0:0:0.0 --> 0:0:2.270 Steve Locke When Brian, I'll take that as a second.

0:0:2.930 --> 0:0:3.650 Brian Keefe Yes, thank you.

0:0:3.230 --> 0:0:4.320 Steve Locke Thank you very much.

0:0:4.650 --> 0:0:6.850 Steve Locke Is there any errors or omissions or changes?

0:0:10.420 --> 0:0:11.360 Jerome Pettinga No here.

0:0:11.610 --> 0:0:11.660 Steve Locke Or.

0:0:11.760 --> 0:0:19.130

Steve Locke

Seeing none, all those in favor of accepting the minutes of this July 18th minute at meeting as printed say I.

0:0:20.420 --> 0:0:20.700 Jerome Pettinga Hi.

0:0:20.540 --> 0:0:20.800 Burnham, Lance Aye.

0:0:20.620 --> 0:0:21.70 Eric Nordenson I.

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0:0:27.40 --> 0:0:30.590 Steve Locke Alright, Barb, it's over to you on the on the your directors report.

0:0:31.640 --> 0:0:33.420 Neal, Barbara OK, we'll get started then.

0:0:33.430 --> 0:0:42.750 Neal, Barbara And I just wanna comment that if I look a little different today than I do on my usually on these meetings, it's because my laptop is in for repairs and I am working off an iPad.

0:0:43.130 --> 0:0:43.380 Neal, Barbara So.

0:0:44.30 --> 0:0:47.180 Neal, Barbara Fingers crossed that technology serves me well this morning.

0:0:48.740 --> 0:0:50.270 Neal, Barbara So directors report.

0:0:50.280 --> 0:0:54.40 Neal, Barbara So we'll start with Psapp staffing and related topics.

0:0:54.710 --> 0:0:56.140 Neal, Barbara And captain Burnham?

0:0:56.150 --> 0:1:2.750

Neal, Barbara

I didn't give you a heads up on this, but I'm hoping you can give us a a quick update on the DPS staffing situation.

0:1:4.10 --> 0:1:4.250 Burnham, Lance Sure.

0:1:5.800 --> 0:1:14.140

Burnham, Lance

Well, I'm happy to actually report that our staffing has improved improved dramatically, quite frankly in the past nine months.

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0:1:16.350 --> 0:1:19.800 Burnham, Lance Nine months ago, we were tickling about 1/5.

0:1:20.10 --> 0:1:21.760 Burnham, Lance 50% vacancy rate.

0:1:22.590 --> 0:1:24.560 Burnham, Lance We have made some internal changes.

0:1:24.570 --> 0:1:28.820 Burnham, Lance We are now just below 20%.

0:1:29.610 --> 0:1:32.520 Burnham, Lance We have a total I think, right.

0:1:32.560 --> 0:1:38.940 Burnham, Lance Now we've just, I believe as of last count 1514 vacancies.

0:1:40.560 --> 0:1:48.900 Burnham, Lance And last check, I think the last time I reported, we were close to 2526, so.

0:1:49.780 --> 0:1:50.850 Burnham, Lance We're doing very well.

0:1:51.80 --> 0:2:3.820

Burnham, Lance We've also I've made some internal changes, those new hires that we take on historically, we have waited for them to complete their dispatcher training before we sent them to the 911 training. Umm.

0:2:3.960 --> 0:2:5.410 Burnham, Lance We have changed that.

0:2:5.740 --> 0:2:9.40 Burnham, Lance It's easier for them to to, quite frankly, lose them.

0:2:10.150 --> 0:2:20.280

Burnham, Lance For a week while they're still in training case, it doesn't affect the floor, so I have sent them to the class and that's been a huge help on our end.

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0:2:20.410 --> 0:2:27.460 Burnham, Lance I know that our catchment area, right and Williston has gone up by anywhere from was 90%.

0:2:27.470 --> 0:2:29.240 Burnham, Lance Now we're close to 9495.

0:2:31.210 --> 0:2:33.720 Burnham, Lance But we're had it's had a bigger effect on in Westminster.

0:2:33.850 --> 0:2:45.80 Burnham, Lance There was unfortunately a while ago we were trickling right around 60%, but we are now close to I think the last was 8687%.

0:2:45.290 --> 0:2:47.170 Burnham, Lance So we are getting there. Umm.

0:2:47.830 --> 0:2:54.620 Burnham, Lance I remind the staff it is a slow turn because of our process, but we are absolutely seeing a positive effect on it.

0:2:56.930 --> 0:2:57.390 Burnham, Lance We're doing.

0:2:54.630 --> 0:3:0.450 Burnham, Lance So VSP wise, we're definitely heading them on the right track.

0:3:0.460 --> 0:3:5.720 Burnham, Lance I will say probably, which is actually more important than our hiring, is our retention.

0:3:7.190 --> 0:3:10.420 Burnham, Lance Doing an annual recap for.

0:3:12.50 --> 0:3:16.50 Burnham, Lance This year alone, at this time last year, we lost 25 people.

0:3:17.800 --> 0:3:26.310 Burnham, Lance That's a very high turnover for us this year at from January to October 1, we've only lost four.

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0:3:26.800 --> 0:3:31.670 Burnham, Lance So our retention, quite frankly in my mind is more important than our hiring.

0:3:32.280 --> 0:3:35.180 Burnham, Lance We don't wanna lose those people that we spent a as.

0:3:35.620 --> 0:3:38.470 Burnham, Lance Amount of money training but also.

0:3:40.920 --> 0:3:41.160 Burnham, Lance We.

0:3:41.270 --> 0:3:44.990 Burnham, Lance Retaining those people has a bigger effect on the new hires as well.

0:3:45.0 --> 0:3:51.580 Burnham, Lance So I think that's very positive and for the first time in six years I hiring.

0:3:53.80 --> 0:3:59.310 Burnham, Lance Is outpacing our dismissal rate, so we're we're definitely heading in the right track.

