

Sustainable Funding Committee Meeting

December 12th, 2019 2:00PM

Committee Members in Attendance

Jolena Young	Eddie Reyes	Joe Lerch	Sheriff Heiatt
J.R. Powell	Terry Hall	Christian Collier	

Staff in Attendance

Dorothy Spears-Dean Steve Marzolf Lewis Cassada

1) Call Meeting to Order

The meeting of the Sustainable Funding Committee was called to order by Ms. Young at 2:00PM.

2) Approval of the September 10th Minutes

Ms. Young called for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 10th meeting. Mr. Reyes made the motion, and it was seconded by Mr. Powell. The motion passed without opposition.

3) Local Government Survey Results

Ms. Spears-Dean updated the Committee on the results of the local government survey. There were 44 anonymous submissions. The results analyzed came from the “All Results” category. It would be difficult to attribute responses to any locality or region. Ms. Spears-Dean presented the results of the survey regarding 9-1-1 Revenue, Wireless E9-1-1 Fund Distribution, Grant Funding for 9-1-1 Systems, PSAP Operations Funding, Maintenance, ECaTS, and Statewide Funded Solutions.

4) Next Steps

Ms. Spears-Dean discussed three options that the Committee has considered. 1) Increasing the surcharge, 2) Wait until FY22 and monitor, 3) Remove the pre-paid wireless exemption. Mr. Lerch said that the VACO

legislative package recommended modernizing the CSUT. Mr. Hall stated that VML is monitoring the situation. Ms. Young discussed the results of the survey and future challenges in 9-1-1, and recommended increasing revenue to the localities. Mr. Hall discussed the knowns and unknowns of NG9-1-1 deployment. Ms. Spears-Dean commented on the Committee's assignment of exploring ways to mitigate the effect of rising recurring costs. There was committee discussion. Staff will prepare a recommendation report sometime in mid-January for the Committee to review. The recommendations would be presented at the March Board meeting. The consensus of the Committee was to recommend the increase of the wireless surcharge and removal of the pre-paid surcharge exemption, and for the Board to engage VML/VACO to evaluate the decision. Mr. Marzolf cautioned that a request for additional funding would require specific reasons for the increase.

5) Conclusion

Ms. Spears-Dean asked if there were any other items for discussion. Ms. Young mentioned the overall State budget surplus, and asked if the funds allocated for Sheriffs Dispatchers and to the State Police could be taken out of the General fund instead of the 9-1-1 fund. Ms. Spears-Dean asked for any additional comments. There were none. The meeting of the Sustainable funding committee ended at 3:00PM.