

# 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee

## Minutes

**Thursday, September 23, 2021**

**1:30 p.m.**

**Meeting held via teleconference.**

## MEMBERS

Shawn McEvers, City of Sparks, Chair  
Doug Campbell, City of Sparks  
Jennifer Felter, Washoe County  
Alexander Kukulus, Washoe County  
Robert Larson, City of Reno  
Tracy Moore, Washoe County School District  
Jamie Rodriguez, Washoe County  
Lisa Rose-Brown, City of Sparks  
Jeff Voskamp, City of Reno  
Vacant, City of Reno (Municipal Court)

## **AGENDA**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL [Non-action item]**

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

#### **PRESENT**

Doug Campbell	City of Sparks (Municipal Court)
Jenn Felter	Washoe County (Sheriff)
Alexander Kukulus	Washoe County (At-Large)
Robert Larson	City of Reno (Police)
Shawn McEvers	City of Sparks (At-Large)
Tracy Moore	Washoe County School District
Jamie Rodriguez	Washoe County (At-Large)
Lisa Rose-Brown	City of Sparks (Police)
Jeff Voskamp	City of Reno (At-Large)

#### **ABSENT**

Vacant	City of Reno (Municipal Court)
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Keith Munro, Washoe County Deputy District Attorney, was also in attendance

### **2. PUBLIC COMMENTS [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 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee agenda.**

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



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3. **APPROVAL OF MAY 20, 2021, MINUTES** [For Possible Action] – Committee members may identify any additions or corrections to the draft minutes as transcribed.

Jamie Rodriguez, Washoe County, moved to approve the May 20, 2021, meeting minutes as written; Alex Kukulius, Washoe County, provided the second. There was no response to the call for Committee or public comment. Upon the call for a vote, the minutes were approved unanimously.

4. **FINANCIAL SUMMARY** [For Possible Action] – A review, discussion, and possible action to accept the Financial Summary. *Sara DeLozier, Washoe County Technology Services*

Sara DeLozier, Washoe County Technology Services, presented the Financial Summary dated September 22, 2021. Ms. DeLozier shared the beginning fund balance was about a half million dollars over the NRS mandated maximum as will be discussed in another item on this agenda. Based on current known approved or expected expenditures the current end year fund balance is projected to be nearly \$7 million, providing approximately \$2 million available for the Committee to consider new requests. She noted there was a new section added to reflect the funds moved into a capital account for the CAD project. It was noted that while \$1 million had been budgeted to add to the capital fund, it was not anticipated that would be needed this year. The FY21 \$750,000 amount would be used before any further would be requested to be moved; Once the funds have been moved to a capital account, they cannot be moved back to the 911 Fund. The full list of previously approved and expected expenditures would be provided at or before the next meeting.

There was no response to the call for future Committee comment or public comment. No action was taken on this item.

5. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS** [For Possible Action]

a. Vice-Chair

Jeff Voskamp, City of Reno, nominated and moved to elect Robert Larson, City of Reno, as Vice-Chair; Jamie Rodriguez, Washoe County, provided the second. There was no response to the call for public comment. Upon a call for a vote, the motion carried unanimously.

6. **NEVADA OPEN MEETING LAW AND ETHICS PRESENTATION** [Non-action item] – An informational presentation on the requirements of Nevada’s Open Meeting Law (“OML”), as codified in NRS Chapter 241, and ethics in government, as codified in NRS Chapter 281A. *Keith Munro, Deputy District Attorney*

Keith Munro, Washoe County Deputy District Attorney, reviewed the supporting documents providing an overview of Open Meeting Law (OML). He focused on activity outside of meetings and steps to take should a complaint be made. Agendas should continue to be prepared with clear and concise language and the Chair should continue to lead the meeting to follow the agenda as noticed. He reminded the Committee members not to discuss items that will come before the Committee prior to the meeting or share or ask how one is planning to vote to avoid a rolling deliberation or rolling vote. It is not difficult for a complaint to be filed with the Attorney

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General's office. If a complaint were to be made, the Committee should seek how to comply with OML, communicate with the Attorney General's Office to demonstrate cooperation and to determine how to resolve the issue to come into compliance. Options for compliance may include agendaizing the item on the next agenda for discussion, can invite the Attorney General staff to discuss with the Committee, or add item to the next agenda to resolve the complaint. He noted that the Committee is shielded from be held criminally liable so long as following the direction of counsel.