0:4:2.590 --> 0:4:3.90 Neal, Barbara Well, that is.

0:4:2.860 --> 0:4:4.10 Steve Locke I'm just gonna, Barb.

0:4:4.20 --> 0:4:10.710

Steve Locke

I'm just gonna interrupt to announce that that that we are currently recording the meeting and so if anyone just for everyone's awareness.

0:4:12.620 --> 0:4:13.10 Neal, Barbara Yeah. 0:4:13.60 --> 0:4:13.450 Neal, Barbara Great.

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0:4:13.460 --> 0:4:14.250 Neal, Barbara Thank you.

0:4:14.340 --> 0:4:16.70 Neal, Barbara That's all good news.

0:4:16.120 --> 0:4:17.130 Neal, Barbara Captain Burnham.

0:4:17.440 --> 0:4:27.630

Neal, Barbara And Speaking of the 40 hour or the call taker certification course that you referred to, we have one of those coming up on November 13th, I think is the start date.

0:4:27.720 --> 0:4:30.750 Neal, Barbara So we'll be moving students through that class. Umm.

0:4:31.660 --> 0:4:31.870 Neal, Barbara Pretty.

0:4:31.980 --> 0:4:35.330 Neal, Barbara Soon so on the same note or similar.

0:4:35.340 --> 0:4:40.850 Neal, Barbara Note the dedicated 911 call taking initiative continues.

0:4:40.860 --> 0:4:52.780 Neal, Barbara As you recall, I'm sure that that initiative was put in place to help lessen the impact of calls rolling out of the Department of Public Safety PSATS in.

0:4:53.120 --> 0:5:3.530 Neal, Barbara The regional psaps when the staffing situation was really at its worst, we are continuing with that for now.

0:5:3.780 --> 0:5:11.510 Neal, Barbara What we wanna see is is the primary catchment area answer rate for DPS and frankly for all peace apps.

0:5:11.520 --> 0:5:23.660 Neal, Barbara

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But DPS in particular up over 90% consistently for some period of time before we discontinue that in September.

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Neal, Barbara

Hartford, Lamoille and Board office are training are training program manager combined to provide 204 hours of dedicated 911 call taking service.

0:5:35.110 --> 0:5:48.900

Neal, Barbara

So when I looked at the numbers on an annual basis, I looked at 2022 and we found that the dedicated 911 call takers answer about 4% of the statewide call volume.

0:5:48.970 --> 0:5:52.340 Neal, Barbara So there's less rollover into the regionals.

0:5:53.690 --> 0:6:15.820

Neal, Barbara

We're taking a look at the cost per call of that function as compared to our sort of our normal operations and trying to get a handle on how to sustainable it might be if everybody's up over 90% of the way we're currently structured, there won't be any funds for the dedicated 911 call taking service.

0:6:15.830 --> 0:6:22.520 Neal, Barbara So because because it will all be going to the the psaps who have met those performance metrics.

0:6:22.890 --> 0:6:31.550 Neal, Barbara So we're keeping a close eye on that and I will just keep reporting back to you on where things stand with the dedicated 911 call taking.

0:6:32.720 --> 0:6:37.370 Neal, Barbara So we'll pause here to see if there's any questions, comments on PSAP staffing.

0:6:39.250 --> 0:6:49.570

Steve Locke

Like my I guess my only question is that 204 hours and I assume our staff person is during the day, but is that as they choose or do we set the hours?

0:6:49.580 --> 0:7:2.970

Steve Locke

Cuz obviously there's gonna be peak times versus non peak times and are the I guess, the memorial and Hereford is just doing it when people voluntarily sign it for the overtime or are we dictating when that should occur.

0:7:3.540 --> 0:7:7.290 Neal, Barbara We have dictated the hours in the past.

0:7:7.300 --> 0:7:9.330 Neal, Barbara Basically, they're about 5:00 AM to.

0:7:10.170 --> 0:7:19.690 Neal, Barbara 11 so typically, typically between midnight and four or five in the morning, there wouldn't be a dedicated 911 call taker on.

0:7:21.480 --> 0:7:23.570 Neal, Barbara Yeah, but it is on the second part of your question.

0:7:23.580 --> 0:7:28.50 Neal, Barbara It is kind of a volunteer, you know, people signing up for the available hours.

0:7:28.60 --> 0:7:29.180 Neal, Barbara First come first serve.

0:7:29.790 --> 0:7:30.390 Neal, Barbara Umm.

0:7:31.600 --> 0:7:53.780

Neal, Barbara

A mechanism that we're using to schedule that I think to your point on finding the peak times, we'll we can continue to find tune that the last numbers I looked at, it looked like it was really about 7:00 AM to maybe four that could use some support or when the most calls were rolling so.

0:7:54.620 --> 0:7:55.160 Neal, Barbara Umm.

0:7:55.820 --> 0:7:56.180 Neal, Barbara Yeah.

0:7:56.190 --> 0:7:57.650 Neal, Barbara We're we're monitoring all of that.

0:7:58.920 --> 0:8:10.590 Steve Locke

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I guess in my only thought is that I mean if if the Captain said there at 90 and even in the 80s, high 80s, that's where the system has been for a long time, it seems like so anyways.

0:8:13.370 --> 0:8:14.820 Neal, Barbara Yeah, yeah, I see.

0:8:14.830 --> 0:8:22.90 Neal, Barbara I hear what you're saying that if it's, if we're going to stabilize where we were before, then maybe we need to be thinking about what to do with this program so.

0:8:23.350 --> 0:8:23.720 Neal, Barbara Got it.

0:8:24.540 --> 0:8:25.520 Neal, Barbara Anything else on this?

0:8:28.560 --> 0:8:32.310 Neal, Barbara OK, moving on then to the budget and funding update.

0:8:32.400 --> 0:8:59.800 Neal, Barbara

So that FY24, the current fiscal year budget monitoring is underway, of course, as you recall, I think the Enhanced 911 Fund received a \$1.3 million general fund transfer in FY24 and an additional \$815,000 general fund infusion which was directed to system upgrades that will need to happen over the next couple years.

