

COLUMBIA 9-1-1 COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
Minutes of the Joint Board of Directors and Advisory Committee Meeting
October 25, 2022

Board Present: Bruce Holsey, Henry Heimuller, Jeff Flatt, Rob Anderson, Shelley Hennessy
Advisory Present: Mike Russell, Josh Marks, Joe Kaczinski, Eric Smythe, Joel Medina, Shawn Carnahan, Steve Sharek, Steven Lougal, Kelly Niles, Jeff Pricher, Brian Pixley, Earl Smith, Evin Eustice
Staff Present: Mike Fletcher, Nancy Edwards, Nathan Hughes, Dannell Hooper, Alex Edinger, Maryjo Beck, Chandra Egan
Guests Present: Michael Peterkin – Peterkin Burgess, Greg Brody, Anna Del Savio – Spotlight, Megan Greisen, Tyler Miller

9:0am Meeting called to order

Bruce Holsey 0:00

This Board of Directors meeting of Columbia 9-1-1 Communications District, October 25, 2022. I'm Bruce Holsey, President of the Board and would the other, the rest of the Board members like to introduce yourselves?

Jeff Flatt 0:16

Jeff Flatt, Rainier.

Rob Anderson 0:19

Rob Anderson, Scappoose.

Henry Heimuller 0:22

Henry Heimuller, representing the St. Helens area.

Bruce Holsey 0:26

Administrators

Mike Fletcher 0:26

Shelley's on the phone, representing the Vernonia, Mist-Birkenfeld area. Staff, we have Mike Fletcher, Executive Director, Nancy Edwards, CFO, we have Dannell Hooper, Operations Manager, Nathan Hughes, Technical Manager, Alex Edinger, Training Coordinator, Chandra Egan, CAD Specialist. Mr. Russell.

Mike Russell 0:54

Okay. I'd like to open the joint meeting with the 9-1-1 Advisory Committee for October 25, 2022. I'm Mike Russell, I'm the Advisory Committee chair and I'd like to allow the other committee members to introduce themselves.

Greg Brody 1:14

Greg Brody, Westport Fire.

Josh Marks 1:16

Josh Marks representing Scappoose Fire.

Rob Davis 1:18

Rob Davis, Vernonia Fire.

Joe Kaczinski 1:20

Joe Kaczinski, Mist Birkenfeld.

Eric Smythe 1:22

Eric Smythe, Columbia River,

Joel Medina 1:24

Joel Medina, Columbia River.

Shawn Carnahan 1:26

Shawn Carnahan, Vernonia Police Department.

Steve Sharek 1:28

Steve Sharek, Clatskanie Fire District.

Steven Lougal 1:31

Steven Lougal, Scappoose Police.

Mike Russell 1:37

Yeah, go ahead Kelly.

Kelly Niles 1:40

Kelly Niles, Oregon Department of Forestry.

Mike Fletcher 1:44

And that's it sir.

Bruce Holsey 1:46

That's it?

Mike Russell 1:47

I think that's it.

Bruce Holsey 1:52

Okay, and the public?

Mike Fletcher 1:52

Yep.

Bruce Holsey 1:53

Is there any member of the public who would like to address the Board? Remember, there is a maximum of three minutes.

Tyler Miller 2:01

Board President Holsey, I'd like to address, and I would also ask for consideration of a minute or two more, if needed since the Board meeting and the Advisory Committee are combined this morning. I might be able to get, I'll certainly try.

Bruce Holsey 2:16

We're going to try and keep it at three, please.

Tyler Miller 2:17

Good morning, Board and Advisory Committee. For the record, my name is Tyler Miller, Scappoose resident and Scappoose City Councilor. I'd like to address both the Board and Advisory Committee on a few topics and offer some perspective for consideration. The first is the recurring topic of the band of any radio system, whether it be VHF 700, or 800. And I'd like to encourage these two groups to exit from that conversation. And the reason is, because that is an engineering aspect that really, the engineers need to determine. And the vendor needs to determine because you all are going to ask them to guarantee and warranty their work. And for us to come forward and tell them what band and other technical specifications on an engineering level that we want them to use, and then require them to warranty their work is problematic. What I would encourage the end user groups to focus on is what your needs are for your operations to support your operations. Things like the coverage, emergency buttons, PTT ID, AVL location services, those are all things that you as an end user group should be telling the vendors and the engineers that you need. But the band, the wire in the wall, so to speak, should not really be concerning to the end users, so long as it actually works, and gives you what you need. If you plug your computer into the wall, and it works for you to do your job, why do you care what wires in the wall - that's a way to look at it. Point being if this group started driving what band and other engineering aspects are to be used by a manufacturer, you can't really expect that manufacturer, that vendor, to warranty the system. What's going to happen if there's an issue with the system, and everybody's going to be pointing fingers at each other. The vendor is going to say well, you want to VHF, and I'll remind you that back in 2018, when Motorola came out and did their presentation with Tate and others, Motorola specifically said, and there's recording, that they will not warranty VHF coverage. So again, I would encourage this group just to focus on what your need requirements are to, you know, do your job safely, and as the community expects of all you, but I wouldn't encourage you to get into the actual band. That is an engineering aspect that the engineers with, you know, all of their education as an engineer really needs to determine. The second topic I'd like to briefly discuss is owning or joining WCCCA or the CRESA system. Recently, there was an article in the Chronicle newspaper that said that a bond can only pay for the initial build of the system. A levy would have to be used to fund ongoing recurring expenses on an annual basis. If we were to partner with CRESA or WCCCA or any other service, they would charge us a per radio subscriber fee to the tune of three \$400 a year per radio. That is inherently going to raise the amount of a levy that would need to be approved by the voters. The problem with that is compression. Bonds cannot cause compression, but levies do. Parts of Rainier, parts of Clatskanie, Vernonia are already in compression. If anybody doesn't know what compression is, I highly recommend they look it up because for those of you that have local option levies, it can push your rate down if another levy gets passed. If we don't own our own system, that will inherently eliminate the ability or the really the ability for schools and other providers to be on this radio system because they're not going to be able to afford a \$400 per year...

Bruce Holsey 5:59

Mr. Miller, we're at three minutes, sir. Thank you.

Tyler Miller 6:13

I'll email the rest of my comments to everybody. Thank you.

Bruce Holsey 6:15

Is there any other public comment? Hearing none. Are there any additions to the agenda that need to be made?

Mike Fletcher 6:29

No, sir.

Bruce Holsey 6:30

Okay. Official appointment, legal services General Counsel appointment.

Mike Fletcher 6:36

Yes, sir. So, during our special meeting of September 29, we met in executive session the Board of Directors did with legal counsel, and kind of went through the background, the steps of where we are today. And the 9-1-1 District has multiple attorneys and law firms that specialize in certain aspects of our business. Obviously, we have a labor firm that does all personnel and hiring practices and administrative for discipline and such. We also have a general counsel firm that takes care of all of our business, governmental business contracting, purchasing, construction, all sorts of non-personnel HR type legal advice. Recently, over the last couple of months, our General Counsel firm declared a conflict of interest. And that has hampered the District's ability to do some business, because they represent another entity that we deal with. So, District staff contacted our labor firm, which is a very large firm, and we asked for a recommendation for a new general counsel. They recommended Mr. Michael Peterkin. And I'm going to introduce him in just a moment, he's meeting us virtually from his office in Bend. In your packet is a bio and a photo of Mr. Peterkin. I've met with him many times over the last couple of months in preparation for what Columbia County 9-1-1 is, what Columbia County is, our business, our model, our users and some of the challenges that we have that we're ramping up to engage his services. Specifically, we have construction going on for a radio site. We're on the cusp of this District moving forward on a new radio solution. And he will play part and parcel in all of that. So, at this point, I'd like to introduce Michael Peterkin. Michael, can you hear us?

Michael Peterkin 9:07

Yes. Good morning. I can't see you, but I can hear you. Let me into the video yet?

Mike Fletcher 9:15

You are up on the big screen. Yes, sir.

Michael Peterkin 9:18

Okay, perfect. Well, good morning to the advisory committee. Good morning to Mr. Holsey, President. Mr. Flatt, Mr. Heimuller, Ms. Hennessy, and Mr. Anderson and the other members in attendance of the advisory committee - I didn't catch all your names, but good morning. Yes, I have met personally with Mr. Fletcher. I've talked to the attorneys at Bullard and I'm becoming familiar with the issues that confront Columbia 9-1-1 District. And so, you have my resume. I have been doing this work for 40 years; learned a few things along the way. I have, as my bio says, I have cases in the United States Supreme Court is one case, but multiple cases in the United States, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and of course, the many, many cases in the Oregon

appellate courts, and I have handled cases in most jurisdictions in Oregon. There's a couple that I haven't had a case in, but not many. I can say for example, I've had a jury trial in Lake County, and jury trials in Union County, and, and Wallowa county just to give you an idea, I've been all over Oregon, and I've had cases and other states as well. So, I'm here to help the District to the best I can. I believe in a cooperative approach, but I also have deep litigation experience and conflict resolution experience. So that's my introduction. In fact, I'm going to trial tomorrow on a somewhat complex case. So, with that, I will entertain any questions?

Mike Fletcher 12:07

Hearing none, sir.

Bruce Holsey 12:10

Okay. Do I hear a motion to replace Beery Elsner and Hammond LLP with Peterkin Burgess. Specifically, is it Michael Peterkin?

Mike Fletcher 12:24

Correct.

Bruce Holsey 12:25

Through the personal service contract for general counsel.

Henry Heimuller 12:31

So moved. I'm not going to try to go through all those names again so...

Bruce Holsey 12:35

I don't, I don't want to read them again. So, we have a motion. Is there a second?

Jeff Flatt 12:42

I'll second.

Bruce Holsey 12:43

We have a second by Jeff. Any discussion?

Henry Heimuller 12:46

I think we talked a little bit about whether it was going to hamper us in any way having our firm housed in Bend, but I think that question was answered sufficiently with all of our electronic means, and, and all of that. And of course, it sounded like from our original discussion that Mr. Peterkin wouldn't be hesitant to come here whenever it was needed so...

Mike Fletcher 13:13

And not speaking for Michael, but he did voice he would have preferred to be here in person, but he does have a trial starting tomorrow. So, it's kind of inconvenient so...

Bruce Holsey 13:25

Makes sense. Well, call for the vote. All in favor, say aye.

Henry Heimuller, Jeff Flatt, Shelley Hennessy, Rob Anderson 13:33

Aye.

Bruce Holsey 13:34
Opposed? Motion passes.

Mike Fletcher 13:36
Thank you very much. Congratulations, Mr. Peterkin.

Michael Peterkin 13:40
I look forward to working with all of you. And I intend to arrange time to come over and meet with you in the near future.

Mike Fletcher 13:53
Very good. Thank you, sir.

Bruce Holsey 13:54
Ok, moving along approval of meeting minutes, I will accept a motion for approval of the meeting minutes of September 22, 2022 and the Special Board meeting of September 29, 2022.

Rob Anderson 14:10
So moved.

Bruce Holsey 14:11
We have a motion on the floor. Is there a second?

Henry Heimuller 14:14
Second.

Bruce Holsey 14:15
Seconded by Henry. Any discussion? Calling for the vote. All in favor say aye.

Henry Heimuller, Jeff Flatt, Shelley Hennessy, Rob Anderson 14:21
Aye.

Bruce Holsey 14:25
Opposed same sign. Motion passes.

Mike Russell 14:28
For the Advisory Committee, I will accept a motion for approval of meeting minutes of September 22, 2022 and the special, sorry, wrong one. Meeting minutes of January 25, 2022 and the meeting transcription of June 14, 2022. Do I have a motion?

Joe Kaczinski 14:55
I'll make the motion with one exception, I believe, I don't have a copy in front of me, but my name is misspelled on one of those.

Maryjo Beck 15:02
I'll get that fixed.

Mike Russell 15:09

With that correction, do I have a second?

Rob Davis 15:12

I will second.

Mike Russell 15:12

It's been moved and seconded to adopt or approve the minutes of January 25th and the meeting transcription of June 14, 2022 with the correction of Chief Kaczinski's name and as presented. Any discussion? Seeing none, I'll ask for all those in favor say aye.

Advisory Committee Group 15:38

Aye.

Mike Russell 15:41

Those opposed same sign. Motion carries.

Bruce Holsey 15:47

Excuse me, financial reports. Acceptance of the Budget Variance.

Rob Anderson 15:51

Mr. Chair, I move to approve the budget variance report as presented.

Bruce Holsey 16:00

Ok, is there a second?

Henry Heimuller 16:03

Second.

Bruce Holsey 16:04

Ok. It's been moved and seconded. Is there any discussion? Call for the vote, all in favor say aye.

Henry Heimuller, Jeff Flatt, Shelley Hennessy, Rob Anderson 16:15

Aye.

Bruce Holsey 16:17

Opposed? None. Motion passes. Approval of expenditures.