7. **911 FIVE-YEAR MASTER PLAN UPDATE** [For Possible Action] – Review and discussion of the E911 Five-Year Master Plan update and possible action to approve or approve with modification the plan as presented and recommend that the Board of County Commissioners also approve the plan. *Quinn Korbolic, Washoe County Technology Services*

Quinn Korbolic, Washoe County Technology Services, reviewed his staff report and presentation for this item providing a summary of the updated Master Plan's Recommendations, differences between and similarities with the currently adopted (2018) Master Plan, and a detailed review of funding projections and future budget planning scenarios. Recommendations highlighted included:

## **Backup Plan**

- The creation of a Regional PSAP Backup Plan to include noted key features, a plan for remote worksites and equipment, and consideration of a Mobile Command Center

## **Legislative**

- Washoe County and partners should consider an effort to change existing State legislation to be compliant with FCC regulations, especially with consideration of the impact on local governments to be eligible for federal funding, including the Lift America Act.
- Establish a structured process for funding 911 programs and equipment (rules, application, tracking and audit).

## **Funding**

- Complete a NextGen 911 Readiness/Technology Assessment to identify funding needs for future technology enhancements
- Review of other potential sources of revenue and establish a system of 911 surcharges applied to any device or system that accesses 911
- Considering initiating in-depth audit of telecommunication subscriber counts and Countywide Review of dedicated circuits used in the delivery of 911 calls and associated data.

Mr. Korbolic reviewed recommendations from the 2018 Master Plan that could still be addressed by the Committee such as:

- Report PSAP operational metrics to 911 Committee
- Adopt a Mission and Vision Statement
- Annually review 5-Year Master Plan recommendations and status on any related action, 911 fund balance and future spending projections

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- Monitor impact of population growth on PSAP workload/efficiency, and 911 Surcharge revenue; and FCC guidance and regulations related to the surcharge

Mr. Korbolic indicated the revenue is steady but increasing year over year. He provided four different spending and fund balance impact projection impacts for review and comparison (sides 8-11). One scenario included the cost of fire station alerting for all agencies, one including MDCs and MDC data for all jurisdictions, one incorporating both scenario one and two items and adding potential expenses related to Truckee Meadows Fire Dispatch expenses beginning in FY22. Based on current FY22 projections, a total of \$6.5 million in approved expenditures needs to be encumbered before the end of the fiscal year to bring the fund balance below the \$5 million fund maximum.

Jamie Rodriguez, Washoe County, shared a new FCC 911 Strikeforce Report was forthcoming that would address some questions the Committee had previously had about permissive uses that are not PSAP specific such as MDCs and fire station alerting. She suggested having today's discussion but also scheduling an item for further discussion after there is time to review the new document. She commented on the following:

- Page 3 – Concerned the legislative recommendations are written in a way that is too close to making Washoe County policy recommendations and may set an expectation that Washoe County will move forward with the actions.
- Pages 4 and 54 – Concerned with the inclusion of bodycam personnel and video as those are not permitted uses as provided within the scope of the 911 Committee as decided by the BCC
- Page 45 – Section 3.3.2.2, reference link is not working and would be helpful to gain context
- Page 47 – Section 3.3.5.2, confused about Federal Engineer's objection to the use of surcharge for audit
- Page 49 – Section 3.3.9 – maybe could be reworded similar
- Page 51 – Would be helpful to provide some explanation and/or parameters around MDCs and fire station alerting to ensure inline with new FCC report

There was discussion of the newly released FCC Strikeforce Report and the need to consider and possibly incorporate direction from that concerning prioritization and permissible uses. Also discussed was the FCC's consideration of the 911 Funds for bodycams as being a diversion of funds and the impact on other opportunities for federal funding such as for NextGen 911. It was suggested that once the new items being considered for funding have been identified, the associated costs and impact to the fund to be shared with the BCC as was done with the bodycam project.