0:9:0.800 --> 0:9:14.390

Neal, Barbara

Umm, our current projection for Vermont Universal Service fund distributions into our fund for the current year is between 3.4 and \$4.1 million.

0:9:15.760 --> 0:9:20.70 Neal, Barbara That will bring depending on what the actuals are actually distributed.

0:9:20.880 --> 0:9:37.840

Neal, Barbara

That will bring the total revenue for FY24 to between 4.6 and 5.3 million and the short way of saying all of the saying, what I just said with all those numbers being thrown at you is that the enhanced 911 Special Fund should be OK.

0:9:38.220 --> 0:9:38.550 Neal, Barbara Where F.

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0:9:38.780 --> 0:9:46.270

Neal, Barbara

24 based on all those different factors, the infusions coming in the expected disbursements from Universal Service Fund.

0:9:48.90 --> 0:9:50.240 Neal, Barbara So FY24 is chugging along.

0:9:51.690 --> 0:10:15.300

Neal, Barbara

We have submitted our initial FY25 budget request that came in at just over \$4.9 million, which is an increase of 2.23% over FY24 that is well within the administration's target of no more than a 3% increase across state agencies.

0:10:15.860 --> 0:10:23.530

Neal, Barbara

The the increases that we did have are attributable to salary wages and some increases just in general operating costs.

0:10:24.860 --> 0:10:33.370

Neal, Barbara

As you might recall, we we made one position, we changed it from a temporary position to a full time position.

0:10:33.800 --> 0:10:36.310 Neal, Barbara Some of that was accounted for in the FY20.

0:10:36.360 --> 0:10:44.610 Neal, Barbara The bulk of that was accounted for in the FY24 budget, but we've also had just the regular salary increases and some reclassifications.

0:10:45.370 --> 0:10:48.400 Neal, Barbara One reclassification within the board staff.

0:10:50.910 --> 0:11:6.90

Neal, Barbara

So when I met with finance and management, they did not have objections to the budget numbers per se, but it is important to note that the issue of the revenue shortfalls with the Vermont Universal Service Fund remains.

0:11:6.430 --> 0:11:6.870 Neal, Barbara Unread.

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0:11:8.190 --> 0:11:15.330 Neal, Barbara So umm, we are projecting and FY25 so next year?

0:11:16.20 --> 0:11:36.580

Neal, Barbara

A shortfall in those disbursements from the Universal Service Fund of between 1.1 and \$1.7 million, and we hope to fine tune that number as we go along in the current fiscal year to get a better projection for FY25.

0:11:36.650 --> 0:11:37.860 Neal, Barbara We're having some difficulty.

0:11:38.890 --> 0:11:43.640 Neal, Barbara Uh, getting those numbers from?

0:11:43.730 --> 0:11:48.520 Neal, Barbara Well, getting getting the numbers that would allow us to make a good projection.

0:11:48.530 --> 0:11:52.940 Neal, Barbara We and we've always, we've always had those struggles with these projections.

0:11:52.950 --> 0:11:58.240 Neal, Barbara But now that there's a shortfall at it becomes even it makes itself even more noticeable.

0:11:59.180 --> 0:12:1.460 Neal, Barbara So we will be working on fine tuning that number.

0:12:1.470 --> 0:12:8.880 Neal, Barbara I'll be working with the governor's office and the administration on things that will need to happen.

0:12:8.890 --> 0:12:9.440 Neal, Barbara Happen what?

0:12:9.450 --> 0:12:15.220 Neal, Barbara You know what our shortfall is going to be and I've been asked by finance and management to.

0:12:15.990 --> 0:12:19.620 Neal, Barbara Resubmit the recommendations that I made last year.

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0:12:20.530 --> 0:12:20.970 Neal, Barbara About.

0:12:23.60 --> 0:12:30.930 Neal, Barbara 911 funding restructuring of the Vermont Universal Service Fund and other other such ideas.

0:12:30.940 --> 0:12:33.0 Neal, Barbara So I'm updating that document and we'll.

0:12:33.50 --> 0:12:33.90 Neal, Barbara Be.

0:12:33.160 --> 0:12:47.60 Neal, Barbara Sending that over soon to them and also the Joint Fiscal Office has been tasked with looking at the Vermont Universal Service Fund and how it's performing to.

0:12:49.130 --> 0:12:57.90

Neal, Barbara Potentially I would assume to come up with recommendations on what to do with it from the legislative end, so that is still going along.

0:12:57.100 --> 0:12:58.100 Neal, Barbara Questions on the budget.

0:13:3.810 --> 0:13:4.820 Steve Locke Anyone have any questions?

0:13:10.20 --> 0:13:10.760 Neal, Barbara Already.

0:13:10.810 --> 0:13:11.30 Steve Locke So.

0:13:10.980 --> 0:13:13.530 Neal, Barbara And then I'm sorry, Stephen, did you have something more?

0:13:13.900 --> 0:13:32.590

Neal, Barbara Ohh OK then finally my last update for today is on the work of the public Safety Communications task

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force, so I'm sure you remember that the task force was created by Act 78 of the last legislative session.

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Neal, Barbara

Umm, that group is tasked with the development of a plan to create a statewide, reliable, resilient public safety communication system that integrates with the current 911 system and is available to all the task force membership.

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Neal, Barbara

The legislation named me and Commissioner Morrison from the Department of Public Safety as the Co chairs, and then we also have five other Members.

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Neal, Barbara

We have our vice chair is Paul White, who's the very town select board chair and also worked on the regional dispatch group last year, we.

0:14:14.940 --> 0:14:14.980 Neal, Barbara Had.

0:14:15.120 --> 0:14:17.670 Neal, Barbara Mayor Mike Dungeness, from the from Rutland City.

