



# Meeting Summary

## *Funding Committee*

2/10/2015

N.C. 911 Board Office

3514 Bush St

Raleigh, NC

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Staff Present</u>	<u>Guest</u>
Jason Barbour, Chair	Tina Bone	Lloyd Moskowitz
Randy Beeman	Richard Bradford	Brenda Womble
David Bone (phone)	David Dodd	
Andrew Grant (phone)	Marsha Tapler	
Len Hagaman	Richard Taylor	
Del Hall		
Tonya Pearce		
<u>Members Absent</u>	<u>Staff Absent</u>	
Tommy Cole	Dave Corn	
Wesley Reid		
Laura Sykora		

Vice Chairman Len Hagaman called the meeting to order and introduced new Committee members. Richard Taylor called the roll and recognized those on the phone.

Request to add Traffic Cameras to Use of Funds List: Richard Taylor gave an update on the request to add traffic cameras to the list of Approved Expenditures. Staff feels this expenditure cannot be funded based on the current General Statute. Lloyd Moskowitz from Gaston County, who made the initial request, asked if this could be re-visited if the wording to GS 62-A were ever amended.

School Safety Program Update: Jason Barbour arrived and assumed chairmanship of the meeting. He asked Richard Taylor to give an update on Tab 3-The School Safety Program. Richard recapped the progress up to now, and the Board Chair's directive to work with other State agencies on this project. John Dorman with NC Emergency Management will give a presentation to the 911 Board at the February meeting. John would like to sit down with PSAPs and see what the technical requirements are, that would allow the EM databases to interface with PSAP CAD systems. Tonya Pearce said what Intrado has is the interface to connect the EM programs to CAD systems. Tonya says the information can be delivered with the phone calls, instead of being delivered via a CAD interface. Jason said since we do not tell which telephone systems to buy, perhaps the thing to do is let PSAPs decide which route to go. Randy Beeman said he can get camera feeds now, provided at no cost from by Cumberland County Schools. Jason asked Tonya to come back to the Funding Committee with a written proposal of Intrado's solution.

Funding Reconsideration for Holly Springs: Marsha Tapler gave a review of their request. They are currently approximately \$128K over their 20% carryover limit. They are requesting their fund balance not be reduced, and the current proposed amount of approximately \$ 216K for next fiscal year be left as is. Their capital project has run longer than the projected year. Randy Beeman made the motion to approve the request, and Tonya Pearce seconded. The motion was approved.

Funding Reconsideration for Mitchell County: Mitchell County has also requested their fund balance not be reduced, since they are working on a backup center plan, and they are working toward a telephone upgrade on equipment that has not been upgraded since 2010. Their current fund balance is approximately \$900K. Marsha Tapler said there have been no equipment purchased, and no timeline to define the project. Mitchell must provide quotes and more information to go forward with this reconsideration. Jason suggested Staff go back and ask Mitchell for more information and exact quotes, and to table until the next meeting.

Funding for Military PSAPs: Richard Taylor gave an update on the idea of providing funding to military installations. Richard provided 3 options for thought:

1-Fund as backup PSAPs

- Minus-only benefits Camp Lejeune
- Plus- Possibly no Statute change

2-Fund based on Population

- Plus-more equitable among bases
- Minus-Harder to determine exact funding amount
- Plus-Possibly no Statute change

3-Fund based on Subscribers

- Plus-Funding will be exact
- Minus-Will require a Statute change
- Plus-If given to carriers, 911 Board is completely removed from the process.

Richard said there is a conference call tomorrow that will further clarify things. He must also send a letter today to a State senator over Military Affairs, assuring him the 911 Board is working on a solution. If not, a solution will be created by someone else.

Tonya thinks the 3<sup>rd</sup> option is a potential problem. It may open up the Statute which might open up what the fund could be used for. The population idea is also a moving target. Randy Beeman said

there are so many unknowns to the military situation. The Committee also wondered what happens if some degree of funding is provided to military bases. Will the State Colleges and Universities seek funding? What about the Highway Patrol, National Park Service, NC Forestry Service, and other entities?

Andrew Grant said he thinks this is a “round peg into a square hole” issue. He does not think there is a good solution, and the Board cannot treat the military bases the same as they treat existing PSAPs.

Richard Bradford noted the people on the bases are paying the surcharge, but they are not getting the service. The second problem is the Board has no jurisdiction over the military installations. The NC Statute is based on FCC regulations. The FCC may have to change their order, which could result in a NC Statutory change.

Mr. Bradford also noted there is nothing in the current Statute that mentions the military. The Statute addresses receiving a 911 call and routing the call to the appropriate (state) PSAP.

Randy Beeman noted while PSAPs are working toward NG 911 and interoperability, the military is not working toward this same interoperability.

Mr. Bradford also noted that many years ago, this issue came up, and the military told the State they could not promise surcharge money would remain with the local military base. It would go into the DOD general budget. This would mean the Board could not audit funds, so that would not work.

The Committee decided they could not find an equitable solution, and suggested they follow Tonya’s idea of asking the military to come up with suggestions.

Discussion on “Easy Button” Proposals: Richard asked for ideas on how the financial reporting process could be made easier. Richard noted one suggestion from the Managers was to have the Revenue/Expense reports mailed to the PSAP Managers, not the Finance Directors. Jason said he is doing a Funding Reconsideration, which is a blank spreadsheet. He wonders if there is a way each PSAP could have access to a Reconsideration form that had their Revenue /Expense Form totals already filled in?

Tonya asked if the Revenue/Expense Form needs to be modified to include a separate space for hosted solutions? The Committee thinks the best idea might be to add a line that is called “Hosted Services.” Does there need to be lines for hosted voice and hosted data? And a third line for just hosted services? The Committee likes the idea of combining the “911 trunk lines charges” and “Selective Routing and ALI provisioning” lines into one line.

Lloyd Moskowitz asked if there could be a FAQ section added to the website that include eligible funding questions asked by PSAP people, and the answer to these questions. This would give PSAP managers the chance to see if their questions had already been asked and answered.

The next Funding Committee Meeting is set for Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30 PM. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.