Henry Heimuller 16:25

Mr. Chair, I move that we approve the check register from check number 31010 through 31039, or I'm sorry, 31055, including all those electronic payments that we send off to the state for a total of \$583,522.57 as presented.

Bruce Holsey 16:51

Is there a second?

Jeff Flatt 16:55

I'll second.

Bruce Holsey 16:56

Seconded by Jeff. It's been moved and seconded. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor by saying aye.

Henry Heimuller, Jeff Flatt, Shelley Hennessy, Rob Anderson 17:08

Aye.

Bruce Holsey 17:10

Any opposed? None, motion passes. PERS actuary.

Mike Fletcher 17:18

I'm going to let Nancy take that.

Nancy Edwards 17:22

The PERS Actuarial report that's in your board packets is going to be the rates that become effective July 1, 2023. They are down slightly from what the advisory was last year, so that's good news.

Henry Heimuller 17:38

That doesn't happen very often.

Nancy Edwards 17:39

No.

Bruce Holsey 17:39

Exactly.

Nancy Edwards 17:42

And I need no action on that.

Bruce Holsey 17:45

Operation Manager's report, Dannell.

Dannell Hooper 17:49

Yeah, so our hiring update - we have our third and final applicant from our last hiring pool that's going to start November 28th. And we are always open for hiring laterals. We have a lateral that we've given a contingent job offer to pending his background and final steps. And we have two in training - one is finishing up her radio training and Delana Quinn just finished up her in-house academy. Staff are going to be participating in the upcoming Halloween Trunk or Treat event at the fairgrounds. They've done a lot of work together and are excited. And then we're right in the middle of fall training for staff. We had our first session yesterday and our next session will be next week; it's going well.

Bruce Holsey 18:33

Good.

Henry Heimuller 18:33

Nice.

Bruce Holsey 18:33

Is there any questions for Dannell from the Board?

Mike Fletcher 18:35

Board or Advisory, any questions for Operations. Thank you.

Bruce Holsey 18:43

Ok, Technical Managers report, Nathan.

Nathan Hughes 18:48

We did more security operating system patches to CAD - very short downtime of a couple of minutes, then just couple more minutes come back up. A company called Pano AI reached out to us. They work with Washington County and Clackamas County to detect fires and the area using AI cameras on towers. They are working with PGE right now to give tower operators cameras for free. So, hopefully PGE will come back and decide to use our tower so we can start using AI to find forest fires and things like that. And then we are getting ready to interview Technology and Facilities Specialists this 27th; we have three applicants that are very qualified.

Bruce Holsey 19:44

Thank you. Is there any questions from the Advisory Committee or the Board for Nathan? For Technical Manager?

Henry Heimuller 19:51

I had one Mr. Chair. On that, the fire cameras, which sounds like a great idea, who's going to monitor those? Where do the feeds go?

Nathan Hughes 20:00

So, the way it works is the cameras will detect the fire, then it goes to a clearinghouse where an operator will make sure that it's a real fire and not like somebody's chimney smoke or something like that. And then once it's decided that it's probably a fire, it'll be sent via text message, email, and then we'll have a control panel that we can monitor live feeds and watch the fire. I mean, it does everything with multiple cameras, you can triangulate within 100 to 200 feet of where it actually is. Clackamas sent me a couple of demos of their system online, and it was insane how fast it detected some of those fires.

Henry Heimuller 20:41

But it wouldn't be, our dispatchers wouldn't be subject to having to be watching and monitoring the cameras?

Nathan Hughes 20:47

No, so that's a piece that we'll have to figure out. I mean, I don't want to jump the gun if we don't get them, if PGE decides not to use our tower. But once they do decide, working with Dannell and figuring out the operations flow working with local fire agencies to see how they want the operations flow to go.

Henry Heimuller 21:10

Ok, that sounds interesting.

Bruce Holsey 21:17

Anything else from anybody? Old business, Mr. Fletcher.

Mike Fletcher 21:22

Old business. We're wrapping up our winter preparations. Refueling is complete at all of our site generators. We're finishing up the preventative maintenance for those, the generators themselves; almost done with that. Going down our list, there's nothing to report on Clatskanie. Nothing to report on Corey?

Mike Russell 21:52

Hey Mike? So, I don't remember whether last year, or was in April? Wasn't there a problem gaining access to a site?

Mike Fletcher 22:02

So yes, there was a... so a year ago, we had a problem at the Clatskanie site. We didn't know that site went down. But we don't know, we didn't know at the time what it was. And there was a distinct challenge to get up there because it was during, of course, an active snow event. So, deep snow took Cats to get up there, turned out to be a battery on the generator itself. And so when the PM, when the vendor who does our PMs on generators did that site, which is about this time of year, every year - so we do it in the fall, and we do them again in the spring - the amps on that battery checked okay, but like all things, it's cold and they drain. And so when it needed it, it didn't have enough amps to kick the generator over, so it failed. So, it was a combination of work between Power Systems West, who is our vendor for the PMs on generators, and Day Wireless to make that correction up there. So, there's a focus this year of when Power Systems West does their PMS, I'm asking them to not only check - they automatically check the amps on the batteries - but I want to also know the dates of those batteries. How old are they? and if they're over four years old chuck them, we're starting over. So...

Mike Russell 23:35

Well specifically on the access, what road is that?

Mike Fletcher 23:38

It is, it is a combination of Weyerhaeuser and Evenson Logging. It's a very, I can't remember how many miles, seven miles. It's a long way up there.

Mike Russell 23:54

Well, I mean, I'm just going to throw this out there. If we can, Columbia County Road Department could help with that in the future if that becomes an issue again. Just give me a call. If we can, we can help.

Mike Fletcher 24:09

We'll put you on our call list.

Mike Russell 24:13

Because I know that was an issue.

Mike Fletcher 24:14

It was.

Henry Heimuller 24:17

Mike, do those generators, cycle themselves every week?

Mike Fletcher 24:20

They do, yep.

Henry Heimuller 24:21

So, let's just start it. Do we have a way of knowing whether it started the week before?

Mike Fletcher 24:27

We know that they could see that the generator tried. It failed over to it but there just wasn't enough juice to kick it over.

Henry Heimuller 24:36

But if there's not a, if there's a... it's a Monday morning test or something like that, if it doesn't start that week, are we notified electronically in any way that it didn't work?

Mike Fletcher 24:48

We don't have a monitoring system for the generators.

Nathan Hughes 24:51

No.

Rob Anderson 24:57

Not to get too much in the weeds, but since I heard you throw a date out, just through a lot of stuff, experience with our fleet, if we're sticking with conventional lead acid batteries, I would recommend maybe every two years, because these are critical devices. And I know after two years even though something tests fine, you know, you could go back a month or two later you hit the drop off. If we're looking at going to, away from sealed lead acid to something else, then I think that time period could be extended out. But because we have issues of accessibility with weather and everything else, I think maybe being a little more proactive.

Mike Fletcher 25:40

I've made a note of that. Bald Hill update. At the last meeting, we approved that purchase of the equipment. There was a request to change the language of that quote; in your packet was the updated language. I already signed off on it. It did remove the sales tax line item, although there was no number there, we just removed that entire line item. As well as it was a much more robust description of what we're actually doing. So that is in play.

Henry Heimuller 26:25

Do we have an ETA?

Mike Fletcher 26:29

Don't have the ETA on shipping. It's kind of a, an unknown at this point like everything else. What we did also learn about Bald Hill - so I believe I shared with you last time that the site owner, which is the Army Corps of Engineers, when we were working on this, trying to solve, come up with a solution for that, that hill, in the microwave shot, Army Corps of Engineers was very accommodating, very helpful. They still are, but they had made a comment that they may be interested in turning over the ownership of that site to Columbia 9-1-1. We started that process since we last talked, but just this last week, some regional colonel of the Army Corps

made a decision that they still want to keep it at this point. So, we just changed our conversation from acquisition to improvement of that site to our benefit and that means that we will, we're going to be seeking to build a true tower there. We're sitting on a short tower 60 feet tall, and we want to increase the height. So... which they are completely open, but we need to get more details and get them engaged with Cushing Engineers to do a site design and construction plan. So, I'll keep you posted as we move along on that. Meissner site - in your packet is a contract. So, take you a little backwards, time in story time. We did already do an ITB, which is an invitation to bid. We concluded that process. As a reminder, there were three qualified bidders - Summit Solutions, their quote was \$467,160, T-3 Construction was \$804,500 and Day Wireless Civil Systems was 454,357.11. I want to know what the 11 cents is. But, so we posted the notice to award to Day Wireless. Our legal counsel and Day Wireless's has worked on developing the contract that is in your packet. And so today I'm seeking Board approval for me to sign off on that. And again, it's for civil construction at the Meisner site for \$454,357.11.

Do you want a motion on that, is that what you're looking for?

Rob Anderson 29:33

So moved.

Bruce Holsey 29:33

I have a motion by Rob, is there a second?

Henry Heimuller 29:39

Oh I'll second, I'm sorry.

Bruce Holsey 29:40

We have a second by Henry. Discussion?

Rob Anderson 29:44

I see currently the estimated completion date is April 12th. Is that, how weather dependent is that?

Mike Fletcher 29:51

Well, it's dependent always on weather. I will tell you that we are ready. We have the tower in custody. We have the shelter. We have the generator. One of our challenges has been, if anybody has generators that you're building or placing, and you need propane tanks, they're very difficult to come by. We've been waiting nine months for a 1000 gallon tank, and there's no ETA when we're going to get it. So we are scrambling, we're looking for an existing tank that we can move; Day Wireless is assisting us with that effort. That is one of the hang ups that we are a little concerned about, but everything else is ready to go. As soon as we sign this contract, they're ready to start turning dirt. Day Wireless Civil does have two other sites that they're building and they are racing the snow. They had a setback, obviously this last week, because both of the sites that they're working on are buried right now so... they could be jumping right onto our project because we're not in the snow at Meissner so, but it's always a risk.

Henry Heimuller 31:08

Is that 1000 gallons a standard tank size for something like that? That seems pretty big.

Mike Fletcher 31:15

Well, we have, at Clatskanie we have two 1000 tanks.

Henry Heimuller 31:20

Wow.

Mike Fletcher 31:21

Most of our sites have 500s, or we're diesel. And eventually, with the radio project, we want to convert all those to propane; it's just much cleaner, easier. We don't have to do abatements when we move stuff, so we just want to go with propane. So that's in my forward thinking for all of our sites - transition to the propane - and they would all be 1000s.

Henry Heimuller 31:44

Okay, and I did have one question under liquidated damages in the contract paperwork. There's no sum in there is that...

Mike Fletcher 31:51

Yep.

Henry Heimuller 31:52

been discussed yet?

Mike Fletcher 31:52

That was a conversation between both counsels, Day Wireless and ourselves, and everybody agreed to agree that they're, they don't have a number because they're not too sure what that would be based on, because the site is existing. What the damages would be if they're running late? That's kind of a very foggy thing, because we don't have a, we have a guestimated end date, but it's flexible.

So is that site going to remain in service or...

There's a plan to keep it online. And then as we build up the tower, put the shelter in place and move equipment into it, they will transition. Turn up the new site, and then decom the existing old stuff up there.

Henry Heimuller 32:47

Okay, so there should be no actual...

Mike Fletcher 32:50

Downtime

Henry Heimuller 32:51

need for damages based on downtime, if everything's sitting there ready to go.

Mike Fletcher 32:58

That is correct. Hot transition.

Bruce Holsey 33:04

Any other discussion? Call for the vote. All in favor, say aye.

Henry Heimuller, Jeff Flatt, Shelley Hennessy, Rob Anderson 33:14

Aye.

Bruce Holsey 33:16

Opposed? Motion passes.

Mike Fletcher 33:17

Thank you. Haven Acres, there's nothing new on that. I'm still negotiating with a current owner of a heavy duty 150 foot monopole. Why is that specific to that site, because the actual site, that little knob just north of Clatskanie, is a very small footprint. There's other, two other sites up there - a commercial wireless provider and then somebody else, I have no idea what that thing is over there to the east of us - but our footprint is very small. And so, in order to keep it as small as possible, rather than a three or four leg self-supporting lattice tower, a monopole is not my favorite thing in the world to use, but it has its place and that is a good place for it. If that doesn't seem to work for Haven Acres, it's also in consideration for Bald Hill because again, not a real big physical site and a monopole could work well there. So that's what's going on with Haven Acres.