0:14:18.540 --> 0:14:29.460 Neal, Barbara

We have Michael Wright, who is the CEO of Calyx Ambulance, Jim Mack, who is from the Shelburne Peace app and was appointed by the Vermont Association of Chiefs of Police.

0:14:29.710 --> 0:14:33.310 Neal, Barbara The representative was defined as a A.

0:14:34.700 --> 0:14:45.590

Neal, Barbara In an employee of a PSAP that is not run by the state, so it municipally run piece up and then finally run krumitz from the Albert Fire Department.

0:14:46.20 --> 0:14:51.280 Neal, Barbara Is the the other member of that group, so we have.

0:14:51.400 --> 0:14:51.940 Neal, Barbara Held.

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0:14:52.360 --> 0:15:1.800 Neal, Barbara Nearly 20 meetings since late June, we are in the process of handling and reviewing responses to.

0:15:2.620 --> 0:15:3.70 Neal, Barbara 3.

0:15:3.900 --> 0:15:5.410 Neal, Barbara Requests for proposals.

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Neal, Barbara

One is for a project manager for the task force itself, so there's a lot of work as you can imagine, to kind of move these discussions forward and.

0:15:15.380 --> 0:15:15.540 Neal, Barbara We're.

0:15:15.610 --> 0:15:22.350 Neal, Barbara Looking for someone to kind of herd the cats of the task force itself and help us manage.

0:15:24.500 --> 0:15:38.430

Neal, Barbara Folks that will be hired on another RFP, we call it the big RFP, which is for subject matter expertise to answer all of the questions or do the work that was defined in the legislation.

0:15:39.60 --> 0:15:41.400 Neal, Barbara It is considerable amount of work.

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Neal, Barbara

So that's the second RFP and then the third RFP, the task force decided that it should have its own legal counsel and not be reliant upon the legal counsel from the Department of Public Safety or from the 911 board, but should have its own independent legal counsel.

0:16:2.850 --> 0:16:6.870 Neal, Barbara So responses are due on that RFP on Monday.

0:16:8.610 --> 0:16:9.280 Neal, Barbara Umm.

0:16:10.360 --> 0:16:19.820

Neal, Barbara

On just a closeout, that topic, we will be evaluating responses on the big RFP, the subject matter expertise early next week.

0:16:19.830 --> 0:16:28.680

Neal, Barbara

The meeting is on Tuesday and then making decisions on what to do with the project manager or FP responses as well next week.

0:16:29.960 --> 0:16:31.690 Neal, Barbara So there's been a lot of work.

0:16:33.830 --> 0:16:34.480 Neal, Barbara Accomplished.

0:16:34.490 --> 0:16:40.170 Neal, Barbara

Here we started with adopting a confidentiality policy, so everyone on the task force would understand.

0:16:41.370 --> 0:16:43.190 Neal, Barbara How the the?

0:16:43.240 --> 0:16:44.70 Neal, Barbara Data that we're going.

0:16:44.130 --> 0:16:49.840 Neal, Barbara To be seeing and handling will be handled because much of it will be of a confidential nature.

0:16:49.850 --> 0:17:4.420

Neal, Barbara

When you start getting inventories of dispatch assets and that type of thing and also how public records request would be handled, the development of course of those three RFP's and then the follow up will work on evaluating responses.

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Neal, Barbara

We had discussion about providing input to the Commissioner of Public Safety on potential uses for approximately \$9 million in congressionally directed funding.

0:17:16.670 --> 0:17:17.180 Neal, Barbara That was.

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0:17:18.450 --> 0:17:19.600 Neal, Barbara Umm I.

0:17:19.710 --> 0:17:20.0 Neal, Barbara The mix.

0:17:20.960 --> 0:17:29.380

Neal, Barbara

Umm, the legislation that created the task force required the Commissioner to consult with the task force on how those funds might be used.

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Neal, Barbara

Several ideas were put forward, including implementation of a statewide CAD system, the design, the second option was the design and engineering of a state owned trunk system that would help with failover at regional dispatch centers.

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Neal, Barbara

And thirdly, was a plan that was presented by the Department of Public Safety, Radio Technology Services Group, to enhance current state, the current infrastructure statewide.

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Neal, Barbara

So the Commissioner considered all of that input and also needed to consider all the rules and parameters that were around those funds and ultimately decided on the third option, which was what was presented by radio technology, and that application has been submitted.

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Neal, Barbara

It will churn, I think for a long time before we know that the funds are actually available and the application was approved, so that was.

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Neal, Barbara
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One of the tasks that we have accomplished, we developed our task force priorities stakeholder engagement plan, which are consultants.

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Neal, Barbara Once they're hired, will help us with umm.

0:18:47.520 --> 0:18:48.50 Neal, Barbara Let's see.

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0:18:48.60 --> 0:19:0.980

Neal, Barbara

A decision was made just recently to hold off on any pilot projects until we have agreed upon plan or blueprint for moving forward.

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Neal, Barbara

In other words, we want to wait to see what the subject matter experts weigh in on what needs to be included in a in a a standards based model for dispatch or public safety communications.

0:19:17.930 --> 0:19:23.920

Neal, Barbara

Once we know what needs to be included, we think that would be the time to start thinking about pilot projects.

0:19:25.30 --> 0:19:25.710 Neal, Barbara Umm.

0:19:26.920 --> 0:19:27.360 Neal, Barbara Let's see.

0:19:30.480 --> 0:19:35.910 Neal, Barbara So overall, I would say our progress has been slow but steady.

0:19:36.580 --> 0:19:40.130 Neal, Barbara It's important to note that the scope of work.

0:19:40.960 --> 0:19:52.20

Neal, Barbara Presented to the task force or assigned to the task forces enormous, and we did have several events that have impacted kind of our ability to get going here firstly.

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Neal, Barbara The original legislation was vetoed by the governor and then we had to wait for a veto session to be completed in order for the task force to actually be able to form.

0:20:3.300 --> 0:20:5.70 Neal, Barbara So that wasn't until late June.

