

Sustainable Funding Committee Meeting

January 8th, 2020 11:00AM

Committee Members in Attendance

Jolena Young Joe Lerch J.R. Powell Christian Collier

Staff in Attendance

Dorothy Spears-Dean Stephanie McGuffin Lewis Cassada
Joe Sewash Steve Marzolf

1) Call Meeting to Order

The meeting of the Sustainable Funding Committee was called to order by Ms. Spears-Dean at 11:00AM.

2) Review of the Initial Draft of the Committee's Report to the Board

Ms. Spears-Dean reviewed the purpose/charge of the Committee; it is to provide recommendations to the 9-1-1 Services Board on how to mitigate the financial burden of recurring NG9-1-1 costs on localities. The first recommendation discussed was supporting the removal of the current prepaid wireless exemption in the CSUT. The consensus of the Committee was to accept this recommendation. The second recommendation was to increase the wireless surcharge. Discussed were pre & postpaid charges and what amounts, also the need for building a case for change. The third recommendation is to undertake a 9-1-1 cost study. After further discussion, this recommendation will also include cost savings and consolidation language.

3) Next Steps

Ms. Spears-Dean will obtain consensus from the Committee members for the three recommendations. Staff will summarize the recommendations so that Ms. Young can present them to the 9-1-1 Services Board, with the goal of the Board voting on their recommendations at the March Board

meeting. Staff will begin to develop a report, and that report will be discussed at the next meeting sometime in late January. A document should be publically available sometime in February in advance of the March Board meeting.

4) Public Comments and Conclusion

Ms. Spears-Dean asked if there were any public comments. Mr. Steve Marzolf discussed legislative activities impacting 9-1-1 dispatchers, EMD, and the transfer of the ISP Program from VITA to VDEM. Mr. Marzolf also announced that is retiring as of February 1st.