Microwave repair replacement follow up - we approved, the Board approved that purchase a couple months ago actually several months ago, we have started to receive those certain components of that purchase. So, what we've received as of last week was two out of the six, six foot microwave antennas, four out of the five loaded radio racks, and one of the 48 volt UPS systems, and a host of associated components for mounting on towers, all that equipment. So, we're starting to receive, we received one truckload of all this stuff. I don't have an exact ship date for the second truckload, but it's going to be soon. Day Wireless, or I'm sorry, MNI will be on site this week, and they're conducting with their engineers' walkthroughs, final walkthroughs for past surveys and making sure everything's up to speed. Had kind of a challenge with all this stuff arriving, because it takes up a lot of space. And so, we've divvied up some of those radio racks. We've moved them to some of our mountain top sites that have shelters with space in them, so they're staged there. We have two of the racks here in this building staged. We want to keep them warm and dry, obviously so they're at least in safe places that are secure and, and warm. Moving on, on that. Tower acquisition - Advisory Committee and the Board authorized the receipt of those towers that were offered. We have received three out of the four. And thanks to Columbia County Public Works Roads Department who are the custodians of our equipment, and they're holding it temporarily. The fourth tower, as I've mentioned, is destined for the Meissner site; it's in custody of Day Wireless. They're holding it and they will transport it up to that site when it's ready to go. So, we really have all four of the towers. And then that fifth one is, I just spoke about that monopole, is still in negotiations. The Advisory Committee, and the Board authorized me to engage with Motorola directly in regards to that radio equipment that's being offered by the C800 group. C800 is the owners and operators of the 800 megahertz system in Clackamas County. The C800 group, the Board, is made up of police chiefs and fire chiefs. And as I've shared with both of your groups is Clackamas County, the C800 group went out for a bond about four years ago, it's around \$60 million to upgrade their portion of the radio system. And they've spent the last three years building it. But full disclosure, they had some project management dysfunction and they are upside down somewhere in the \$8 million range. And as you guys know in government, you just don't have a credit card, or special bank accounts that you can just create money; bake sales aren't really effective. So, they made the difficult decision to not build out some of their radio sites. And they see these assets that they already purchased and have in custody as an asset that they could sell. They know that this 9-1-1 District is contemplating a new site or a new, new system and so they made the offer to us to purchase these sites. As a reminder, what their offer is on the table is they contracted with Motorola to purchase this equipment in 2017. They didn't receive them until sometime late 18, early 19, but their contract was signed on 17 and that's the price that they were locked into. So, they're willing to sell them to us starting at that 2017 price. Then a 40% discount. So dealing with police chiefs and fire chiefs, they have this itemized list, but it doesn't mean anything to them because it's all geekanese. So I met with Motorola, who knows exactly what this stuff is, to seek their

input of what this stuff is, how could this District utilize that to the, to our best advantage. And the Motorola meeting was with two engineers and their regional sales rep. They started the conversation with wanting to make sure we understand that these sites, these two, and potentially three sites, were specced for the Clackamas County system, meaning they are a large system, large volume, large user base that are hitting these towers. So they're specced to be built to maintain that load. So the essence is the, the reality for Columbia 9-1-1 is these things are overbuilt for you. Is that good or bad? Well, that's good for you. Because in their itemized list, they said these three sites can each be broken down and become two sites for us. So three sites that are for sale turns into six sites that we could utilize. That's pretty good. So the next question is, how many sites based on your estimation, Motorola? How many 800 sites do we need? Seven. So this is at 2017 prices, 40% discount - that's what's on the table. Six sites. And in their estimation, we need seven. Okay, so working on the assumption of a hybrid system, because the reality is, both this Board and the Advisory Committee have not come to a consensus on one technology versus the other. And so the suggestion is, and it's not written in stone, give your users what they want, which is a hybrid system.

9:42a.m. Heimuller departed.

So I've asked Motorola to give me three things. I want a design, so everybody can see what their concept is. I want to, I want the first quote to be based on the design that you think best fits for Colombia 9-1-1, I want an itemized list of what that's going to cost - brand new 2022/2023 pricing - this is what it's going to cost to build it out. Not talking about that equipment from C800. Just off the shelf DAS pricing. I want a second quote, that same design, that includes this discounted priced equipment, those, you would build out six sites. We need a seventh site, we need two VHF sites, okay. Give me a price quote for that, that this District owns and operates. And that will be the second most expensive quote that we're going to get from them. And then a third quote I asked for, which is again, taking into account this discounted priced equipment, six sites, two VHF sites, but we don't host the system here. We partner with WCN and let them host the brains of our system. That should be the least expensive quote that we're going to see. Following that, I had a meeting with Washington County. Again, because WCCCA is the system operator for the C800 system. So they don't own the sites. They don't own the radios in Clackamas County, but they manage the system. They manage the core. They do all the PMs on the portables, the mobiles, the sites. They have a different agreement than Newburg. Newburg is on that site or on that system, and they manage those sites and they manage those subscriber radios. So they understand what the C800 equipment is. I asked Washington County, WCCCA, to give us a quote to have us join the WCN system, with some caveats. A full blown support system that WCCCA can provide a user agency such as Clackamas, C800, Newburg, Lake Oswego. These are all entities that belong to the WCN system. And what are those advantages? They have radio purchasing power. They are a big user, and so they get significant discounts off of all of their equipment from Motorola. They do all radio programming and template management. They do annual preventative maintenance for all portables and mobiles of all the various public safety user agencies, including spares and replacement parts. They do preventative maintenance and repairs on all mountain top radio sites. They do preventative maintenance and all radio site shelters. That includes all the HVAC, everything having to do with the shelters. They do preventative maintenance for all radio site properties, that means the security, groundskeeping, weed whacking all that stuff, fencing, all that stuff; they do that. They do preventative maintenance for the radio site generators. They do all the refueling for radio site generators. And then they also do all the preventative maintenance and repairs for the 9-1-1 center's radio consoles. And so our dispatch center has radio consoles, they look like big computers. That's what they are. But they do all the PMs for the radio consoles currently for Clackamas County 9-1-1, Lake Oswego 9-1-1, Newberg 9-1-1, Washington County 9-1-1. And they could do that for us as well. But what I asked for was a down and dirty hosting of our system, if we were so to choose. That would include a four time redundant core, they have two cores. They have one in Washington County and one in Clackamas County. They're geo-

redundant, they're complete mirrors of each other. Each core has two cores, basically, their mirrors inside internally, they have two of those, so they have four times redundant. So we would like to be hosted if we could, what is that going to cost us? We want purchasing power. We want preventative maintenance on all of our radio sites - the actual radios, not the sites, just the equipment inside the shelters - all of the subscriber radios - all the police, fire, EMS, portables, mobiles, they do the maintenance on those - they do the replacement parts; somebody would be physically touching all your radios at least once a year. And I asked for support for the radio consoles in the dispatch center. We would take care of our sites. We would take care of the weed whacking, the generators, the fueling of those and the HVAC systems; we do that today, there's no reason for us to have somebody else do it, we'll take care of that. I just want the technology to be taken care of. So I'm waiting for that quote as well. I checked with Motorola on my previous request for those three quotes; it's still in process and the design. They want to come in and meet with you to help educate, answer questions, but that's where we are today. So any questions so far? Okay.

Mike Russell 49:12

So, yeah, the recommendation you got from the Advisory Committee was to confirm the pricing on that equipment. Looks like you did that, and what we had talked about is confirmed.

Mike Fletcher 49:23

Yes.

Joel Medina 49:25

I, I have a question.

Mike Fletcher 49:26

Yes, sir.

Joel Medina 49:27

Is there a, we're focusing solely on Motorola?

Mike Fletcher 49:31

So, that equipment that C800 is offering, this is all Motorola equipment. So if we can we, if you all choose to, we could purchase that. It kind of locks you in though.

Joel Medina 49:47

To Motorola?

Mike Fletcher 49:47

So yeah, it does. So the there's two questions there, within there's two answers to your question. So for the sites, it kind of locks you in. If we're talking about subscriber radios in your vehicles, not necessarily. That stuff is P25, which means it opens up the ability to have other subscriber radios. So and there are multiple vendors who sell P25 compliant radios. So Motorola, Tait, Harris, EF Johnson, Kenwood; there's lots of people out there that sell lower priced subscriber radios. So that's a possibility, or at least an option. But the real bigger question is, if we host it, we live it, have the brains here; there are advantages and disadvantages to that. To join... For us to own and operate, we would have to purchase a core; that's about \$2 million. If we want what's called an ISSI link, that means that your subscriber radios can roam between here and into Portland, you'd be utilizing Portland radio system, if you transport over to Washington County, that's a different radio system, you would want the ability to roam, like your cell phones, transparently, you don't have to change knobs, your radio

just knows; those links are about \$2 million each. We would need three because you want to talk to Portland, you want to talk to Washington County, and for several of you need to talk to Clark County because we share a river and we interact with them. So three of those puppies. If you join...

Nathan Hughes 50:14

He has his hand...

Mike Fletcher 51:24

Oh okay, oh I see it, thank you. If you joined the WCN system, if you joined CRESA's system, if you joined Portland those ISSI links already exist, those cores, already exist. And so those are cost savings that you wouldn't have to purchase here.

Joel Medina 52:26

Follow up?

Mike Fletcher 52:27

Yes, sir.

Joel Medina 52:29

So basically, going with this Motorola, it ties us into Motorola for the equipment that we have. But I guess the offshoot is that we're getting 2017 prices, plus at a 40% discount.

Mike Fletcher 52:45

That's correct.

Joel Medina 52:46

So what you were able to achieve is exactly what I know that on the Advisory Board we're looking for is keeping the cost down. But keeping the cost down means we have to commit and, and really almost backed ourselves into a corner. So I think that I mean, just asking to see if I'm thinking the right way. So I think that if we want more options and not focus solely on Motorola it's going to cost us a lot more money.

Mike Fletcher 53:13

Maybe, I, you know, part of our thinking about this equipment is how do you, how do you acquire it? So it's no secret we contracted with Federal Engineering. They're still on a regular phone call with me to check on our status where we are, what are we doing? And I'm running all of this by them. And they're willing to jump in and assist us on acquisition. They're guiding us talking about the right vehicle, if this is the right solution. Engaging legal counsel and how do we do this properly? So there's a lot of wheels turning, and we're still gathering information. Yes, you make a commit... if, if this C800 equipment is the direction you wanted to go - which it's compelling just, just based on dollars and cents, it's pretty compelling - but you do make a commitment to okay, we're going with a Motorola solution, at least for the sites, the consoles, those type of things, you make a commitment. You have options for subscribing radios; that's true of any system. If Harris came in and wanted to bid on the system, if it's a P25 system, you can use off brand, I'll use that, it doesn't have to be Harris, doesn't have to be Motorola. That's a P25 sys... that's the whole point of it. So that's, yes and no.

Rob Davis 55:00

I think, I'm assuming for you guys Scappoose, around. Yeah, I mean, most of our mutual aid comes from Washington County. And so, and I've said this before, and if I didn't have to fight my chief over it, we would pull

out of CCOM today and go to Washington County to be dispatched because the radio coverage that we receive in our fire district is better today, through Washington County than it is through CCOM on some days. And so I think most of us are going to benefit from that connection. And being whether it's, it's backed into that corner of being Motorola, you know, at least at the radio level, being able to host and have those ISSI links between us and Washington County and Portland and obviously Clackamas is tied to that and CRESA, Salem. Right, like that gives us a much broader range for that communication, especially for those ambulances that are leaving the County, should we have a large scale event where we have units coming in from other counties that right now we may not have those communication capabilities with them. I know, one of our biggest downsides is when our mutual aid help comes from Washington County, most of the time, we can't talk to them on the Columbia County radio network until they get into the county. And so we end up tying up usually Ops 36 With WCCCA, so that our mutual aid resources that are coming in have communication from the fire ground immediately. So we're not even waiting to get them into the county, I call fire common dispatch and say, I need an ops channel, we're working a fire in Vernonia. They give us an ops channel and we're running both. For us at least, there's a lot of other issues that, that creates. We end up monitoring two mayday channels as the incident commander, because I'm monitoring their 800 mayday, plus ours, plus our ops channel, plus their ops channel, plus dispatch. So, you know, from at least from Vernonia Fire standpoint, that tie for us is pretty huge. And being able to simplify what we're doing, and obviously extend what our radio coverage capabilities are now.