0:20:5.80 --> 0:20:16.560 Neal, Barbara And then what, 10 days later we had this little flood in Vermont that impacted many task force members were heavily involved in the response of that.

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0:20:17.980 --> 0:20:28.660

Neal, Barbara

In particular, Commissioner Morrison had a a lot of responsibilities related to that which impacted our ability to meet for about 2 weeks.

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Neal, Barbara

So those those things have happened that kind of got in the way of quicker progress forward in my opinion.

0:20:39.110 --> 0:20:39.220 Neal, Barbara It's.

0:20:39.460 --> 0:20:46.550

Neal, Barbara A whole lot better to do this right than to do it fast, so I've just kind of accepted that that's the way this work is going to go.

0:20:49.380 --> 0:20:52.820 Neal, Barbara So that I think I have covered all of the.

0:20:54.960 --> 0:20:57.270 Neal, Barbara Sort of high level work of the task force.

0:20:59.120 --> 0:21:1.310 Neal, Barbara If there's questions, I'm happy to answer them.

0:21:4.510 --> 0:21:5.760 Steve Locke Are there any questions for Barb?

0:21:10.160 --> 0:21:12.550 Steve Locke Drone drone what is what is?

0:21:12.560 --> 0:21:12.620 Jerome Pettinga The.

0:21:12.690 --> 0:21:12.910 Jerome Pettinga Time.

0:21:13.340 --> 0:21:17.820 Jerome Pettinga For getting this completed to switching over to a new system or is there even one?

0:21:18.980 --> 0:21:29.820 Neal, Barbara The legislation is looking for by January of next year, 2024, the elements of a model plan.

0:21:29.830 --> 0:21:34.940 Neal, Barbara What needs to be included and then they're looking for a final plan by the end of the year.

0:21:34.950 --> 0:21:36.890 Neal, Barbara So December 2024.

0:21:37.620 --> 0:21:38.0 Neal, Barbara Umm.

0:21:39.280 --> 0:21:46.100 Neal, Barbara And whether or not those are realistic goals, I'm still not quite sure.

0:21:46.170 --> 0:21:47.30 Neal, Barbara You know, we're going to.

0:21:47.740 --> 0:21:54.740 Neal, Barbara Umm do our best to meet the the requirements and also.

0:21:56.40 --> 0:22:6.350 Neal, Barbara Communicate well with the legislature and the administration and so forth on if, if, if we think adjustments need to be made to that timeline.

0:22:6.540 --> 0:22:13.350 Neal, Barbara So right now they're looking for a final plan to be developed by December 2024.

0:22:14.560 --> 0:22:14.900 Jerome Pettinga Thank you.

0:22:15.450 --> 0:22:15.650 Neal, Barbara Yeah.

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0:22:17.330 --> 0:22:28.230

Steve Locke

Barb, is there anything I know that it's primarily focused on dispatch, but is there any conversation on changing the role or how 901 is answered or administered?

0:22:30.70 --> 0:22:34.160

Neal, Barbara We have the task force has determined really that the 911, the.

0:22:35.230 --> 0:22:40.980 Neal, Barbara 911 system is out of the scope of this work, so it's focused on dispatch.

0:22:41.70 --> 0:22:47.160

Neal, Barbara The legislation, though, does talk about how 911 will integrate with the the new system.

0:22:47.310 --> 0:22:49.540 Neal, Barbara So I think that leaves open the discussion.

0:22:49.550 --> 0:22:58.280

Neal, Barbara Certainly for technical integration, operational integration with a new system and and it could open the conversation to.

0:22:59.580 --> 0:23:0.320 Neal, Barbara Funding.

0:23:0.600 --> 0:23:1.450 Neal, Barbara Governance.

0:23:1.460 --> 0:23:5.840 Neal, Barbara All of that, I mean, I think that it will logically come out of that, but what we want?

0:23:7.320 --> 0:23:12.370 Neal, Barbara What the task force wants right now is where the focus to be on developing this.

0:23:13.340 --> 0:23:20.870

Neal, Barbara Statewide dispatch plan, you know, 911 is running well and operating well and can sit here and keep doing its thing.

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0:23:21.120 --> 0:23:28.770

Neal, Barbara Let's solve this other part of the problem or or this other situation and focus on that at this point.

0:23:28.780 --> 0:23:31.250 Neal, Barbara So did that answer your question?

0:23:32.250 --> 0:23:33.90 Steve Locke Yes, thank you.

0:23:35.200 --> 0:23:36.200 Steve Locke Other questions for Barb?

0:23:40.460 --> 0:23:43.770 Neal, Barbara OK, I think that is all of my updates.

0:23:43.780 --> 0:23:45.530 Neal, Barbara Those are all of my updates, Steven.

0:23:45.540 --> 0:23:46.360 Neal, Barbara So back to you.

0:23:47.690 --> 0:23:48.360 Steve Locke OK.

0:23:48.670 --> 0:23:50.620 Steve Locke Is there any public comment?

0:23:59.400 --> 0:24:0.490 265c70af-4188-4a80-8f06-9351a2bf9329 Yeah, Steve Whittaker here.

0:24:1.780 --> 0:24:2.130 Steve Locke Hi, Steve.

0:24:4.40 --> 0:24:4.520 265c70af-4188-4a80-8f06-9351a2bf9329 How are you?

0:24:6.0 --> 0:24:6.420 Steve Locke Wonderful.

0:24:6.320 --> 0:24:6.740 265c70af-4188-4a80-8f06-9351a2bf9329 Ohh.

0:24:6.430 --> 0:24:6.780 Steve Locke Thank you.

0:24:8.870 --> 0:24:16.170 265c70af-4188-4a80-8f06-9351a2bf9329 So something that Barb left out of the report in the scope of work, there's gonna be a statewide.

0:24:17.670 --> 0:24:21.760 265c70af-4188-4a80-8f06-9351a2bf9329 Analysis of dead zones both of LMR.