Ms. Rodriguez offered to help with the items she had noted as concerns before the next meeting. Chair McEvers asked if there were any timelines associated with the Master Plan Update's adoption or impact if the item were to be brought back to the next meeting for further review. Mr. Korbolic indicated there were not impacts with the adoption but there may be with the ending fund balance depending on the timing of the adoption. Chair McEvers expressed appreciation for the Committee's help and work done to bring this item forward.

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8. **911 FUND PRIORITIZATION OF EXPENDITURES** [For Possible Action] – Review, discussion, and possible action to approve, or approve with modification, and adopt the 911 Fund Prioritization of Expenditures as presented. *Quinn Korbulic, Washoe County Technology Services*

Quinn Korbulic, Washoe County Technology Services, reviewed his staff report for this item and the draft “Order of Priority for 911 Fund Expenditures” noting that due to the new FCC report it may be premature to address this item. The draft document provides what is currently in NRS. Jamie Rodriguez, Washoe County, agreed she’d like the opportunity to consider any new information provided by the new report. She was in agreement with the Master Plan and in the general idea to provide prioritization focusing first funding dispatch and existing commitments before considering new ones. She voiced concern with the way prioritization is provided in NRS. Jenn Felter, Washoe County, voiced concern with the broad and rather unclear description and boundaries of the uses for bodyworn cameras in NRS (items 5-7 of the draft document). Ms. Rodriguez voiced similar concern with the broadness of what “dispatch” means. She acknowledged the Committee may have previously been following too narrow of a definition but want to be mindful of ensuring dispatch needs are covered while remaining aware of having the ability to cover the bodycams. She suggested it may be helpful to have the PSAPs review the new report and provide their input. There was discussion of the NRS prioritization items and the lack of clarity around the permissiveness of items such as chairs and desks; it had been inferred that the focus was more on technology than physical environment items. There was support to continue working to refine the list of priorities and the need to mindfully craft language. There was discussion of seeking to strike a balance between broad definitions and categories for PSAP support to allow for flexibility and being specific enough not to allow for secondary PSAP support which would possibly allow other agencies such as Nevada Highway Patrol, Washoe County School District, tow companies, etc. It was suggested that a special meeting may be helpful to revisit this item before the next regularly scheduled meeting. Chair McEvers asked that the FCC Strikeforce Report be shared with the group and a special meeting could be considered.

9. **FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 911 FUND BALANCE** [For Possible Action] – Review, discussion and possible action regarding the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 ending fund balance being over the statutory maximum by \$518,255; review and discussion of the ending 911 Fund balance overage and possible action to direct staff to address the overage. *Quinn Korbulic, Washoe County Technology Services*

Quinn Korbulic, Washoe County Technology Services, reviewed his staff report for this item. At the end of the last fiscal year, the fund was \$518,255 over the statutory maximum set by NRS of \$5,000,000. NRS pretty explicitly indicates that should this occur, the County Commission shall reduce the surcharge imposed during the next fiscal year by the amount necessary to ensure the uncommitted balance in the fund at the end of the next fiscal year does not exceed the maximum. There is some urgency to take action to either spend the funds or move forward with reducing the surcharge. For this year, that would mean spending approximately \$6.5 million total; \$2 million more than currently known expenditures; additionally, the fund balance continues to accrue interest which continues to impact the fund total. In order to become encumbered, the 911 Committee recommendation and the Board of County Commissioner’s (BCC) approval is required.

There was discussion of taking an item forward to the BCC to seek direction on the matter. In response to questions, DDA Munro suggested Committee should be regularly providing updates

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and taking forward good and fully vetted recommendations. The Committee could provide its recommendations for funding to the BCC and allow them to consider whether to approve the recommendations or move forward with reducing the surcharge.

Jeff Voskamp, City of Reno, spoke against spending money just to avoid reducing the surcharge but suggested rather that the Committee take this opportunity to provide funding for permissive uses, especially in light of the new FCC guidance.

The process and potential need for a special meeting was discussed with guidance that Item 19 of this agenda would be an appropriate time to make that request to the Chair. As there has been no action taken on Items 7, 8 or 9 of this agenda, they have been effectively tabled.