Joel Medina 56:52

No, I mean, I understand what, what the Chief from Vernonia is saying. But what I'd like to stress on the Board is, and I appreciate every comment and things that have been made, but what I want to stress to the Board is that we, we made, one of the comments was made about why do we care about what the wires in the wall? I mean, we have to, you just heard this, right, because I'll give you an example of how I understand it. If that plug only has 16 gauge wire in the wall, you have to choose what appliance you can plug into it. From a technical point of view, if you have coax in the wall, and you don't have cat four or cat five, you're then again limited to what you can use for computers. And as Mike said, you know, basically our radio consoles are big computers, so we have to worry about what wire is in the wall. We also have to ensure that when we talk to the engineers, the engineers are engineers, right? But it's, it's, it's the public safety individuals that have to communicate that we're following best practice for public safety. You know, not it's not just communications, it isn't like, I'm just trying to talk to a tugboat that's sitting in, in Columbia River. I mean, the officers who, who, who, God bless them, I wouldn't want to be sitting in the vehicle all by myself and wondering if I had communication or not. I mean, at least the fire department, we run in pairs, or you know, we get a lot of people because sometimes these gentlemen do not have the luxury of that. So I mean, absolutely their communication is key. So I would stress to the Board that, yes, you need to look at what wires are in the wall. Yes, you need to look at best practices for public safety. Not just here, but there's a lot of different places that have done studies and done things like that. And we need to consider the needs of the places that are going to struggle the most. Like for Vernonia, like Mist-Birkenfeld, you know, because as I said before, is that one of the reasons that, that, that I don't necessarily from Columbia River's standpoint, run a flag up the pole as to this is what we want to do. Because let's be realistic, Columbia River Fire District runs the, the I30 corridor. No matter what you decide, our radio systems is going to get better. So it would be very unfair for us to try to use our muscle to say we want this, when I think that, that our efforts are better served, supporting Mist-Birkenfeld, supporting Vernonia and saying these agencies need these needs. Pol... the fire, I mean police needs these needs in these areas. So that's why I just want, just wanted to make that statement to the Board to say that I appreciate everything that you guys are, are doing and, and taking a look at all the aspects and allowing us to have the information to make good decisions from an Advisory Board point of view. Thank you for that.

Mike Russell 59:47

Chief Pricher has something.

Mike Fletcher 59:49

Yes. Thank you.

Jeff Pricher 59:54

Yes, thank you very much. Couple of questions. Number one, just want to make sure the towers is separate from this Motorola radio equipment. Is that correct? Or are they part of a package deal?

Mike Fletcher 1:00:09

So when you, are you talking about the physical towers? The steel structures?

Jeff Pricher 1:00:16

Yes. If I remember correctly, the Advisory Board recommended that towers be purchased. Is that correct?

Mike Fletcher 1:00:26

That is correct. And that has been completed. We've received all the towers.

Mike Russell 1:00:31

But that doesn't lock us into anything.

Mike Fletcher 1:00:33

No, no, that's just the physical structure that antennas and microwave sit on. No, that's, that's, we already have those assets. We can use them or not. If we don't use them, we'll pass them on to another agency that's in need. But it's...

Jeff Pricher 1:00:53

Okay. I just wanted to make sure that they weren't tied together. Now with this Motorola equipment, you know, if I understood what you said correctly, you're still waiting for, for quotes. But you mentioned that they could, they could build out a system with eight towers. What are those tower locations? And how much money is that going to cost to develop those tower sites?

Mike Fletcher 1:01:22

Yep...

Jeff Pricher 1:01:22

Because we can talk all day about Motorola equipment and purchasing equipment. But if we go back to the original reports that were provided by the different vendors before the Federal Engineering report, Motorola wasn't able to guarantee the coverage that we all wanted, at least back then. So if we do look at Motorola equipment, what kind of guarantee are they going to give us for the coverage that all the public safety agencies require?

Mike Fletcher 1:02:01

Yeah. Good, good questions, Chief. So towers are separate. That's just a physical structure that we've already acquired, has nothing to do with anything radio equipment-wise. It's just the physical structure that that stuff would hang on. The Motorola equipment and the sites, that... those are good questions and that is part of the

design that I'm asking for them, from them, I should say. It's a total of nine sites. That's correct. Nine sites. Seven of them being 800 and two being VHF. The two VHF sites are tentatively identified as Clatskanie and Corey Hill. The 800 sites are, are along the 30 corridor. And the advantage that I've been told, I haven't seen anything, so I'm making... I keep using this caveat, I haven't seen anything yet. And I haven't seen an itemized list and a quote yet, so it's all kind of vaporware right now. So I'm trying to be realistic, but I'm just passing on what I've been told. But the majority of the sites already belong to us. There are two sites, that I'm aware of, that are needing to be developed. But one of them already has an existing shelter, does not have a tower, does not have... does have a generator and a fuel source, it does have commercial power, we just need to place a tower at that location. We have a verbal agreement, prior to any of this happening, from that site owner that we could co-locate at no cost. So that's one. So there would be a cost of a tower and the radio equipment that would go for that site. The other site is near Rainier, and it would be a greenfield site, which means it's from the ground up, development. I know that there's commercial power there, but everything else would have to be built. So a tower, shelter, generator, fuel source. So right now, just verbally, I've been told of one greenfield site. Everything else is pre-existing. Did I answer that question, Chief?

Jeff Pricher 1:04:46

Yes, sir. The only thing is the coverage.

Mike Fletcher 1:04:49

Yep. So that's going to be on that design and their coverage maps, which they want to show us, but they're not done yet.

Joel Medina 1:04:56

Are we still going? I'm sorry.

Jeff Pricher 1:05:03

Thank you, sir.

Mike Fletcher 1:05:04

Thank you.

Joel Medina 1:05:04

For the coverage maps, we're still going for...

Mike Fletcher 1:05:09

95%

Joel Medina 1:05:11

But not average in the different districts, right?

Mike Fletcher 1:05:15

No. So...

Joel Medina 1:05:15

because it's easy to get 95%...

Mike Fletcher 1:05:17

If you talk about the whole County, yes. No, we can break it down into specific zones. So Vernonia, Mist-Birkenfeld, Rainier, Clatskanie absolutely.

Joel Medina 1:05:17

Again, just the intent that it is, is that Colombia River's going to get 95%. We're on the I, we're on the, the 30 corridor. My, my concern is for police and for Mist-Birkenfeld and Vernonia.

Mike Fletcher 1:05:29

Correct.

Joel Medina 1:05:29

I mean that, those are the ones that we really need to be, you know, shoring up and hardening. Thank you.

Mike Fletcher 1:05:50

And Chief Kaczinski, we talked about your fire station and your verbal approval of co-locating there. Fishhawk is a point that I'm making with them. So trying to, I'm trying to keep all of you in mind. So, like I said, I'm sorry...

Rob Anderson 1:06:17

Timeline, are we looking at roughly to get in? If you've requested that information?

Mike Fletcher 1:06:24

Yep.

Rob Anderson 1:06:24

How long is it until they can be able to turn that around?

Mike Fletcher 1:06:28

So that's right where I was going. So I haven't received anything yet. I check yesterday with both Washington County for the WCN, and I checked with Motorola. Because I'm asking Motorola for actually quite a bit. I'm looking for three different things and, and a design, with maps all that stuff. I don't have an estimated, but soon is the constant word I hear. So a month, month and a half. We're coming up to holiday season. So I'm trying to be realistic about that kind of stuff, too. But I'll keep you posted on as we make progress. Chief?

Rob Davis 1:07:10

Just to make sure I understand, right. So if, if we, if we go Motorola and if we were to join WCN with the ISSI links, right, it doesn't matter where physically the user radio is right? It's going to bounce closest tower back to our system?

Mike Fletcher 1:07:27

So, it depends. So you would have... the easiest analogy is your cell phone. Your cell phone roams all across the country. Didn't used to be that way, right? Eight hundreds are proprietary, their keys are programmed into your radios and so you can have access or not, depending on those users that own the system. Those ISSI links are there for all of the WCN system, which is really all of Washington County, all of Clackamas County, northern Yamhill County, they have a link with Salem. So you can literally roam from here really to Chehalis because they have Clark County system as well. As far as their talk groups, that's a different conversation with templates and, and approvals of those system users. So, but all of that is possible.

Rob Davis 1:08:33

I guess my point is right with that link, at least for our fire district, and going back to Chief Medina and looking at smaller agencies, right? Our coverage now from WCCCA is phenomenal. So the addition of seven sites in Columbia County, the coverage in your district is not terrible at this point for lack of depending on where you're at once you get to a certain point. So as we start to add size, if we're able to bounce from some of the WCCCA sites, our coverage should be pretty phenomenal.

Mike Fletcher 1:09:04

So my...

Mike Russell 1:09:05

So I just need clarification. You're talking ISSI suggests 800 system, right?

Mike Fletcher 1:09:10

It is.

Mike Russell 1:09:11

Right. So you're, you're saying maybe we don't need to do a hybrid system? For Vernonia?

Rob Davis 1:09:18

I don't think we... No, absolutely not. I don't think we need a hybrid in Vernonia. Period, okay.

Mike Russell 1:09:22

So I guess, I guess I need some clarification from the Advisory Committee. I'm not clear who wants VHF and who wants 800 or either or doesn't care. It's hard, you know, we're talking about a hybrid system it's going to add cost, but I was thinking Vernonia was one of the areas that was in favor of VHF. So now I'm hearing that's not the case. So I guess for those of you who are in favor of VHF, I'd like to hear from you and understand what the pros are for you for VHF.

Joel Medina 1:09:23

Well, if I may...

Mike Russell 1:09:28

Yeah.

Joel Medina 1:09:28

We were talking is that, I'm pretty clear that I think that the reason we were going on 800 and Chief Kaczinski, you could comment on that, we were looking to remain to having the ability to communicate with ODF and some of the state agencies who are going to stay with VHF and they're not changing.

Mike Russell 1:10:20

Yes, good. Thank you for reminding me of that. That's right. But I think that capability is available. If we go to an 800 system, we can patch the ODF channel in; is that correct?

Mike Fletcher 1:10:32

Absolutely. So my focus is our core business. Our core business of this place is police, fire, medical. And that's really what I'm focusing on. I'm being cognizant that every ambulance in this county leaves when they

transport. The overwhelming majority, overwhelmingly majority go either to Washington County, or to Multnomah County. There are some that go to Columbia, Astoria, Clatsop, and some go to St. John's in Longview. I keep that in mind, but really, you know, we're at 72% leaving going south or east. So those ISSI links are going to be really important for those guys. VHF, I never forget... This, I've said this before, Columbia County is really unique in their relationship with ODF. I've done this four other places in my career and this is the most unique, most integrated relationship with ODF in fire districts, Fire Defense Board and the 9-1-1 center that I've ever experienced in 40 years. So I'm really protective of this. But to your point, correct, we could do all 800 and the radios that I'm asking for, for subscribers is, at minimum, dual band. So 800 and VHF, I will tell you that Motorola has a radio that actually does. I mean, you can do tri band, you know, high low, VHF, 800, blah, blah, blah, but they also have a radio that does Wi-Fi. So you have an air card in it, and you'd be in a building, it'll automatically, seamlessly roll into Wi-Fi and you're using this facilities signal to get out into your system. It's pretty whiz bang. It's not inexpensive. But, but to that point, my request of Motorola for those three quotes is to include those subscriber radios. Top of the line fire rated, noise cancelling, and everybody in Fire Service knows that you can literally stand next to an engine company with the pumps run in full speed. And you are crystal clear, you can't even hear the pump running behind you and these Wi-Fi enabled radios. So, pretty whiz bang. Chief Pricher?

Mike Russell 1:13:27

Chief Lougal has been waiting.

Mike Fletcher 1:13:29

Oh, I'm sorry. Steve, you've been waiting.

Steven Lougal 1:13:32

Is Motorola just doing recommendations or are they doing an engineering study?

Mike Fletcher 1:13:37

A true engineering study.

Steven Lougal 1:13:38

Okay. With that said, we all know that there's another engineering study being conducted.

Mike Fletcher 1:13:43

Correct.

Steven Lougal 1:13:43

Will, that information also be looked at or like...?

Mike Fletcher 1:13:48

So...

Steven Lougal 1:13:48

I mean we're all looking at the end of day, we want the best radio system...

Mike Fletcher 1:13:51

Amen. Amen. So...

Steven Lougal 1:13:57
and I'm not trying to push.

Mike Fletcher 1:13:58
No, no...

Steven Lougal 1:13:59
I mean, that information is coming out regardless.

Mike Fletcher 1:14:00
Yep. I want to see it. And I want to just be really clear for everybody in this room. This District purposely is not getting involved because of the problems with publicly purchasing things. So we have not engaged at all. Legal Counsel maintains, do not get involved. The Board members should not get involved. But when that study is presented, absolutely I want to see it because it's, it's information, it's education.

Steven Lougal 1:14:33
Okay, no I appreciate that. I'm just asking because I mean, everybody's gotten emails through...

Mike Fletcher 1:14:33
Yeah, absolutely.

Steven Lougal 1:14:38
presentation. So I just want to make sure that at least that information is available and we look at it.

Mike Fletcher 1:14:43
Absolutely.

Steven Lougal 1:14:44
So that we do what's best for all of us.

Mike Fletcher 1:14:45
Yep.

Steven Lougal 1:14:47
Okay. Thank you.

Mike Fletcher 1:14:48
Chief Pricher?

Jeff Pricher 1:14:48
Yes, sir. I think there was a question asked about who still wants VHF and I don't I think at this time our agency can answer that question because we don't have all the information yet. If we're going to be looking at some new quotes for Motorola, we need to see what those quotes look like, especially if there's going to be bonds issue. Because when it comes down to it, a lot of the decision making that's going to be made is based on cost. So, with that statement, you made a couple of statements about radios and, you know, the backbone system is technically agnostic of, of a model of radio. So would it also be prudent to look at other models of subscriber radios, which also meet the same conditions that you described as the top of the line Motorola?