0:24:22.250 --> 0:24:26.220 265c70af-4188-4a80-8f06-9351a2bf9329 Land mobile radio coverage and of LTE coverage.

0:24:27.230 --> 0:24:47.280

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So this would be far more in depth done through radio propagation modeling rather than uh field testing, so it'll be more comprehensive than what the Department of Public Service did driving the state highways or having AOT drive the state highways.

0:24:48.140 --> 0:24:58.50

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But it will identify all the areas in the state where there is not cell coverage or where is there is not a public safety LMR coverage.

0:24:59.910 --> 0:25:28.760

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That is a huge task that might take well, we'll take a long time and a lot of resources, but the real question that the task force so far dodged was do we propose, do we ask these experts to propose solutions to that and why that's relevant to this board is that in those LTE dead zones, people are not able to call 911.

0:25:28.830 --> 0:26:11.80

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And that's been a a long running, uh omission on what I see as the duties of this board is that, that there has been no hue and cry or planning for how to make sure that anyone can call 911 from anywhere and similarly and it relates to a what I characterize as a deficient rulemaking just done by the 91 board, we

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don't currently require the PUC to or we don't currently recommend to the legislature that LTE towers be served by be protected by generators and diverse routes.

0:26:11.470 --> 0:26:17.760 265c70af-4188-4a80-8f06-9351a2bf9329 We had a single fiber break up and you know Chittenden County break and take down 23 towers.

0:26:18.170 --> 0:26:25.20 265c70af-4188-4a80-8f06-9351a2bf9329 And often those fibers carry any all the carriers in an area.

0:26:25.30 --> 0:26:32.260 265c70af-4188-4a80-8f06-9351a2bf9329 So you can have one fiber break, take down AT&T, Verizon, and and T-Mobile all at once.

0:26:32.750 --> 0:26:45.940 265c70af-4188-4a80-8f06-9351a2bf9329 So this kind of network resiliency on the LTE side has been a an oversight and not the good kind of oversight that we aspire to, but the bad kind of oversight.

0:26:46.550 --> 0:27:7.300

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So I encourage you all to talk more about cell coverage the if, if indeed the task force does uh arrive through its contracted experts at soliciting LTE coverage solutions, that's gonna have a huge effect.

0:27:7.310 --> 0:27:22.440 265c70af-4188-4a80-8f06-9351a2bf9329 Not only on the ability of citizens and visitor

Not only on the ability of citizens and visitors to call 911, but will also have the ability on for first responders to have broadband coverage, which is essential in today's world of LTE based tools.

0:27:22.530 --> 0:27:24.30 265c70af-4188-4a80-8f06-9351a2bf9329 Look vehicle location.

0:27:25.880 --> 0:27:28.330 265c70af-4188-4a80-8f06-9351a2bf9329 Personnel location on a fire ground.

0:27:28.340 --> 0:27:31.860 265c70af-4188-4a80-8f06-9351a2bf9329 Fireground management, drone coverage, etcetera.

0:27:32.160 --> 0:27:33.620 265c70af-4188-4a80-8f06-9351a2bf9329 So I think that.

0:27:35.710 --> 0:27:41.580 265c70af-4188-4a80-8f06-9351a2bf9329 I think you should expect that there will be discussions about consolidated governance.

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0:27:41.870 --> 0:27:45.20 265c70af-4188-4a80-8f06-9351a2bf9329 I think that a 911 plan should be.

0:27:46.820 --> 0:27:54.660 265c70af-4188-4a80-8f06-9351a2bf9329 Required or initiated by the 911 board that elaborates on all of these kinds of details.

0:27:54.670 --> 0:28:1.510 265c70af-4188-4a80-8f06-9351a2bf9329 From this board's perspective, so that they can be woven in and integrated with this dispatch plan.

0:28:5.940 --> 0:28:6.200 265c70af-4188-4a80-8f06-9351a2bf9329 That's.

0:28:9.10 --> 0:28:10.420 265c70af-4188-4a80-8f06-9351a2bf9329 Yeah, that's probably enough for now.

0:28:10.430 --> 0:28:38.0 265c70af-4188-4a80-8f06-9351a2bf9329

I think one key point about uh, the legal RFP is that that requirement of those proposals is to have some expertise in municipal governance and intermunicipal governance, which is I think where both Chittenden County and Central Vermont's regional dispatch a capabilities could use some work.

0:28:38.110 --> 0:28:54.250

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So there will be probably recommendations for statewide governance and then also recommendations for regional governance, both of which are essential and have been recommended by Siza Homeland Security for a decade or two.

0:28:55.940 --> 0:28:57.280 265c70af-4188-4a80-8f06-9351a2bf9329 That's enough for now. Thanks.

0:28:59.850 --> 0:29:0.240 Steve Locke Thank you.

0:29:0.250 --> 0:29:1.870 Steve Locke Steven, is there other public comment?

0:29:7.460 --> 0:29:12.620 Steve Locke Is there any board follow up or to public comment or questions from from that?

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0:29:20.370 --> 0:29:20.960 Steve Locke Is.

0:29:21.210 --> 0:29:21.350 Brian Keefe I.

0:29:21.160 --> 0:29:21.640 Steve Locke Let's go ahead.

0:29:22.490 --> 0:29:22.950 Steve Locke You and Brian.

0:29:21.650 --> 0:29:23.30 Steve Locke Brian, hi, Steve.

0:29:23.40 --> 0:29:24.340 Brian Keefe And not necessarily follow.

0:29:24.410 --> 0:29:24.470 Brian Keefe Up.

0:29:24.520 --> 0:29:44.960 Brian Keefe

On that comment, but just to back up to the budget and the task force and the sort of the legislative deadlines and such it, it sounds like the next legislative session will be more about the budget and then the subsequent one, the 2025, the new legislature will pick up this task force and other things.

0:29:44.970 --> 0:29:46.560 Brian Keefe Is that kind of right?