## 10. Consent Items [For Possible Action]

- a. **REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE CITY OF SPARKS DISPATCH PSAP – IAED NAVIGATOR 2021** [For Possible Action] – A review, discussion and possible action to make a recommendation to approve, deny, or otherwise modify a request to reimburse the costs associated with sending four attendees to the Navigator IAED 2021 Conference currently scheduled, but subject to change, in Las Vegas, Nevada, on July 13-15, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$4,500. *Lisa Rose-Brown, City of Sparks*
- b. **REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR WASHOE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE – AXON ACCELERATE CONFERENCE 2021** [For Possible Action] – A review, discussion and possible action to make a recommendation to approve, deny, or otherwise modify a request to reimburse the costs associated with sending two attendees to the Axon Accelerate Conference 2021 currently scheduled, but subject to change, in Phoenix, Arizona, on November 1-3, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$3,000. *Jenn Felter, Washoe County*
- c. **REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR CITY OF RENO PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCH PSAP – MONITORS** [For Possible Action] – A review, discussion and possible action to make a recommendation to approve, deny, or otherwise modify a request to reimburse the costs associated with the purchase of ten 24-inch Dell Dispatch monitors, in an amount not to exceed \$1,820. *Cody Shadle, City of Reno*

There were no changes to the Consent Agenda. Jamie Rodriguez, Washoe County, moved to make a recommendation to approve the Consent Agenda; Alex Kukulus, Washoe County, provided the second. There was no response to the call for Committee comment or public comment. Upon a call for a vote, the motion carried unanimously.

## End of Consent Items

### Funding Requests – Bodyworn Camera Related

11. **REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR WASHOE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE – AXON FLEET 2 CONTRACT YEAR FOUR** [For Possible Action] – A review, discussion and possible action to make a recommendation to approve, deny or otherwise modify a request to reimburse

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the costs associated with the Washoe County Axon Contract for Fleet Cameras, Year Four (FY22), in an amount not to exceed \$96,480.00. *Blaine Beard, Washoe County*

Jamie Rodriguez, Washoe County, moved to make a recommendation to approve the request to reimburse the costs associated with the Washoe County Axon Contract for Fleet Cameras, Year Four (FY22), in an amount not to exceed \$96,480.00. Lisa Rose-Brown, City of Sparks, provided the second. There was no response to the call for Committee comment or public comment. Upon a call for a vote, the motion carried unanimously.

## Funding Requests – General

12. **REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR CITY OF SPARKS DISPATCH PSAP – DISPATCH EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE DATA LINES** [For Possible Action] – A review, discussion and possible action to make a recommendation to approve, deny, or otherwise modify a request to reimburse the costs associated with replacing and adding additional data lines used to connect emergency phone lines and radio equipment to Sparks Emergency Communications Center in an amount not to exceed \$32,000. *Lisa Rose-Brown, City of Sparks*

Lisa Rose-Brown, City of Sparks, shared this request was related to the Dispatch remodel. Jamie Rodriguez, Washoe County, moved to make a recommendation to approve the request to reimburse the costs associated with the replacing and adding additional data lines used to connect emergency phone lines and radio equipment to Sparks Emergency Communications Center in an amount not to exceed \$32,000. Robert Larson, City of Reno, provided the second. There was no response to the call for Committee comment or public comment. Upon a call for a vote, the motion carried unanimously.

13. **REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR WASHOE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER PSAP – EMERGENCY SERVICE PLAN (ESP)** [For Possible Action] – A review, discussion and possible action to make a recommendation to approve, deny, or otherwise modify a request to reimburse the costs associated with the purchase of International Academy of Emergency Dispatching - Emergency Service Plan (ESP) Platinum Package, which maintains licensing, updates, and customer support of Police, Fire, and Medical call taking software in an amount not to exceed \$34,560. *Jenn Felter, Washoe County*

Robert Larson, City of Reno, moved to make a recommendation to approve the request to reimburse the costs associated with Washoe County's purchase of International Academy of Emergency Dispatching - Emergency Service Plan (ESP) Platinum Package, which maintains licensing, updates, and customer support of Police, Fire, and Medical call taking software in an amount not to exceed \$34,560. Jamie Rodriguez, Washoe County, provided the second. There was no response to the call for Committee comment or public comment. Upon a call for a vote, the motion carried unanimously.