When, we're looking at trying to provide the best product for the public safety users at the best price for the taxpayers.

Mike Fletcher 1:16:01

So, absolutely. And you're correct. If it's a P25. system, while the site radios, the stuff at our mountain tops, if we, if we choose to leverage that offer from C800, it really locks us in from the core, the site radios. But not subscriber radios, your portables and your mobiles; it's agnostic. So absolutely. The other point you made there was oh, VHF. Yeah, so money is king. Absolutely. That's what really drives a lot of this conversation. We could want the very best Cadillac system, but we just can't afford it. So money's king. That's what we're looking at. That's why we're focusing on our core business from the 9-1-1 perspective. And I'm waiting for those numbers, because you're right. The theory has always been that VHF would be less expensive than 800. Maybe, maybe not. Because you need more sites on VHF, and more sites means more money. So potentially more greenfield sites, which just as a budgetary number, for a build out of a green site is about a million dollars per. So we're, we're very cognizant of that. So we would prefer to leverage the sites that we already own and operate from, and just refresh equipment - waveguide antennas, etc. But everything's on the table. We're just trying to drill it down. Rob Anderson.

Rob Anderson 1:17:54

Yeah, I was going to say, on part of Motorola's information they're going to provide because again, this is just us getting more information from various vendors, we aren't committing to anything yet.

Mike Fletcher 1:18:04

Correct.

Rob Anderson 1:18:06

We talk about P25 backwards compatibility. We're saying radio agnostic. Could you at least ask Motorola in what they're presenting to list what P25 parts, radio features are compatible and that work across different manufacturers. Versus what are the quote "whiz bang" features that would only be available if the end subscriber equipment was also Motorola. I think when there's later discussion down the road, that might be an important part of this decision making process.

Rob Davis 1:18:44

Why don't we also throw it with the end user radio and what its capabilities are at least from the fire standpoint, right? Does it have, does it stop at Channel 16 or does the dial always spin? Is it fire rated? Are the mics rated to be in a, in... by fire?

Mike Fletcher 1:18:59

Yeah.

Rob Davis 1:18:59

Right? And some of those manufacturers out there, their radios are not capable of that. I can tell you that for my crews, I would not put a radio in service that doesn't stop at Channel 16. It has to stop at the end on the mayday channel. It has to stop at this batch to be able to get back to them. It has to have a mic that's rated for fire. We're replacing stuff right now because our stuff is falling apart. And we're only buying what we can afford that is rated to what we need it to be. And there's a lot of stuff that's on the market - BK, Kenwood - and all those things that don't have those features. And while yes, I'm a Motorola fan. Yes, I know it's very expensive. But some of those things could be life changing to the fire service here, if I can't find the right channel and end

up on something that nobody is monitoring, because I can't figure out when I'm pinned underneath something, how to get it to a stop.

Mike Fletcher 1:19:51

What I've made note of here - ask, I'm adding to it.

Bruce Holsey 1:19:56

Greg's got his hand up.

Rob Anderson 1:19:57

I'd rather have that upfront, then...

Mike Fletcher 1:19:59

Yeah

Rob Anderson 1:19:59

you have all this information, then we have a meeting. And if we like it, then we end up going back to them, asking this exact same question.

Mike Fletcher 1:20:06

Go ahead Greg.

Greg Brody 1:20:08

Does having our Motorola core and primary system...? That is what Washington County and Clackamas County are currently using, correct?

Mike Fletcher 1:20:21

Correct.

Greg Brody 1:20:23

I sometimes have problems in my mind separating CAD from the radio system. Would having any other system hinder the possibility of us being able to seamlessly transfer our dispatch services to another center should we have a threat like happened a couple of days ago in Scappoose? If we had to evacuate the center, I know our, our backup dispatch facility is hardly existent. And having that ability if we had to evacuate this building for whatever, to have our dispatchers transfer is it a benefit to be having Motorola or does it make a difference?

Mike Fletcher 1:21:04

So there's a lot of, there's a lot of stuff in that question. So you're right. CAD and radio are certainly separate systems. And I know a lot of concern is the concept of joining WCN and utilizing or referencing our relationship with the same groups for CAD, and lack of control. They're apples and oranges; they really are so completely different. I'm going to just talk on that for just a point because I know it's on everybody's mind. The radio system, the WCN system, is a very large radio network. But everybody lives in their own environment. So Clackamas County, C800, lives in that environment - both CAD-wise and radio - and they absolutely, the C800 group owns all the subscriber radios. They own all their sites. They own all of the radio equipment at those sites. That's owned by C800. WCCCA supports it. They do all the tech stuff, maintenance. Newburg, exact same thing. Newburg lives in its own environment. They have their own CAD system. It happens to be the exact same CAD system we all have, but they live in their own environment there, and their radio system lives

in its own environment. There is one very unique thing about the WCN system and one agency and that's TVF&R. Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue is the largest fire district in the state and they actually operate in both Clackamas, Yamhill County and Washington County. So they have free roaming everywhere; it's seamless. Washington County lives in its own environment. Columbia County, if we chose to join WCN, would live in our own environment. Our sites, we own them. Our radios, we own them. We're just paying basically WCCCA. And really, it's the whole group. It's the economy, it's the Costco model. The more members you have, the lower the costs are. And that's really what that contract is sitting there for. It's an open contract to allow entities to join. So...

Rob Davis 1:23:48

At some point, if we wanted to pull out of that, right? We could purchase whatever that additional equipment, core and whatever else we needed...

Mike Fletcher 1:23:53

Yep, absolutely...

Rob Davis 1:23:54

and pull all of it back in house and own it.

Mike Fletcher 1:23:56

You could. Chief?

Eric Smythe 1:23:58

Okay, so I'm not going to be as eloquent as some of the other Chiefs in this room. The can has been, not only kicked down the road, it's been crushed, ran over, it's broken down, it's rusted, it's gone. So and I appreciate all the comments from the Chiefs and the officers that are in the room. We need a meeting and this I would advise to our Advisory Board to advise the 9-1-1 Board is, when are we going to see movement? And I'm asking only because obviously there's another study that's, that's coming out on the 29th or so of the month, and we'll have a look at that. But at some point we need... it's time. We're buying radios or we're getting radios, some of you are giving us radios because our radios are failing. And whether it's 800 or VHF... personally, and I'm the realest probably in the room, there's no frickin' way we're going to get 95% coverage everywhere. I'm sorry, there's not - for Vernonia, or up Scap-Vern, or out in Deer Island someplace - there are going to be spots. We have hills. This is Columbia County. We're not flat like Clackamas or even parts of Hillsboro where they have these great, you know that radios can see forever. We need something that's going to work that's better than our system now. And we... again, the can is gone. At some point, we need to make it, make it... have the information, present it all. We all give our advice to you guys to decide, but it's at the end. Our system is old, it's antiquated. Our radios are failing. Officer's radios are failing and we just keep, again, kicking it down the road. So I think there's a there... I would advise our Advisory to advise you guys that at some point, pick a date, have big meeting, let's look at all this stuff and give to, give you guys what we, what we feel, I mean all public service, the direction we think should go.

Joel Medina 1:25:39

I would agree with Chief Smythe. In fact, when we were talking about the other study that was coming up, my fear was, is that we would wait for the other study and not make a decision. So I was like, if you're going to get... I mean, if the, if the Board members... one of the things I said, if somebody wants to do a study, great do the study. But for the love of God, please don't wait. And it just seems like we're saying, wait or until we say wait again. And I agree, I think that, that I would, I would ask the Board to set a date and let's make a decision.

You know, and if the consequences aren't tenable to what we're looking for, then we make another decision. But at some point in time, if we're going to do a levy or a bond, what it... I mean, when are we, when is that even going to happen? I mean we're, we're not going to get it right now on the ballot for 2023. So now we're looking 2024 before we even get the money, and what, and last time I checked, there aren't very many vendors that are going to give us anything without us having the money to do it. So I think that we need to kind of like, I mean, I don't know if I'm putting the cart before the horse, doesn't feel like it because I mean, we've had so much information already. Let's just pick a direction and head there. I think that, that most of the Advisory would say, let's do something.

Rob Davis 1:27:03

I think that's a great idea.

Mike Fletcher 1:27:06

I'll do Rob first and then I see Jeff Pricher is also...

Rob Anderson 1:27:10

Well, that kind of goes back to when I asked, 'When are we going to get this information from Motorola?'

Mike Fletcher 1:27:15

Yep.

Rob Anderson 1:27:15

And the question is... if they say, okay we know something's coming out in November. If they're going to have a month turnaround, you know. Is it acceptable to everyone to say, in January, we're going to pound this out? Or is that kicking that can, again, too far down the road?

Eric Smythe 1:27:35

If you're asking my personal opinion Rob, I'd say January would be fine. We have time for that other work to come in. But we pick a date, throw some food on the table, we don't leave here until we have some decision which way we're going to go. Because again, I don't want, I don't want to be well, we'll talk about it in July...

Rob Anderson 1:27:48

I think...

Eric Smythe 1:27:49

ah we'll talk about next fall of 23. And then next thing, you know, we're all retired, and there's a new group of jerks sitting here at these tables.

Rob Anderson 1:27:56

As an end user, I understand needing to move forward. On the other hand, also be responsible for the taxpayers. You know, I think we do need to look at stuff that's coming down the road. And I think, January, just myself would be a good reasonable time to say, this is where we need to choose a direction.

Rob Davis 1:28:15

January at the absolute latest.

Eric Smythe 1:28:16

Correct.

Joel Medina 1:28:17

Again, I would, I would stress to the Board that, that should be mandated. Because what I don't want, what... I don't want to say I speak for the other fire districts, and definitely not for PD, but I would say that we can't be in a situation where we say okay, January is the date and then December 31st, somebody comes in and goes, 'Wait, we have another study behind door number three', and now it's like, oh, let's wait till February. No, I think it's been long enough. I think we need to go January. Mandate it, that on January, the meeting, we are going to make a decision, and come hell or high water, we're all going to make a decision...

Eric Smythe 1:28:57

Of 2023, make sure its not 2024.

Joel Medina 1:28:58

Alright, 2023 because we need time for the levies and for whatever bonds. And if we don't do it by January, we're going to miss every deadline possible.

Rob Davis 1:29:09

Is there a reason that we couldn't do it in December? If these reports are coming out in November, if we're roughly a month from, from Day, or Motorola or the 29th, or whatever for the other one?

Joel Medina 1:29:20

I mean, ideally that would be great. But we have to be realistic about the holidays. I mean, that's just the way that it is. There's going to be some delays. But I think that if we get the information in November, and then we say we're going to take December to look at it and evaluate what our positions are as from Advisory and for the Board. Then we have to make a decision in January. A decision has to be made. No more of this kicking the can down the road. Let's wait for this, no, January make a decision. And like Chief Smythe says we all lock ourselves into the room until we can all mostly agree because are we all going to agree? Absolutely not. But we pick January, and then we go.

Steven Lougal 1:30:01

If we're going to do that I would suggest that we have the... we're going to have two studies out, to have both companies there.

Rob Davis 1:30:07

Yes.

Steven Lougal 1:30:08

So that we do walk out of this room with a decision.

Joel Medina 1:30:10

Yeah, but I think, though that we need to talk to legal counsel about that, because we can't blur certain lines, that, that, that may put the Board and all of us in a state of liability. And that's always been my concern. Because at the end of the day, we, we know we're going to be judged in the court of public opinion no matter what.

Mike Fletcher 1:30:32

Yeah.

Joel Medina 1:30:33

But the thing is, is that if we can at least have a consensus, and have solidarity in what we're going to do, when we start getting drilled by the court of public opinion, we can at least all say we agreed that this was in the best interest of all of us.

Steven Lougal 1:30:49

Mike, could you check to see if that would be acceptable?

Mike Fletcher 1:30:52

Well, sorry. Legal counsel would like to jump in? And Pete, Michael can answer that. And he has a question also for you.

Michael Peterkin 1:31:06

I've listened to all the comments very carefully. What I'm taking from this is that you want the Board to pursue a specific course so that you have the proper system. From a legal standpoint, I just need the direction to negotiate the terms of the purchase, and the coverage agreement with Washington County. And so if you want a solid proposal, no later than January 1st 2023, then the shape of that proposal... again, this is what the Directors of the District have to decide and resolve. But that resolution would be, we are going to pursue one option or another. And if it is the Motorola option, then we just need the broad resolution so that we can then implement it, because there's a lot of legal steps and legal considerations on exactly the terms of purchase, the terms of service, all of the details that the attorneys have to address. And so this can be done. And the work starts once the resolution has passed, without a question. And then there's going to be lots of, I'd say workshops, with the different Chiefs, and how do we get the contract that will best service, everyone? Okay, that's part of my job, and I'm dedicated to get that done. Now, I have a general question for the Chiefs. Has anyone used the Motorola equipment in the past? And what's your experience using Motorola equipment? Because the balance is not just price, its reliability, its options, its coverage, its public safety; it's all the things that you guys know better than I do. So if anyone has experienced negative experience with Motorola, we would like to hear it now. And that would certainly be something to consider going forward. That's all I have.

