

MINUTES
of the Meeting of the
Carson City
9-1-1 SURCHARGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
March 7, 2017

The Carson City 9-1-1 Surcharge Advisory Committee held a public meeting on March 7, 2017, beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the meeting room of Fire Station No. 51, 777 S. Stewart Street, Carson City.

1. Call to Order

Chair Anne Keast called the meeting to order.

2. Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum

Voting members present were Anne Keast, Denise Bauer, and Wendy Talavera (by phone), which constituted a quorum.

Also present were John Arneson (Carson City Acting Fire Chief), Karin Mracek (Carson City Communications Manager) and Iris Yowell (Carson City District Attorney's office).

3. Public Comments and Discussion

There were no public comments or discussion.

4. For Possible Action: Approval of December 6, 2016 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Denise Bauer, seconded by Wendy Talavera, with motion carried unanimously, the December 6, 2016 meeting minutes be approved as submitted.

5. For Possible Action: Approval of December 15, 2016 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Denise Bauer, seconded by Wendy Talavera, with motion carried unanimously, the December 15, 2016 meeting minutes be approved as submitted.

6. For Possible Action: Election of a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson

All committee members were in agreement that this action item be tabled to the next meeting, June 6, 2017, due to the vacancies in the committee. Iris Yowell will contact the appropriate person regarding the vacancies.

7. Report on Funds Collected and Expended/Obligated from the 9-1-1 Surcharge Fund (Discussion Only – No Action)

Spreadsheets with the 9-1-1 surcharge budget information were distributed for review. John Arneson noted the actual account amount of \$252,879.12, with a balance of \$221,387.88. John mentioned that the largest expenditure in the budget is the service agreement, which he is going to look into. Management of funds and the department who manages funds was discussed.

Karin Mracek asked if a more detailed breakdown of the 9-1-1 account fund could be prepared for the next meeting. She would also like to see the account description updated from “2014 Tiburon Project” to 2016. There was further discussion regarding the account descriptions; Anne asked if the “2014 Tiburon Supplies” description needed to be updated. Karin was not certain where the “2014 Tiburon Supplies” date came from because she said the contract was not signed in 2014.

John Arneson said he will discuss with Dave Aurand (Carson City Fire Department Business Manager) a better breakdown for the 9-1-1 surcharge budget. Anne noted that the committee has had budget paperwork in the past. Karin will find the budget paperwork and forward it to John.

8. Status of the Vesta Phone Upgrade and Motorola Radio Console Upgrade (Discussion Only – No Action)

Karin updated the committee on the Status of the Vesta Phone Upgrade and Motorola Radio Console Upgrade. She explained that the radio console portion is going to cost about \$600,000.00; and the current radio consoles in dispatch will no longer be maintained in 2018. Karin noted that James Jacklett (Carson City Public Works) is working on obtaining financing for this, as well as the Motorola Radio “Restructure” for the next fiscal year. Karin had “The Communication’s Console System Upgrade” paperwork available for anyone interested in reviewing. She noted that much time was spent looking at other systems, but after reviewing others, the MCC7500 Motorola was chosen.

Karin gave further explanation on the Vesta Phone Upgrade; reporting, after going before the Board of Supervisors for the 911 Phone Services Contract with AT&T Corp., work is still being done on the contract. She said there was a lot of miscommunication in this process. Karin wished that Tina Petersen was in attendance to explain further, due to her involvement in the contract. Karin and Laura Rader (Carson City Purchasing and Contracts) have tried multiple times to obtain the contract with all required signatures. Anne asked where the holdup was, and Karin explained that the holdup is at AT&T, who had to submit the contract to their legal. Karin listed the personnel she is working with at AT&T who are involved with the contract portion; Kent Ames (the main representative), Tina Petersen and one other person (whom she did not name).

Anne asked if this was affecting the operations of the 9-1-1 system. Karin explained that Dispatch is still operational; but she will be calling Kent again to find out the status. Karin also noted that the phone systems are working fine, but she is not sure what else to do at this point.

9. Reports of Committee Members (Discussion Only – No Action)

Karin reported on Senate Bill SB176, which is proposing to increase the 9-1-1 fee from \$0.25 to \$1.00. She explained that she watched the testimonies and the purpose of this increase will be to pay for body cameras for law enforcement. Karin noted that in many States, 9-1-1 surcharge funds are used in other areas, such as the general fund. Nevada has not had this procedure in the past and 9-1-1 surcharge committees had the availability to decide what to do with the funds.

Iris gave further explanation regarding this fee increase. She confirmed after speaking with Adriana Fralick (Carson City District Attorney's office) the fee increase is \$0.25 up to \$1.00 and the purpose is for body cameras. Anne Keast asked who was responsible for this change from \$0.25 to \$1.00 and Iris noted that she was not sure, but it will be spelled out in whatever legislation is approved, if approved. Karin said that about 30 people testified for this, and the only people against this were the phone companies.

Anne Keast inquired about this fee increase and asked if the money will be used where it should be. Karin explained from her understanding, the money for the body cameras would be withdrawn and the rest of funding would go to the 9-1-1 fund. Anne then asked when the fee increase would go into effect; July 1, 2018 was the answer, if approved.

Anne noted that the committee will be transitioning into a new Fire Chief.

10. Next Meeting Date: June 6, 2017

11. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

12. For Possible Action: To Adjourn

It was moved by Wendy Talavera to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Recorder: Shelby Price