14. **REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR CITY OF RENO PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCH PSAP – ProQA EMERGENCY SERVICE PLAN (ESP)** [For Possible Action] – A review, discussion and possible action to make a recommendation to approve, deny, or otherwise modify a request to reimburse the costs associated with the purchase of International Academy of Emergency Dispatching - Emergency Service Plan (ESP) Platinum Package, which maintains

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licensing, updates, and customer support of Police, Fire, and Medical call taking software in an amount not to exceed \$13,200. *Cody Shadle, City of Reno*

Jamie Rodriguez, Washoe County, moved to make a recommendation to approve the request to reimburse the costs associated with the City of Reno's purchase of International Academy of Emergency Dispatching - Emergency Service Plan (ESP) Platinum Package, which maintains licensing, updates, and customer support of Police, Fire, and Medical call taking software in an amount not to exceed \$13,200. Jenn Felter, Washoe County, provided the second. There was no response to the call for Committee comment or public comment. Upon a call for a vote, the motion carried unanimously.

- 15. REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT – ProQA EMERGENCY FIRE DISPATCH (EFD)** [For Possible Action] – A review, discussion and possible action to make a recommendation to approve, deny, or otherwise modify a request to fund the costs associated with the purchase of ProQA Priority Emergency Fire Dispatch Software licensing, training, quality assurance, support, accreditation, and associated cost with implementing the service in an amount not to exceed \$148,244. *Charlie Moore, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District*

Alex Kukulus, Washoe County, shared this request was an initial one as part of the transition to have REMSA provide Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District's (TMFPD's) dispatch service. The purchase will wholly-owned and in the name of TMFPD not REMSA. The request is for the initial investment; there will be an annual maintenance expense.

Jamie Rodriguez, Washoe County, expressed concern with expanding beyond the statutorily identified entities that can be supported using these funds. As this request includes training costs for REMSA staff, she questioned the plan to handle the training costs should there be a future separation. Additionally, she warned about the potential slippery slope of opening the door to this fund providing benefit to a private third-party entity; she also questioned the impact on expectations and potential ancillary requests that may come to be associated such as for consoles or conference attendance.

Alex Kukulus, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, shared he had worked with prior Committee counsel to clarify NRS and Washoe County Code eligible agencies and requests, cognizant of the potential for actual or perceived cross-benefit. He provided the example of Emergency Medical Dispatch as an expense that would fall into that category and so will not be brought forward to this Committee for 911 Fund reimbursement. Emergency Fire Dispatch, however, will only provide exclusive benefit to TMFPD and their public safety function. He acknowledged that while the Committee had historically limited the agencies, he had been advised there were no statutory restrictions prohibiting TMFPD as a government entity from bringing forward requests to support its function. In response to concerns about training, he noted turnover whether with REMSA or another entity would entail a certain amount of retraining and would be a small fraction of the overall expense; this year's conference expenses had not been considered for reimbursement from the fund. He shared appreciation for the need to be conscientious of how the funds are spent and potential exposure to create a precedent. Charlie Moore, TMFPD Fire Chief, reiterated the request is a clear benefit for TMFPD and those in the community that have a fire emergency. He asked that the request be considered on its own merit and the Committee not forecast too much into the future noting this is an expense that would be covered by TMFPD, not REMSA, if this request were not approved for reimbursement from this fund.

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Robert Larson, City of Reno, voiced agreement with the concerns raised by Ms. Rodriguez and requested Mr. Munro's advice. He voiced concern with how the request fits with the goals of the updated Master Plan and questioned the impacts should REMSA take steps to become a AAA Dispatch center. DDA Munro responded with advice that members consider the legitimate request as brought forward and voice any concerns for the record and with the ability to vote against a recommendation for approval. When presented to the BCC, they have the ability to add limiting language such to indicate if the funds are not used appropriately, they would need to be returned to the fund. Mr. Larson also expressed concern with this situation subsidizing a private entity.

Cody Shadle, City of Reno Dispatch, questioned the ownership of the licensing which Mr. Kukulus indicated he would need to clarify. Jenn Felter, Washoe County, strongly encouraged that TMFPD get its own Agency ID. Mr. Kukulus reviewed the recent history of the organizational changes regarding the fire agency noting dispatching services have always been subcontracted, currently to Washoe County. He expressed frustration with concerns to distinguish between public or private sector personnel providing the service to and on behalf of TMFPD and reiterated this is necessary for the services TMFPD provides.

