



**North Carolina 911 Board
Funding Committee Meeting
MINUTES
July 23, 2020
1:00pm – 3:00pm
Microsoft Teams, Raleigh, NC**

Meeting was conducted via use of simultaneous communications

<u>Members on Phone</u>	<u>Staff on Phone</u>	<u>Others on the Phone</u>
Jason Barbour	Richard Bradford	Donna Wright
Randy Beeman	Ronnie Cashwell	Grayson Gusa
David Bone	Stephanie Conner	Vic Williams
Allen Cress	Kristen Falco	Todd Ausbon
Chuck Greene	Tina Gardner	Stori McIntyre
Len Hagaman	Pokey Harris	Jeff Shipp
Del Hall	Gerry Means	Doug Workman
Melanie Neal	Stanley Meeks	Greg Dotson
Candy Miller (<i>Joined at 1:22pm</i>)	David Newberry	Mike Reitz
Stephanie Wiseman	Marsha Tapler	Lorrie Burroughs
Greg Coltrain	Angie Turbeville	Elizabeth Mitchell
<u>Members Not Present</u>		Joe Vanderlip
Stacey Gonyer		Matt Evans
		Sonya Williams
		Byron Burns
		Corrine Wauser
		Brooke Hazlitt
		Cathy Trimnell
		Dan Lemley
		Ellis Frazier
		Ryan Hargreaves

1. Roll Call –

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Mr. Bone. Ms. Falco proceeded to call the roll.

2. Executive Director Opening Remarks –

Mrs. Harris congratulated Melanie Neal on her Emergency Number Professional (ENP) certification. She also announced Ronnie Cashwell’s decision to retire at the end of August.

3. Chairs Opening Remarks –

Mr. Bone also congratulated Melanie on her certification.

4. Approval of June 2020 minutes (Vote Required)-

Mr. Bone requested a motion to approve the June 2020 Funding Committee Meeting minutes after no suggestions were made for revisions. Allen Cress made the motion, seconded by Randy Beeman. Motion carried.

Approval of June 2020 Minutes		
Committee Member	Vote to Approve	Vote to Not Approve
Jason Barbour	X	
Randy Beeman	X	
David Bone	X	
Allen Cress	X	
Chuck Greene	X	
Len Hagaman	X	
Del Hall	X	
Melanie Neal	X	
Candy Miller (not present during vote)		
Stephanie Wiseman	X	
Greg Coltrain	X	

5. Asheville PD Secondary Status (Vote Required) -

Stephanie Conner presented the funding committee with a timeline and documentation from Asheville Police Department and Buncombe County to support the 911 Board’s policy for establishing Asheville Police Department as a secondary PSAP for Buncombe County. Mrs. Harris advised committee members that the relationship between Asheville PD and Buncombe had been in place for several years. It was staff’s

recommendation per the 911 Board's Secondary PSAP Policy that Asheville PD be established as a secondary PSAP to Buncombe County.

Melanie Neal expressed concerns as to why Asheville was asking for a secondary status instead of consolidation when all the employees for Buncombe and Asheville PD's dispatch were sitting in the same room under the same roof. These concerns were also shared by Stephanie Wiseman and Jeff Shipp. Ms. Neal felt it would be sending the wrong message with approval of Asheville PD as a secondary when the goal of the Board has been to consolidate centers, and not create more.

Donna Wright requested clarification if there was ever grant funding provided to consolidate Asheville PD with Buncombe County, which there was not per staff. Del Hall asked if the state had any other PSAPs located within the state that were co-located. Donna Wright shared that she knew Moore County was sharing space with their sheriff's office, and Forsyth was also sharing space with their sheriff's office, neither of which could produce documentation to prove the existing relationship prior to 2010 per the Board's Secondary PSAP policy.

Mr. Beeman wanted to know what the seat count would be for Asheville PD. Staff advised funding would be approved on a cost per call basis, and they would be able to use those dollars for eligible funding. Staff reported that the cost savings could not be realized for the sharing of services and equipment as they would be treated as a PSAP in a separate location. Marsha Tapler advised the committee members that originally when the Buncombe Sheriffs office, emergency operations center, and Asheville PD were supposed to consolidate, each agency was looking at 6 seats.