Joel Medina 1:34:10

I can say that I, everybody knows, like I come from the south Florida area, down in Miami area. And we generally, you know, you're talking about, you know, Florida has 22 million residents in it. And fire departments and police departments primarily really rely on Motorola. Motorola has been my experience, that it's very reliable. We have, we have a Motorola hub, down there in Plantation. So I mean, that may be one of the reasons they're so receptive, we've one of the plants. They've, they've engineered things specifically for us. But then you know, you're talking about a lot of big city, you know, urban you know, agencies, so there's a lot of pressure to be, to be put on them. But I, I'm very familiar and very comfortable with the Motorola product.

Rob Davis 1:35:12

Chief Kaczinski and I both come from Washington County, where we went through this transition from what we had to their new P25 system. I won't say it didn't go into play without any hiccups. But for the most part, I mean, that system from when it started I think in the early 90s, when the transition happened there from VHF 800. Right, it had some quirks of manually changing channels. And as that technology progressed, right, we didn't have to switch to a repeater channel, depending on where we were in the district, right, it was just seamless. It worked probably 95% of Washington County, even in the rural areas, it works. Their new system, I

ran a tough call up in the Clatsop state forest a couple of months ago for Banks, way outside of any of our fire districts and the only communication I had was with WCCCA. In Clatsop County, in the middle of the State Forest. So if you, if you look at what our neighbors are capable of in the systems that they've built, I think we would be foolish not to take advantage of a 40% 2017 price reduction, and at least move forward with okay, well yes, we're going to back ourselves into a corner of Motorola equipment in the tower sites and here at CCOM and consoles or whatever that is, and if Vernonia PD wants Tait radios and you want Harris's and we want Motorola's, then that's what we do.

Joel Medina 1:36:37

I'll tell you that Columbia County, I mean, Columbia River Fire District would put its support behind Vernonia, Mist-Birkenfeld, and our, our law enforcement partners as they're going to be the ones greatest, greatest impacted. It would be incredibly unfair for us use our muscle to sway that when no matter what, we're going to be okay. But I will, I will say this is that the question that I have is because you're going to need a levy, we excuse me, we're going to need a levy, and we're going to need a bond. What's the drop dead time to have something on the ballot for 2023? Because I believe that we're either incredibly flirting with that, or, or we're over. So now if we're looking on the ballot for, for Nov... for 2024, we're talking about November of 2024. That's, that's two years from now...

Advisory Committee Group 1:37:34

Could be May. We could do it in May.

Rob Davis 1:37:36

Okay, so in May of 2024, it's, it's still a year and a half out. That's why I mentioned if we can, if yes, it's quick. But if we can make a decision in December, and not wait until January, I believe you could make the May ballot correct? May of 23?

Mike Fletcher 1:37:51

Possibly, yeah.

Rob Davis 1:37:52

Okay. So when we went for our levy, we made the decision in December, and we were on the May ballot.

Joel Medina 1:37:56

And I'll tell you, is Columbia, is Columbia River looking at probably pursuing that for some things that we have needs in our district, yes. And I'm sure there's other districts and police agencies and school boards that are looking to put together levies and bonds also. And the longer we put it off, the more we're going to you know, conflict with other levies that come up. And I don't know, if, if CCOM wants to be in a position where they're competing with a levy at Columbia River, Vernonia, Mist PD is putting up. I mean, I really just don't want to say, wait and then when the moment comes, let's wait again. So that would be my, my thing that I would, I would, I would, you know, hat in my hand, ask the Board, please, for the love of God, let's just make a decision and not wait.

Jeff Flatt 1:38:56

Do we need a motion, do we need a motion to make a decision in December, if possible or make it in January?

Mike Fletcher 1:39:03

Well I want to call on two people that have been having their hands up here for quite a while. I'm going to go with Chief Pricher first.

Jeff Pricher 1:39:16

Thank you. So first of all, going back a few minutes. I want to echo my colleagues comments on not kicking the can down the road. We do need to make a decision. However, listening to the discussion, I'm not comfortable with some of the timeframe and, and just the reality of when a decision can be made. We have to prepare ourselves that an initial decision is going to fail. And we're going to have to go again. We're not asking for just a couple million dollars. We could be potentially be asking for, you know, 10s of millions of dollars. So to try and put a campaign together, that's going to be ironclad and educate our communities and our constituents, that this is what they need to do. We're fooling ourselves, if we think we're going to be successful in May, on a purchase of that magnitude. People are going to want information, they're going to need information. We haven't developed any marketing strategies. And that's going to take time. Yes, we do need to get going on this. But the reality is, even with a vote, the taxes aren't going to be collected for a while. So we're looking two, three, maybe even four years out, before we actually see something, you know. To the, to the question that the attorney asked, I don't understand why you're asking that question. I mean, that's like saying, what's the difference between a Ford and a Chevy. All this radio equipment works great. But again, locking, locking ourselves into something without all the information is not going to be a smart thing to do. So, you know, when we look at timelines, December is a very busy month for a lot of our districts. And trying to squeeze something in, in December might be very challenging. I think January makes the most sense. But that's, that's just what Scappoose is thinking. Thank you.

Michael Peterkin 1:41:32

Chief, Michael Peterkin, let me respond and tell you why I asked the question. It's my understanding that another proposal is in the works or something on another system. And so I want to understand whether the Motorola system - when you think about the price and the option that the Board has is very unique that, to get equipment at 2017 price plus a 40% discount - if reliability isn't an issue, public safety isn't an issue, if you the users like this equipment, then it would seem incumbent upon the Board to exercise their fiduciary duty to get the best system for the best price. That's why I asked the question. Second, is the Advisory Committee saying go with this Washington County, the... let's just call it the Motorola option and that you don't want to see this other proposal? Or excuse me, let me restate it, you don't want the Board to weigh this other proposal? Am I hearing the Chiefs saying let's go forward with the Motorola system because time is not our friend?

Rob Davis 1:43:14

Well neither is price.

Jeff Pricher 1:43:16

Well, thank you for clarifying that. It was a little confusing, but ultimately you're right. It does come down to price and, and I think that's what we need to understand is, what is the prices of all of these systems? And can we have that information by December? Again, I agree with my colleagues. We need to make a decision, but we can't make a decision without information.

Mike Fletcher 1:43:47

Can I just hold off for a second? Sheriff Pixley, you've been, your hands probably turning blue from being raised long.

Brian Pixley 1:43:57

Thank you guys, I appreciate it. I agree with everyone else, we need to stop kicking the can down the road. But I also agree with Chief Pricher, we're kidding ourselves if we're going to, think we're going to get a successful levy on the ballot by May. The one thing that we're going to really need is information, both for us and so we can sell it to the general public. What I would like to see maybe either in December or early January, before this decision is made is get the, whoever produced the engineering study... so if that's Motorola and Tait in the same room so we can all kind of have a roundtable discussion, see each product side by side, have a chance to ask our questions that we have, and then maybe have another meeting a couple weeks following that to make a decision to get something on the ballot. I would say November at the very earliest.

Mike Fletcher 1:44:45

Thanks, Brian. Chief Medina.

Joel Medina 1:44:47

Yeah, I mean, I Chief Pricher makes some very valid points and so does Chief, I mean Sheriff Pixley but my thing is, is that still that, that the we need to get stuck on, is that many of us have, I hate to use this cliché, but champagne taste and in reality Columbia County has a beer budget. Now when you're talking about 2017 prices with a 40% discount, I concur with my colleague from Vernonia that, I mean, yeah, it would be great, I mean, I would love to fly first class everywhere I go, but sometimes I got to do coach. I mean, and that's where we are, but I need to get on the plane and I need to get to where we're going. We need to make a decision and we need to achieve a goal. I mean, this has been going on for a long time. And, and it's like, you know, we'll wait or we'll say wait again. And one of the things that I don't believe we've really discussed a whole lot is the plausibility of actually getting a levy and getting the money. I mean, let's be pragmatic about this. Okay, you're talking about 2017 prices and you're talking about a 40% discount. I don't, does it paint us into a corner, yes. I just don't see how we're going to get a better deal. I mean, let's be realistic, how are we going to get a better deal?

Rob Davis 1:45:37

We're not.

Joel Medina 1:45:43

So then, then that, that actually already is, is we're on a lane headed in this direction. So if that's the case, then let's just at least decide that. And I can tell you, on a cost solely for cost basis, that's got to be the way to go, it makes sense, it's pragmatic.

Rob Davis 1:46:38

And I think on top of that, we're talking already \$6 million in savings for not buying ISSIs, and \$2 million that we're saving for not buying a core and \$2 million for not buying another core but we're getting four times redundancy because we're using everybody else's stuff.

Rob Anderson 1:46:52

I'm 100%, behind what I understand you're saying. My question is right now, could you, would you feel comfortable going to your board to ask them to approve something without a final dollar figure? You know, we know that we just, we said that it's going to be you know, pricing from what was it, 2017?

Mike Fletcher 1:47:14

Yes.

Rob Anderson 1:47:14

And we know 40% off. So great, great, great. But I think we do, unfortunately, need to wait to get this information from Motorola to have an actual dollar figure.

Joel Medina 1:47:24

No, no. I mean, I see your point. I think that if I go to my board, and I'm like, 'Hey, here's the deal. We can look at other options or I can present to you an option that gives you 2017 prices with a 40% discount. What do you want me to do?' And I can tell you that my board is going to say, well, the other options are nice, focus on this; find a way, make away? That's I mean...

Rob Anderson 1:47:46

And that's what I believe, we're getting. Correct?

Steven Lougal 1:47:49

We have that, the 40% discount, but what's the annual cost going to be?

Joel Medina 1:47:53

Well all that, all that is... does factor in, but we're not going to get over the hump of the 2017 40% discount? I mean, because the annual cost, regardless of what agency we have, is going to be what the annual cost is. But getting that equipment, that's, that's a completely different thing. You know, we... I think that, that yeah it paints us into a corner. Do I like be painted into a corner? No, I believe that, that just on humanistic portion of a point of view. It's good to have options, you know, it would be nice. But let's ask ourselves, when it comes to money in dollars of buying equipment? Do we really in Columbia County, have that many options? Are we really going to go to our constituents and tell them that we had an opportunity to buy equipment at 2017 prices with 40% off, but we didn't like it? I mean, I think that I would be hard pressed to, I mean, it's one of those, we may not love it. I mean, I just don't see another answer for it. But...

Rob Davis 1:48:59

And on top of that, by the way I need another \$8 million because I need these other add-ons.

Joel Medina 1:48:59

I mean...

Rob Davis 1:49:05

plus the 8 million that I lost out on?

Joel Medina 1:49:07

I don't know, I mean, no, let me rephrase that. I'm confident that, that wouldn't be, we wouldn't be being fiduciary, responsible in passing up a deal like this. Because I'll tell you, if we pass up on it, somebody's going to jump on it ahead of us. I mean...

Rob Anderson 1:49:24

As long as we don't lose the opportunity by, like I said January. But I think the nice thing is, is if we get all the information, and I'm assuming you know that this will be the cheapest. But I think we still need to get all the information so when I go to the taxpayers with this large number, if this is the least, we can say, 'Hey, look at this. This is the process we did. We spent time, we got all these quotes and yeah, we are actually asking you

for the cheapest option that its going to be.' I think It's just kind of hard to go out there without having the other costs to say, hey, you know, we tried to sharpen this pencil as well as we could.

Mike Fletcher 1:50:06

Yeah.

Rob Davis 1:50:06

Is there any chance that we lose this deal from C800 in the near future if we don't make a decision?

Mike Fletcher 1:50:11

Yes.

Joel Medina 1:50:13

That right there...

Rob Anderson 1:50:13

What's that timeline?

Joel Medina 1:50:14

is pulling the pin and rolling the grenade into the room.

Mike Fletcher 1:50:18

So...

Joel Medina 1:50:19

How many people would be comfortable with losing this deal? Because the continual cost that we're going to pay is what the cost is going to be. But we know that we could lose this deal now.

Mike Fletcher 1:50:28

Yeah. So I see Jeff's hand up. Just want a... couple points. So that is, so the question about being painted in the corner is exactly where Michael Peterkin was concerned if, if... he's not public safety, he doesn't work on radios. So that was his point of his question is, if your experience, your professional experience, in your history, has said that Motorola is not only the most expensive, but quality, it sucks, that's a different thing than just cost. So if cost wasn't the issue, would you choose to have a Motorola system based on your experience? Yes or no? What was the bad parts about it? So that was that point? To your point? Question of timeline for two things. You know, I'm pushing Motorola for the design and this really has been a literally a very short window.

Rob Anderson 1:51:28

A part of that is, is I know we pretty much have law enforcement. Sounds like on the fire side, definitely would want the ISSI, the links.