0:29:46.570 --> 0:29:57.930

Brian Keefe

Is it will mean it's been very busy up in the legislature last couple years, is it are you pretty much kind of a budget thing this year or do you expect to get into some of these other issues I I do expect to get into some of the other issues.

0:29:58.230 --> 0:30:2.30 Neal, Barbara Some related to the task force, umm.

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0:30:2.360 --> 0:30:11.900

Neal, Barbara

For for the 911 board itself, I think it will be mainly, you know the budget and and the Universal Service Fund shortfall and all of that, the the deadlines that the.

0:30:11.950 --> 0:30:12.480 Neal, Barbara Legislature.

0:30:12.660 --> 0:30:16.150 Neal, Barbara Set for the task force work, umm are.

0:30:16.320 --> 0:30:16.480 Neal, Barbara Pretty.

0:30:16.940 --> 0:30:18.630 Neal, Barbara Aggressive, so there may need to.

0:30:18.640 --> 0:30:21.350 Neal, Barbara There's going to be conversations, I think, on what it is.

0:30:21.550 --> 0:30:28.580 Neal, Barbara The task force needs either in order to meet those deadlines, or perhaps change those deadlines.

0:30:29.250 --> 0:30:43.480

Neal, Barbara

So I think that conversation will go on throughout the the session, and Commissioner Morrison and I actually have a meeting to update some some of the key legislators in a couple weeks here on the work we've done so far.

0:30:43.490 --> 0:30:51.530

Neal, Barbara

So we'll learn at that meeting what it is they need from us to to have productive conversations on it next session.

0:30:53.300 --> 0:30:53.670 Brian Keefe Super.

0:30:53.680 --> 0:30:53.980 Brian Keefe Thank you.

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0:30:56.810 --> 0:30:58.260 Steve Locke Where you have a pretty good.

0:30:58.310 --> 0:31:3.40 Steve Locke I mean, it's sometimes this is a really big issue, very complex.

0:31:3.50 --> 0:31:7.420 Steve Locke Do you have a pretty good feeling what you think the output the end is gonna look like?

0:31:7.670 --> 0:31:8.280 Steve Locke Meaning what?

0:31:8.290 --> 0:31:11.770 Steve Locke The end product is or is that still being shaped?

0:31:12.840 --> 0:31:14.170 Neal, Barbara Still being shaped?

0:31:14.680 --> 0:31:33.320

Neal, Barbara

Definitely what we're asking the subject matter experts in that big RFP to do is come up with multiple models of how you know this communication system could be implemented for the task force to consider.

0:31:33.330 --> 0:31:42.900

Neal, Barbara

So we don't have one end goal in place, you know, in, in our minds now, at least not collectively as a task force.

0:31:44.320 --> 0:31:54.270

Neal, Barbara

I know I want things like standard based technical and operational standards and that type of thing, and I think we all come with ideas of what what will make a system work.

0:31:54.970 --> 0:31:55.580 Neal, Barbara Umm.

0:31:55.870 --> 0:32:1.980 Neal, Barbara

And we're wanting the subject matter experts to come in and tell us if we're right or what we're missing.

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0:32:2.70 --> 0:32:4.591 Neal, Barbara And then put it together, kind of a company in a in a.

0:32:6.800 --> 0:32:12.160 Neal, Barbara In in models that are understandable to to the task force members.

0:32:13.220 --> 0:32:16.530 Steve Locke In in are the subject matter experts RFP?

0:32:16.540 --> 0:32:24.540 Steve Locke Are those Vermonters, or is that a company that specializes in communications and analysis of communication centers?

0:32:25.760 --> 0:32:30.690 Neal, Barbara So the the RFP went out through the normal state competitive bid process.

0:32:30.740 --> 0:32:38.830 Neal, Barbara So, umm anyone any entity could propose to fulfill those requirements?

0:32:40.210 --> 0:32:46.430 Neal, Barbara And right now the big RFP was reopened for a.

0:32:46.510 --> 0:32:47.50 Neal, Barbara Period of.

0:32:47.210 --> 0:32:50.200 Neal, Barbara Five days that which closes on Friday.

0:32:50.210 --> 0:32:50.960 Neal, Barbara So I don't know.

0:32:53.240 --> 0:33:1.430 Neal, Barbara I don't know who is responding at this point, and actually, even if I did, it would probably fall under.

0:33:2.420 --> 0:33:3.860 Neal, Barbara Umm would be something.

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0:33:3.900 --> 0:33:4.60 Neal, Barbara I could.

0:33:6.200 --> 0:33:6.340 Steve Locke Yeah.

0:33:4.240 --> 0:33:6.760 Neal, Barbara Discuss because it's all in executive session, but yeah.

0:33:6.600 --> 0:33:9.330 Steve Locke And and it's and not so much looking for.

0:33:10.20 --> 0:33:11.400 Steve Locke I guess you answered my question.

0:33:11.410 --> 0:33:11.990 Steve Locke I was looking.

0:33:12.30 --> 0:33:16.330 Steve Locke Are you looking for a consultant that that would would then reach out to Vermonters?

0:33:16.340 --> 0:33:34.90

Steve Locke Or is it looking to hire a firm to th

Or is it looking to hire a firm to that's where I was trying to get to whether it was just hiring a single person who was then going to do outreach within the state, to what I say, subject matter experts, or it was going to be a firm that came in and evaluated the systems and provided options.

0:33:34.100 --> 0:33:35.120 Steve Locke And I think it's a ladder.

0:33:36.290 --> 0:33:45.60 Neal, Barbara Yes, because the the legislation requires a lot of data, not data equipment and data inventory, right?

0:33:45.70 --> 0:34:6.230

Neal, Barbara

And then analysis of what exists right now and then coming up based on what we have now, what what's the gap between what we need and all these various aspects of the system, right, so, so equipment, the infrastructure, the equipment, the standards, the training, the all of that, where are we now and where do we want to be?

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0:34:6.730 --> 0:34:12.400 Neal, Barbara In these in these potential models or what what should be included in these potential models?

