



Central Vermont Public Safety Authority

*"Together is Better"*

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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 10/18/2018

BOARD PRESENT: Tom Golonka, Kim Cheney, Donna Bate, Sam Dworkin, Will Schwartz, Mike Smith, Doug Hoyt

OTHERS: Paco Aumand (Exec Director) Steve McKenzie, Tony Facos, Larry Eastman, Steven Whittaker, Caroline Earl, Joe Aldsworth, Doug Brent

CALL TO ORDER 6:30 PM

AGENDA approved, minutes of 9/20/18 not prepared (Dworkin) 10/11/18 not prepared (Cheney)

EX DIRECTOR'S REPORT several documents presented:

Redraft of "Business Need Summary – The Why?" prepared by Cheney

Also presented was the following;

- (1) 6 Year no Change Combined Dispatching Budget Projections
- (2) Projected Budgets for leasing a new facility employees and equipment
- (3) Projected Costs Cap West as partner using CVPSA formula
- (4) Dispatching Costs using Modified CFMAS Formula
- (5) Cost summary for leasing a facility (2 pgs.)

Paco reviewed each document explaining why it was created and summarized results. Cost of Computer Aided Dispatch systems for Barre and Montpelier not included as it was assumed these costs were contemplated by each City regardless of approval for single site.

Exhibit 2 showed no change budget for total of \$1,669,246.

Exhibit 3 showed added cost of leasing facility.

Exhibit 4 showed costs per member using the Cap West formula,

Exhibit 5 showed 69% of costs were for police dispatching, 8.6% fire dispatching, and 22.4% medical.

Exhibit 6 showed annual lease costs alone, and FY 20, thru FY 24 costs to Cities paying for lease and retaining their revenue. Discussion followed by Board concerning various factors in equitable assignment of costs among three members of CVPSA, including equalized grand list, number of calls, readiness costs and population.

Donna Bate and Tom Golonka advised Board on how existing formula was set, principally by computing costs for Barre and Montpelier by using amount then being used with understanding the overtime other variables might be included to preserve equity. - so, called HOLD HARMLESS at first year. Computations members costs were Cap West 23.9%, Barre \$40%, Mplr 36.1%. Paco did a computation illustrating that the HOLD HARMLESS idea with a total cost of \$1.6 million was not practical.

Montpelier Police Chief FACOS summarized his views on PUBLIC SAFETY IMPACT OF OPERATING A SINGLE SITE.

- a) It would be the starting nucleus for creating a county wide efficient public safety system. Legislative and State Police discussions in recent session point to developing such systems in each county.
- b) With CAD systems available and dispatch fully manned 24/7 delivery of services would be greatly improved. There would be space for augmenting communications to cope with emergencies such as probability of massive weather events.
- c) Such a center would be a significant factor in better recruitment and retention of dispatchers as there would be more opportunity for advancement.
- d) Staffing co-ordination would be greatly enhanced.
- e) Once a core system is in place there are many options for improving public safety.
- f) With a capacity increase more towns will want to be part of the system as costs will decline.
- g) With a new system and different management, the towns would be liberated from past disputes affecting the present delivery of services.

Board did not reach consensus on desirable formula. Golonka and Paco to work together to devise a cost allocation formula for later presentation.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10PM