Mike Fletcher 1:51:37

Yeah.

Rob Anderson 1:51:37

So I mean, if that even nukes a couple of them out for Motorola to say, hey, instead of you giving us three, now we need this one.

Rob Davis 1:51:44

When I think, that ISSI link is going to be important. I mean, two times in the last week, we've had a kid go missing. Washington County Sheriff's Office sees the call, calls us, sends help, and they get there and two of the deputies go okay, now how do I figure out how to get to your radio channel because I have no idea where that is.

Mike Fletcher 1:51:44

Yeah. To Chief's point on ongoing operational costs, that's real, but it's different. Different if we own and operate it, because while we own it... Even our current system, we don't operate it. We don't have technicians. So we would have...

Steven Lougal 1:52:25

If we waited for Motorola to get done, which you're pushing them. Are we still within a window to make that decision? Or is that going to push us outside that window?

Mike Fletcher 1:52:34

I hope we can get it within the next month. But literally, they've had this request for about two months. How long have you been working with Tait? So it just takes time for those guys...

Steven Lougal 1:52:48

I'm just talking about the window, like they want to go over to Washington County. How long before, we have before that option is no longer on the table?

Mike Fletcher 1:52:55

So joining WCN has no time limit.

Steven Lougal 1:53:00

Okay.

Mike Fletcher 1:53:00

It's an open contract anytime we want to.

Steven Lougal 1:53:02

So what's our timeline then?

Mike Fletcher 1:53:02

Our time? I think we have two things. One, what you want? You want it hopefully December, maybe January. I will be on the phone with them this afternoon to push as fast, hard as I can. The equipment - is there a finite timeline? Absolutely. They want money, yesterday. We started this conversation three months ago, three, four months ago. And not, I won't say weekly, but I'd say a couple of times a month - ring-ring, how's it coming along over there? Are you on the fence? Are you thinking about it?

Steven Lougal 1:53:41

So what I'm saying is, would January still keep us in... like would that give us enough time to have all the information which best option is the best cost...

Mike Fletcher 1:53:49

Yep

Steven Lougal 1:53:49

all that stuff and still stay within that window so that we don't lose it?

Mike Fletcher 1:53:52

I think so. I think so. I need, just to be... put all the cards on the table. When for financing for bonding or levy, we have the resources of Special Districts Association. They are our lifeline on how we fund whatever we do, including all the options. Everything from leasing, lease purchase, bonding, levy, combination, grants. Grants are... it's like going to Vegas - so no guarantees, you're in competition and there's lots of rules about them and they only fund a few dollars. You all know that we belong to the UASI region. We sit on RDPO. We're in competition with a tiny bucket of money. What UASI gets today, what we got 10-15 years ago, is dramatically different. There's about a million and a half, maybe \$2 million for the entire state.

Joel Medina 1:55:00

Chief to add to what you said a little bit. I think that if, that if in January we go, yeah, we're doing this, we want this equipment. They're going to be so relieved that we committed to that, that I don't that... Of course I'm assuming and we all know what that means. But that's that, that they may go okay, well, to get into negotiations to talk with somebody else will take another six months, at least Columbia County's decided, and that I think, locks us in. By January, we would have been six months deciding if we want 2017 prices, and 40% discount. There's going to be agencies that don't take that long to make a decision.

Mike Fletcher 1:55:39

Right.

Rob Davis 1:55:40

But I think that's my fear, right?

Joel Medina 1:55:41

That's what I'm, that's what I'm worried about because...

Rob Davis 1:55:43

Salem, CRESA, whoever else has an 800 system...

Joel Medina 1:55:44

somebody, somebody's going to go, I'll take that deal. And what's going to preface that is, we come into the new year, we're approaching now, a mid year review for most budgets, July is staring them down the corner, they've given it to us for six months, we failed to make a decision, somebody on, on their budgetary board is going to go guys, at one point in time do we not start looking around for somebody else who might want this? We've already come up with this number that were working with Columbia County, let's open it up anybody else. And then we're toast because now we're going to have to ask that much more money, you know, that much more delayed. So at some point in time, we're just going to need to stand tall and take it in the teeth. Because the risk of waiting past January and potentially losing all these deals is detrimental. It's detrimental to every single one of our agencies, for a vast array of reasons. The primary of which happens to be cost. So I think that, that, that, that, okay, we don't do it in December, I agree with a lot of things Chief Pricher said. He's very poignant. He's very knowledgeable about these things. I would be going to him to ask him questions, you

know, if I... when we do our things that we need to do. But I think pushing it past January is absolutely a mistake. I think, come January, we make a decision. And then we just move forward.

Steven Lougal 1:57:14

And I agree with you. I'm not saying push it past January, we're just going to have all the information we need so that we don't go back to our boards and not have a final number. I mean, I got to sell it.

Jeff Flatt 1:57:24

I think there's still a chance we can have all the information in December. If you get, you know, the Tait proposals end of November. If you get the information from Motorola, then...

Mike Fletcher 1:57:38

Then I'll schedule a joint meeting. And we'll work with the vendors on what they're willing to do, can do and then...

Joel Medina 1:57:47

And timing needs to be good. Like, for example, the one presentation is November 29, right? That's around Thanksgiving, most of my staff is gone. I mean, I, I mean, I, I'm going to have to try to juggle some things to try, to try to take it, but I... none of my board is going to be around. You know, I mean, timing has got to be good. If we're going to do it in December, you got to be cognizant of the fact that after the 15th of December, it's going to be pretty much very difficult to start, to start... it's going to be like herding cats to get everybody in the room to make a decision. So if you don't have it by the beginning of December, then January is a must.

Mike Fletcher 1:58:24

Yeah. Chief Pricher, I see your hand.

Michael Peterkin 1:58:27

I'd like to, excuse me, I'd like to jump in here and offer a potential path forward.

Mike Fletcher 1:58:36

Yes, sir.

Michael Peterkin 1:58:37

In situations like this, I've seen binding LOIs signed - letters of intent. This would communicate the District's intent to purchase the system based on certain contingencies. And it would allow the time to do the further study and, and take the steps that many in the room have discussed. But if you want to lock this down, than a binding letter of intent might be a way to go forward; the Board would have to consider that, make appropriate resolutions and give guidance. And of course, the binding LOI would have to be negotiated in the terms negotiated. But then both parties are in a position to then enter into a binding contract once the contingencies are met or waived.

Rob Davis 1:59:51

Can the Advisory Board make a recommendation so the Board can move forward on something like that?

Mike Russell 1:59:55

Do you have a motion.

Rob Davis 1:59:56

I'll make a motion that the Advisory Committee advises the Board of Directors to move forward with a binding letter of intent to hold that equipment until we can make a decision by a date, let's call it February 1st of 2023, whether or not we need that.

Joel Medina 2:00:14

I second that motion.

Mike Russell 2:00:16

It's been moved and seconded that we advise the Board to pursue a letter of intent. So...

Joel Medina 2:00:23

That was comments. Right.

Mike Russell 2:00:24

So, hold on. So any discussion? Now Chief go ahead.

Joel Medina 2:00:29

Thank you. Sorry about that. My point would be that, that I, February 1st, I say I would ask the Board again, in an effort to not kick the can down the road, that the decision on whether we start the LOI and moving in that direction be done in in the early January meeting. That way...

Mike Russell 2:00:54

If I'm not.. I think the LOI can be started...

Rob Davis 2:00:57

The LOI would be done now.

Mike Russell 2:00:58

Yeah.

Joel Medina 2:00:59

Oh, okay. Well, then I retract that, never mind.

Mike Russell 2:01:02

We're advising today that the Board start that process now?

Joel Medina 2:01:05

Yes.

Mike Russell 2:01:05

That's my understanding of the motion.

Rob Davis 2:01:07

That is correct. That way we don't lose...

Joel Medina 2:01:10

Yeah, that would be good. And just communicating to them that we're in the process of a LOI is going to ease them and realize that we're, that we're actually trying to do something.

Rob Davis 2:01:19

We're seriously interested in your equipment. Please don't get rid of it.

Joel Medina 2:01:22

I appreciate the comment about the LOI, that's brilliant.

Rob Davis 2:01:27

I would say, February by February 1st...

Mike Fletcher 2:01:30

We'll have a decision.

Rob Davis 2:01:31

the conditions of that LOI, if we either meet them or we don't. And that is the end date.

Joel Medina 2:01:35

And we'll decide that in January.

Rob Davis 2:01:36

Yep.

Mike Fletcher 2:01:38

Chief Pricher?

Mike Russell 2:01:39

Any other discuss...

Mike Fletcher 2:01:39

Oh, I'm sorry.

Mike Russell 2:01:40

Any other discussion on the motion? Chief Pricher did you have something specific to the motion?

Jeff Pricher 2:01:46

Well, I was trying to get in before the motion, but specific to the motion, I think we're putting the cart before the horse on this motion. We need to find out what WCCCA's intent is or sorry, Clackamas County's intent is with this equipment. And if they say, hey, we need a decision within a month, then we enter into an LOI. But to sit here and talk about doing an LOI without understanding what the conditions and the negotiations are. That doesn't make much sense. I mean, we're talking about a tight window here. Again, I agree with my colleagues from Vernonia and Columbia River Fire and Rescue, we need to move on this stuff. And, you know, this deal is a really, really good deal. But I have to go back to, we don't have all the information, we need to understand what it's going to cost to upgrade the sites once this equipment goes in. You know, my colleague from Columbia River was talking about the difference between, you know, cat four cat five, and cat six cable; those are hard costs for building out the tower sites. The subscription costs; that's where these vendors make their

money. We could get a killer deal on the equipment, but they can crush us on the subscriber fees on the back end. So you know, I am, I am definitely in support of trying to get this deal. But what we really need the Board to do is to get the 9-1-1 staff to push Motorola forward to get us this information, and have a drop dead date that other members of the Advisory Committee are talking about. Whether you know, we don't go past January, like we do have to make a decision. But man, we need that information. Because when, when it comes to the hard costs for going out for a bond, you know... Scappoose is going to have to go out for a bond, we need to upgrade our station. And that's going to be a big decision factor for us whether we're paying 10 million for radio system or 50 million for radio system; all that factors in. And I don't know what the other districts are doing, but we need that information and we need it like tomorrow.

Mike Fletcher 2:04:06

Noted, but I also like your new paint job on the station, looks good.

Joel Medina 2:04:11

I, and again, I absolutely feel that, that my colleague from Scappoose is making a very good point. But I don't see what it hurts just to do the LOI now. Because we can always decide not to do anything with it in January. But at least its done. If we don't make a decision about the LOI. Then, then if not now, then when? Because if not us, I guarantee you somebody's going to take that, that, that equipment. So if we vote today on starting the LOI, it gives, it gives legal plenty of time to start setting it up and getting all the questions so that when, when... if and when we decide to pull the trigger, hopefully when, we can and everything's in place, and at least you can see that we're making some kind of a movement? I don't think the... because we can always write the LOI and have nothing and the only thing that it costs us is legal fees for it. And then we vote on January and go, yeah, you know what, no, we're not going to do it. But, but at least it's there. So I, from the advisory point of view, I would, I would ask the Board to at least, show signs of moving in a positive direction, and I believe the LOI, which is, which is a great idea, is just that - it's a positive direction to show that we are actually making a decision.

Mike Fletcher 2:05:38

I see, Sheriff Pixley?

Brian Pixley 2:05:43

I'm supportive of the LOI, as long as there's language written in there that allows us to back out once we get all the information.

Mike Fletcher 2:05:53

And I'm looking at the attorney.

Rob Davis 2:05:56

And that, I think that's in the motion, right? We have to, it has to be in there that we will make a decision by February 1st, 2023, whether we're purchasing or whether we're backing out. So that we have an out. But we need to at least show interest that we want the equipment, that we are seriously looking in a direction...

Mike Russell 2:06:13

Well, I would say not that we're backing out, but that it's free to go to others.

Rob Davis 2:06:18

Right.

Mike Russell 2:06:18

So I wouldn't say... I'd just be more wishy washy about it.

Greg Brody 2:06:24

We're just asking you to hold it for four months.

Mike Russell 2:06:26

Yeah, basically.

Greg Brody 2:06:27

Yeah.

Mike Russell 2:06:28

And then if we don't move forward, then they're free to pursue other options.

Rob Davis 2:06:31

Do whatever they want with it. Sell it to somebody else, hold onto it, part it out, whatever.

Joel Medina 2:06:34

Oh rest assured, they're going to move and do what's in their best interest no matter what, just like we're doing.

Rob Davis 2:06:39

And they have to recoup money.

Joel Medina 2:06:40

Right. But the thing is, I think that the LOI sends a message that, that we're interested, you know, we're interested on the table. That's it just the option, and that can to communicate and that yes, we're moving in that direction.

Mike Russell 2:06:58

Any other discussion?

Mike Fletcher 2:07:00

Chief Pricher?