In response to Lisa Rose-Brown, City of Sparks, Jenn Felter, Washoe County, confirmed Washoe County planned to maintain the Emergency Fire Dispatch certifications for their staff, not wanting to lose any existing certifications that could benefit another agency and considering the considerable expense to go out of compliance and start from scratch if there is a need. She added that IAED best practice discourages transfer to a lesser dispatch; twice recently REMSA has transferred to Washoe County.

Jamie Rodriguez, Washoe County, while noting extreme reservation about auxiliary request, she didn't disagree that this is an important part of TMFPD's ability to provide service and moved to make a recommendation to approve the request to reimburse the costs associated with TMFPD's purchase of ProQA Priority Emergency Fire Dispatch Software licensing, training, quality assurance, support, accreditation, and associated cost with implementing the service in an amount not to exceed \$148,244; Alex Kukulus, Washoe County, provided the second. There was no response to the call for further Committee comment or public comment. Upon a call for a vote, the motion carried with eight in favor, one opposed (Member Larson).

- 16. REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR CITY OF RENO PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCH PSAP – DISPATCH CONSOLES** [For Possible Action] – A review, discussion and possible action to make a recommendation to approve, deny, or otherwise modify a request to reimburse the costs associated with the purchase of three Harris Symphony Radio Dispatch Consoles in an amount not to exceed \$173,280.14. *Cody Shadle, City of Reno*

Cody Shadle, City of Reno, shared this request is to replace two consoles with complete failure and unable to be repaired. Consoles have been borrowed to ensure full functionality in the meantime. One is under warranty but still demonstrating failure after repair (full replacement is not included in warranty); attempts to service both have been unsuccessful.

Jamie Rodriguez, Washoe County, moved to make a recommendation to approve the request to reimburse the costs associated with the City of Reno's purchase of three Harris Symphony Radio Dispatch Consoles in an amount not to exceed \$173,280.14; Shawn McEvers, City of Sparks, provided the second. There was no response to the call for

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Committee comment or public comment. Upon a call for a vote, the motion carried unanimously.

- 17. REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR CITY OF RENO DISPATCH AND FIRE – PURVIS FIRE STATION ALERTING SYSTEM** [For Possible Action] – A review, discussion and possible action to make a recommendation to approve, deny, or otherwise modify a request to reimburse the costs associated with the purchase of software, hardware, installation and extended warranty of a PURVIS Fire Station Alerting System to include the City of Reno Dispatch Center and fourteen City of Reno Fire Stations for a total cost not to exceed either \$1,240,000 either: a) \$1,099,712.34 for a one-time payment or b) \$1,124,712.34 split over five years with annual payment of \$224,942.47. *Kannaiah Vadlakunta, City of Reno Department of Information Technology*

Kannaiah Vadlakunta, City of Reno Department of Information Technology, spoke to the request noting this would replace the existing 20-year-old legacy system at the end of life for fourteen stations with a one-time payment option with savings, or the ability to make five annual payments. A similar request was originally brought forward to the Committee in January 2021 at which time the Committee requested a regional approach be sought. Following that guidance, additional vendors were explored leading to the currently recommended one. He noted the following attributes of PURVIS as being important in recommending this vendor as a regional solution: a long history of performance, the ability to scale-up, an active-active solution (call routed to two servers at the same time, rather than waiting for path to fail), service independent of hardware, the option for each agency to provide own hardware, 24/7/365 support, data/radio compatibility, and five years of included maintenance with a small annual fee for licensing. The current system, Zetron, presents risks being at end-of-life.

Jamie Rodriguez, Washoe County, acknowledged the request seems to be a permissive use of the funds but questioned where this would fall within the funding priorities. She indicated she was not comfortable supporting the request today before addressing the priority structure. Jenn Felter, Washoe County, voiced support for Ms. Rodriguez's comments and establishing a structured process for prioritization. As a new request before the Committee, Ms. Rodriguez voiced strong concern with the "waterfall" impact approval may have on the prioritization potentially jeopardizing the ability to support dispatch needs. While there are adequate funds now, the long-range impacts need to be considered especially being aware of technology advances and the potential for an expanded range of items for consideration or permissive uses.