0:34:12.610 --> 0:34:19.660 Neal, Barbara So that's the work that they'll be doing is gathering all of that, analyzing all of that, and there's other.

0:34:19.670 --> 0:34:22.120 Neal, Barbara There's other components to it as well.

0:34:22.130 --> 0:34:23.990 Neal, Barbara I mean, Steven Whittaker.

0:34:24.130 --> 0:34:24.450 Neal, Barbara Mentioned.

0:34:24.530 --> 0:34:27.440 Neal, Barbara One that I hadn't mentioned with the the dead zone coverage.

0:34:27.450 --> 0:34:36.290 Neal, Barbara So it's all outlined in the legislation and then the RFP on what it is that those consultants will be up to.

0:34:38.490 --> 0:34:38.900 Steve Locke Thank you.

0:34:40.480 --> 0:34:43.560 Steve Locke Any follow up questions from Barb before we move to the next agenda item?

0:34:47.140 --> 0:34:48.840 Steve Locke Is there any new business?

0:34:56.200 --> 0:35:2.260 Steve Locke Hearing none or seeing none Sony, do you have a proposal for the next meeting date?

0:35:3.790 --> 0:35:7.810 Johnson, Soni Well, we usually aim sort of for the middle of the month.

0:35:8.310 --> 0:35:14.540 Johnson, Soni So the first date I would be looking at would be the 17th of January, which is a Wednesday.

0:35:22.940 --> 0:35:23.500 Johnson, Soni Any takers?

0:35:22.850 --> 0:35:23.700 Neal, Barbara Sunny, I have.

0:35:24.250 --> 0:35:28.680 Neal, Barbara I have a class on that day that I'm not gonna be able to do that day.

0:35:29.150 --> 0:35:32.410 Johnson, Soni OK, so let's push for the next week, the 23rd or the 24th.

0:35:32.420 --> 0:35:33.710 Johnson, Soni That's a Tuesday or Wednesday.

0:35:36.840 --> 0:35:38.390 Steve Locke Either either of those work for me.

0:35:39.390 --> 0:35:40.260 Burnham, Lance Yeah, same here.

0:35:42.260 --> 0:35:44.780 Johnson, Soni I'm just let's you know, Barb, don't.

0:35:44.790 --> 0:35:46.890 Johnson, Soni You guys usually do task force stuff on Wednesdays.

0:35:47.810 --> 0:35:49.140 Johnson, Soni If if you're schedule.

0:35:48.750 --> 0:35:51.810 Neal, Barbara Umm, yeah, actually, typically we do, yes.

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0:35:52.200 --> 0:35:55.490 Johnson, Soni Well, why don't we for Tuesday then let's say the 23rd of January.

0:35:57.680 --> 0:35:57.940 Neal, Barbara OK.

0:35:57.740 --> 0:36:0.110 Steve Locke And you'll send out a meeting invite after this meeting.

0:36:0.120 --> 0:36:0.900 Steve Locke So OK.

0:36:0.880 --> 0:36:1.420 Johnson, Soni Yes, I will.

0:36:6.20 --> 0:36:6.530 Steve Locke OK.

0:36:7.0 --> 0:36:9.270 Steve Locke With that, I'll entertain the motion for adjournment.

0:36:11.270 --> 0:36:11.970 Steve Locke Looks like Brian.

0:36:13.690 --> 0:36:15.210 Burnham, Lance I'll second alright.

0:36:15.540 --> 0:36:16.190 Steve Locke Thank you.

0:36:16.790 --> 0:36:17.490 Steve Locke Any discussion?

0:36:19.250 --> 0:36:19.760 Steve Locke All right.

0:36:19.770 --> 0:36:20.760 Steve Locke Thank you everyone.

0:36:21.130 --> 0:36:22.770 Steve Locke Have a great day. Bye.

0:36:22.930 --> 0:36:23.310 e07fdb43-5364-481d-a7ef-267065eb8136 Thank you.

0:36:21.690 --> 0:36:23.480 Johnson, Soni Boat you need to vote.

0:36:24.210 --> 0:36:25.10 Johnson, Soni Everyone should vote.

0:36:23.840 --> 0:36:25.510 Steve Locke Ohh, you need to call the question.

0:36:26.110 --> 0:36:26.290 Johnson, Soni Yes.

0:36:26.550 --> 0:36:28.530 Johnson, Soni You gotta actually vote to close the meeting.

0:36:29.640 --> 0:36:29.780 Jerome Pettinga OK.

0:36:31.290 --> 0:36:32.890 Steve Locke All those in favor say aye.

0:36:33.900 --> 0:36:34.570 Burnham, Lance Hi.

0:36:34.720 --> 0:36:35.190 Eric Nordenson I.

0:36:34.560 --> 0:36:35.230 e07fdb43-5364-481d-a7ef-267065eb8136 Ι. 0:36:34.670 --> 0:36:35.240 Dale Porter ١. 0:36:35.920 --> 0:36:36.520 Steve Locke Alright. 0:36:37.320 --> 0:36:38.90 Steve Locke Thank you. 0:36:38.100 --> 0:36:38.590 Steve Locke Have a great day. 0:36:39.660 --> 0:36:40.40 e07fdb43-5364-481d-a7ef-267065eb8136 Thank you. 0:36:39.490 --> 0:36:40.150 Neal, Barbara Thanks everybody. 0:36:39.500 --> 0:36:40.200 Burnham, Lance Thank you. Thanks. 0:36:39.790 --> 0:36:40.470 **Dale Porter** Thank you guys. 0:36:40.830 --> 0:36:41.210 Neal, Barbara Talk to you. 0:36:41.280 --> 0:36:41.420 Neal, Barbara Soon.

0:36:41.170 --> 0:36:41.610 Brian Keefe Bye.

0:36:41.400 --> 0:36:41.820 e07fdb43-5364-481d-a7ef-267065eb8136 Bye.

0:36:42.120 --> 0:36:43.420 Dale Porter Bye bye bye.

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