Jeff Pricher 2:07:03

Yes, sir. I agree with my colleagues, on all accounts, you know, the LOI is something we should pursue. But before we lock ourselves into a date, because we don't know what kind of information we're going to get, can Colombia 9-1-1 ask you know, the folks that are willing to give up the equipment, what their drop dead date is, before we set a drop dead date for us. Just to give us some wiggle room in case something funky happens.

Mike Fletcher 2:07:31

Certainly, I can do that this week.

Mike Russell 2:07:33

So I think the Board's heard our discussion and understands our intent and we're advising them to pursue that. It's up to them to work out those details. So...what's that?

Rob Davis 2:07:47

You got something Chief... you going to need a vote?

Mike Russell 2:07:50

Yeah, so I just wanted to summarize real quickly. All those in favor of the motion say aye.

Advisory Committee Group 2:07:55

Aye.

Mike Russell 2:07:56

All those opposed same sign?

Jeff Pricher 2:08:00

Can you restate the motion, please, before I vote. There was a lot of discussion...

Mike Russell 2:08:04

That was along time ago, I don't remember.

Rob Davis 2:08:06

The motion on the table...

Mike Russell 2:08:07

LOI

Rob Davis 2:08:08

is to advise the CCOM Board to put out an LOI with C800 for the purchase of these tower sites. If we're going to, if we're going to let Fletcher decide on what that that flexible date is, that's fine. Otherwise, February 1st 2023, our Advisory Council and the Board of Directors would make a decision whether we're purchasing, or we're not purchasing that equipment.

Jeff Pricher 2:08:35

Just to confirm Rob, you said tower sites. I thought we already had the towers.

Mike Russell 2:08:40

I need to... point of order here. We're done with discussion. We're voting. So I think...

Rob Davis 2:08:46

And the vote passed, yes?

Mike Russell 2:08:47

Oh, it did pass. Sorry, I'm screwed up, sorry. Sorry, Chief. Go ahead. Sorry.

Mike Fletcher 2:08:54

Chief Pricher, you're correct. Towers...

Jeff Pricher 2:08:59

Put Scappoose down as we're, we're not voting.

Mike Fletcher 2:09:03

Abstaining. Okay. Just to clarify for the Chief, towers is not... their sites, the site equipment is what... it's just radio equipment for sites.

Jeff Flatt 2:09:23

Mike, I'd like to make a motion to enter the LOI and I don't know the exact language, but I think we need to move forward. So... as stated, you know, the February date, try to tie up this equipment, this is too good of a deal to not at least try to tie up and look at. Doesn't mean we still can't go in another direction...

Mike Fletcher 2:09:50

Correct.

Jeff Flatt 2:09:50

If we so choose. So, that's my motion.

Bruce Holsey 2:09:57

Alright. There's a motion on the table. Is there a second?

Rob Anderson 2:10:05

Second.

Bruce Holsey 2:10:07

Okay, discussion.

Rob Anderson 2:10:09

So, just to be clear, want to clarify, the motion on the table is to authorize Mike and legal to enter into an LOI. And again, definitely an LOI, because it's non-binding. With Clackamas...

Mike Fletcher 2:10:26

C800

Rob Anderson 2:10:26

C800, upon purchasing their surplus 800 megahertz equipment. And you're going to clarify with them on what is their drop dead date for the...

Mike Fletcher 2:10:42

Yes.

Rob Anderson 2:10:43

LOI.

Mike Fletcher 2:10:44

Correct.

Bruce Holsey 2:10:48

We're not... so that motion did not include a date, is that correct?

Rob Anderson 2:10:52

Correct. Because it's...

Mike Fletcher 2:10:53

It's going to be dependent on...

Rob Anderson 2:10:55

rather than, you know, C800 going well, we don't like that date. So, ask them back to us a month later. Right. I think Mike clearly understands, and legal because monitoring, clearly understands the intent.

Mike Fletcher 2:10:55

Yes.

Bruce Holsey 2:10:55

My question though for legal is how, how fast will this letter get compiled and sent out to Mike for review? I'm assuming, I'm assuming you're going to review it?

Mike Fletcher 2:11:20

Yes.

Michael Peterkin 2:11:23

Well, a letter of intent can be drafted and submitted in as long as the opposing legal counsel agrees, and the county agrees, we can get that done fairly quickly. Normally, an LOI will have some terms like the target price and, you know, the contingencies, like bonding and etc. So, we can include a lot of the particulars in the LOI, and then have language that of course, it's not binding on the District. But we do want it binding on the seller that they can't sell to another party, while the LOI is in force.

Bruce Holsey 2:12:19

Okay. That makes sense to me. Thank you. I just wanted to clarify. Okay. All in favor, signify by saying aye.

Jeff Flatt 2:12:27

Aye.

Rob Anderson 2:12:28

Aye.

Bruce Holsey 2:12:29

Aye.

Mike Fletcher 2:12:32

Shelley, are you still on there?

Shelley Hennessy 2:12:36

Aye, sorry.

Bruce Holsey 2:12:37

Okay, motion passes.

Mike Fletcher 2:12:40

I thought I saw the Sheriff again... just waving.

Brian Pixley 2:12:45

No, sorry, that was a wrong button.

Mike Fletcher 2:12:48

No problem. All right, well. I think... I have no update, or are we done with radio? Moving on. I have no update on the ambulance service area. Again, that's in the hands of the county. So that concludes...

Bruce Holsey 2:13:14

Old business.

Mike Fletcher 2:13:15

Old business.

Bruce Holsey 2:13:16

New business, Mr. Fletcher.

Mike Fletcher 2:13:17

New business, in your Board packet is a MOA, a memorandum of agreement between the Association and the District. It centers on the... changing our on-call language, on-call dispatcher language. And we're accommodating a current dispatcher, who has been with us for five years, I think. It's been no secret from the moment he was hired here he was looking to become a career firefighter. He's well on the road. He's in his paramedic rotation. And he's on the cusp of leaving. So, he needs to do his... what's the correct term? I've lost it, my brain but...

Joel Medina 2:13:25

State exam.

Dannell Hooper 2:14:06

Internship.

Mike Fletcher 2:14:17

Internship, thank you very much. So, his schedule is not as available as he used to be. And we want to accommodate that, because he's a very valuable, very talented dispatcher. And we know we're going to lose him, but we've tried to keep him as long, as long as we can. And that's what this MOU is really all about. So, the District's legal counsel labor firm has vetted it, the Association's legal firm has vetted it and we're all in agreement with the language. So, looking for the Board's approval.

Rob Anderson 2:14:49

Mr. President. Sorry to interrupt if I can, oh, good, just as a point of order. We've already exceeded our time.

Bruce Holsey 2:14:56

I asked. He said we're okay.

Mike Fletcher 2:14:58

I'm not too sure what that time limit is.

Rob Anderson 2:15:01

It just, all we have to just say is to take a motion to extend the meeting.

Bruce Holsey 2:15:05

I'll take a motion to extend the meeting.

Rob Anderson 2:15:06

Moved.

Jeff Flatt 2:15:08

Second.

Bruce Holsey 2:15:08

Alright, it's been moved and seconded.

Rob Anderson 2:15:10

Sorry everyone, that's how we limit ourselves to how long this meeting drags on for.

Bruce Holsey 2:15:13

I don't think we need to discuss on... All in favor.

Rob Anderson 2:15:19

Aye.

Bruce Holsey 2:15:19

Aye.

Shelley Hennessy 2:15:19

Aye.

Bruce Holsey 2:15:19

Alright. Okay, moving along.

Mike Fletcher 2:15:21

Moving along.

Bruce Holsey 2:15:22

So we need a motion for that?

Mike Fletcher 2:15:24

Yes, I do.

Bruce Holsey 2:15:25

Is there a motion for the CBA agreement?

Rob Anderson 2:15:30

So moved.

Bruce Holsey 2:15:32

Do I hear a second?

Jeff Flatt 2:15:33

Second.

Bruce Holsey 2:15:34

We have a second. Is there any discussion on it? Not hearing any discussion, all in favor signify by aye.

Jeff Flatt 2:15:40

Aye.

Bruce Holsey 2:15:40

Aye.

Shelley Hennessy 2:15:41

Aye.

Rob Anderson 2:15:42

Aye.

Bruce Holsey 2:15:43

Opposed, nay. Okay, thank you.

Mike Fletcher 2:15:45

CFO recruitment. Maybe it's a big surprise, but Nancy is trying really hard to retire. And we are having significant challenges on recruitment for her position. We are engaged with SDAO who's attempting to assist us. But barring that, our next option is to hire a recruitment firm. I don't know exactly how much that cost. There's different models out there. Sometimes it's a percentage of their wages, etc., as a fee. But I'm just informing the Board. We we've been doing this for how many months trying to post her position over and over with very limited results. And so again, this is more of a notification. These are the actions we're taking, SDAO and then we're going to go out for a contracted firm to help us.

Bruce Holsey 2:16:48

Okay.

Mike Fletcher 2:16:49

Anything else on that, Nancy?

Nancy Edwards 2:16:50

Nope.

Mike Fletcher 2:16:50

Okay. Her retirement party for everyone is, was, is moved to next week. It's Tuesday?

Maryjo Beck 2:16:57

November 1st at 1pm.

Mike Fletcher 2:16:59

Yeah. Okay. So, everybody come on down. Food and drinks on us.

Maryjo Beck 2:17:07

Cake and coffee.

Mike Fletcher 2:17:08

Yeah, well drinks. Cake, cake is in the food pyramid. Next up is SDAO Conference is scheduled for February 9th through 12th. And I believe it is in Sunriver. Yep, Sunriver this year. For the Board members interested we need to have your, at least, verbal commitment to Maryjo and Nancy, as soon as possible so we can register you and get rooms.

Nancy Edwards 2:17:36

We've already got rooms.

Mike Fletcher 2:17:37

Oh, we've got the rooms, excellent.

Nancy Edwards 2:17:39

We just need to know who wants to go.

Mike Fletcher 2:17:42

Next up is Northwest Leadership Seminar. It's scheduled for March 1st through 3rd. I think it's still being held at Jantzen Beach.

Nancy Edwards 2:17:52

Pretty sure.

Mike Fletcher 2:17:54

Again, so if you could contact us for your interest, we will make that happen. Last up is Directors and I think I've spoken enough. So that concludes my reports. We are not holding Executive Session. Are next meeting... so this could work in our favor. Our next meeting is actually scheduled for November 17th. However, I might make a suggestion... if we get Motorola's information, if we get the information from Tait. I'm just going to throw it out there. What is the level of interest for a repeat joint meeting of the Board and the Advisory Committee for December 1st. If I can get all this information, if I can get the vendors to cooperate, make an all-day extravaganza out of it.

Advisory Committee Group 2:19:02

Yeah, yeah.

Joel Medina 2:19:03

So, I think if you push it past like the 20th of November, the 22nd of November, it's tough for me to get the people that I need from Columbia River to be there. So that would be great if you can do it earlier.

Mike Fletcher 2:19:15

It'd be December 1st.

Joel Medina 2:19:16

I'm sorry, December 1st, well that's easy.

Rob Anderson 2:19:18

Are we talking about just a joint meeting, or would we have a workshop so more participants could partake, and then go into a joint meeting?

Mike Fletcher 2:19:27

That's a great idea.

Joel Medina 2:19:28

That's a great idea, absolutely.

Mike Fletcher 2:19:32

I'll find out. Otherwise, we're scheduled, the Board is scheduled for November 17th. But again, the challenges of Thanksgiving and so, just want to throw it out there that maybe December 1st might work.

Mike Russell 2:19:50

Yeah, generally, we're in agreement.

Mike Fletcher 2:19:53

Okay. Well, let me see what I can do. Mr. President, that concludes...

Bruce Holsey 2:19:59

Alright. Is there any other business for the Board? Hearing none, thank God. Members comments? Go ahead Jeff.

Jeff Flatt 2:20:12

Finally glad to get some sort of direction going here, like we've talked about kicking the can down the road, this is... once the decision is made, it's still going to take a long time so... and it's too good a deal to not at least try to tie it up.

Bruce Holsey 2:20:32

Thank you. Mr. Anderson.

Rob Anderson 2:20:34

Thanks to the Fire Defense Board for letting us hijack your meeting day. I think it was a very constructive meeting. A lot of information was shared. And I think we're moving forward. Still waiting to get more information to make a well-educated decision. Thanks again.

Bruce Holsey 2:20:52

Shelley, you still there?

Shelley Hennessy 2:20:56

Yeah, I'm here. Yeah, I agree. I concur, moving forward with getting something with these radios. I'm glad everybody's open to making sure Vernonia is covered in the other outlying areas. That's good to hear. So, that's it for me.

Bruce Holsey 2:21:13

I have no comment. Meeting adjourned.

Mike Russell 2:21:16

I'll adjourn the Advisory Committee meeting, thank you all, appreciate the discussion.

Zoom 2:21:20

Goodbye.

11:31am Adjourned.