discussions and ultimately decision-making about how to proceed with the E911 reimbursements.

Ed Atwell, University of Nevada, Reno, stressed the importance of getting input from the JOC before meetings because members are not always given much time to review the information they are provided. He urged staff to meet with legal staff to determine appropriate ways to gather feedback from small working groups. Mr. Korbolic suggested getting recommendations from the technical experts on the P25 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and providing them to the JOC. Mr. Atwell pointed out that the TAC needed to abide by the same Open Meeting Law requirements as the JOC. Chair Ryan Sommers, North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District, offered to meet with Mr. Korbolic and legal counsel to formulate a plan and return to the JOC with it.

7. P25 RADIO SYSTEM JOINT OPERATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND/OR STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS, REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION, AND SELECTION OF TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Ed Atwell, University of Nevada, Reno, inquired about the feasibility of having minutes available by the end of the month. Quinn Korbolic, Washoe County Technology Services, responded that it was previously challenging to get minutes completed, but there was a new process in place. He hoped to distribute the draft minutes earlier than right before the meeting. New staff was also being trained, he added.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no response to the call for public comment.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.