Mr. Bradford explained to Funding Committee Members that Asheville Police Department had established all of the necessary documentation required to become a secondary PSAP per the 911 Board's Secondary PSAP policy. He added that although the committee members had concerns regarding the establishment of another PSAP and how it seemingly was going against the common goal of the 911 Board to consolidate PSAPs instead of creating more, per the Secondary PSAP policy in place by the 911 Board, Asheville Police Department had met all of the statutory requirements.

Mr. Bone requested a motion to approve Asheville Police Department's status as a Secondary PSAP. Jason Barbour made the motion with reservation, seconded by Chuck Greene. Motion carried.

Approval of Asheville PD Secondary PSAP Status		
Committee Member	Vote to Approve	Vote to Not Approve
Jason Barbour	X (with reservation)	
Randy Beeman	X	
David Bone	X	
Allen Cress	X	
Chuck Greene	X	
Len Hagaman	X (with reservation)	
Del Hall	X (with reservation)	
Melanie Neal	X (with reservation)	
Candy Miller	X	
Stephanie Wiseman	X (with reservation)	
Greg Coltrain	X	

6. Motorola AIS and Integration Eligibility

Pokey Harris addressed the Committee and made mention that like the resource licensing costs that had been approved during the prior Funding Committee, staff was given new detail with regards to the Archiving Interface Server and the integration costs charged by Carolina Recording, which had previously been deemed ineligible by staff. David Newberry presented the information to the Funding Committee and staff's recommendation that the AIS and the integration licensing fees through Carolina Recording Systems be made an eligible expense because without the AIS, the recorder would not be able to record from the radio system. Melanie Neal and Randy Beeman both thanked staff for revisiting this item for eligibility. Mr. Beeman requested that once this item was approved by the board, that staff let the PSAPs know quickly about its eligibility determination. Mr. Bone requested a motion to approve the eligibility of the Motorola AIS and CRS integration costs. A motion was made by Jason Barbour; seconded by Melanie Neal. Motion carried. Jason Barbour asked for clarification if the integration to the AIS was vendor specific to Carolina Recording, to which staff replied it would not be.

Approval of Motorola AIS and CRS Integration Licensing Fees as Eligible Expenses		
Committee Member	Vote to Approve	Vote to Not Approve

Jason Barbour	X	
Randy Beeman	X	
David Bone	X	
Allen Cress	X	
Chuck Greene	X	
Len Hagaman	X	
Del Hall	X	
Melanie Neal	X	
Candy Miller	X	
Stephanie Wiseman	X	
Greg Coltrain	X	

7. FY2021 PSAP Funding Reconsideration Updates

Marsha Tapler gave an update for the pending funding reconsideration requests and information staff was waiting on before being able to present the requests to the Funding Committee for consideration.

8. PSAP Status Update

Mrs. Falco reported out financial staff's progress on completing reviews for all PSAPs for their FY2018 reporting period and current status of reviews for the FY2019 reporting period.

9. Executive Director's Closing Remarks

Mrs. Harris discussed with the Funding Committee that the PSAP Assistance Teams were working with PSAPs whose fund balance is over 300% of their distribution. The goal of the PAT is to assist with the creation of budgets and a technology plan. The PAT anticipated being able to bring their findings and information to the Funding Committee Meeting in October. Once they have reviewed their findings, PSAPs who have a low fund balance will be reviewed by the PAT to see how staff can begin to address any gaps or needs of those PSAPs. Mrs. Harris also advised members that regional coordinators were beginning to look at PSAP back up center stats and seat counts across the state. She was hopeful that this information could be presented at the August Funding Committee Meeting.

Mr. Beeman asked Mrs. Harris about how the GeoComm project was going. Mrs. Harris stated they had seven PSAP's at i3 status, but all one

hundred jurisdictions had been touched by Geocomm and they had begun to upload their data. She mentioned that there had been a few challenges with some of the PSAPs working with GeoComm.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:05pm.

APPROVED BY FUNDING COMMITTEE 08202020