Alex Kukulius, Washoe County, spoke in support of approving the request considering it is a permissive and warranted use, would be an improvement from the current system, and there is the ability to fund it this year. He expressed concern a reduction of the surcharge may have on future funding abilities. Jeff Voskamp, City of Reno, also spoke in favor of utilizing the fund for this permissive use and expressed doubt the Committee would be unable to fulfill the needs of the PSAPS given the fund balance, and that they would not lose priority. He expressed urgency in moving forward with appropriate uses this year in time to impact the end-of-year fund balance.

Quinn Korbolic, Washoe County Technology Services, referenced his earlier presentation (Item 7 of this agenda) which provided several spending scenarios and the four-five-year impact of each on the fund balance. One scenario included fire station alerting for all fire agencies as well as other items not yet considered or approved such as Next Gen 911 Readiness Assessment, CAD expenditures [and Reno Public Safety Center radio equipment] with a determination that there is adequate funding to support the requests from the three fire agencies.

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There was discussion about the ability of this vendor to meet the needs for other agencies. Chair McEvers shared the City of Sparks had been included in the discussion of a vendor that would work regionally and indicated intent to bring forward a similar request for Sparks. Mr. Kukulius shared Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District had also been included noting their system has a unit life range from a few years to 20+ years. Jenn Felter, Washoe County, spoke to the importance of the interface to avoid failure points. Cody Shadle, City of Reno Dispatch, shared the request was a dispatch need that would alleviate the current workarounds in place with the current system, and improve the ability to respond fully and efficiently especially when managing high-surge or multiple events. Chair McEvers noted the importance of a regional approach similar to what is being sought with the CAD system and the Dispatch Centers, and the need for redundancy.

[4:13 p.m. Tracy Moore, Washoe County School District, left the meeting.]

Jeff Voskamp, City of Reno, moved to make a recommendation to approve the request to reimburse the costs associated with the City of Reno's purchase of software, hardware, installation and extended warranty of a PURVIS Fire Station Alerting System to include the City of Reno Dispatch Center and fourteen City of Reno Fire Stations for a total cost not to exceed \$1,099,712.34 for a one-time payment. Lisa Rose-Brown, City of Sparks, provided the second. There was no response to the call for further Committee comment.

Upon the call for public comment, Charlie Moore, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, urged the Committee to approve the request; there was no further response to the call for public comment. Upon a call for the vote, the motion carried with six in favor, two opposed (Members Rodriguez and Felter).

- 18. REGIONAL COMPUTER AIDED-DISPATCH (CAD) SYSTEM REPLACEMENT UPDATE**  
[Discussion only] – An informational update and discussion of the Regional CAD System Replacement Project, including but not limited to discussion of CAD and Records Management System governance. *Quinn Korbulic, Washoe County Technology Services*

Quinn Korbulic, Washoe County Technology Services, shared that the regional RFP facilitated and released by the City of Reno was set to close September 30, 2021; a strong response is expected. Review of the proposals will begin in October and be conducted in two phases. The first will aim to achieve as objective and structured a review as possible based on how well the proposal meets the functional requirements set forth resulting in an overall ranking. From that scoring, three to five vendors will be selected for vendor demonstrations, which will include interviews and an evaluation of the cost proposals; should it be necessary, site visits to existing vendor customers may be scheduled. The goal is to be in contract negotiations toward the end of this year/early 2022, with a contract signed in late winter/early spring to allow for a kickoff meeting for new system spring 2022.

- 19. 911 EMERGENCY RESPONSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER AND/OR STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS, REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION AND SELECTION OF TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS** [Non-action item] - No discussion among Committee members will take place on this item. The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 16 [November 18], 2021, 1:30 p.m.

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- Jeff Voskamp, City of Reno, requested a special October meeting to further discuss the Master Plan and spending prioritization (Items 7 and 8 of this agenda). Chair McEvers spoke in favor of scheduling a special meeting the last week of October and asked staff to coordinate.

- 20. 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 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee agenda.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

- 21. ADJOURNMENT** [Non-action item]

The meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Approved as written in session October 28, 2021.