

**ADMINISTRATION AND HUMAN SERVICES
STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES
Monday, March 18, 2019**

The meeting of the Administration and Human Services Standing Committee was held on Monday, March 18, 2019, at 5:15 p.m., in the 5th Floor Conference Room of the Municipal Office Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Markley, Chairman; Commissioners Philbrook, Johnson, Kane and Bynum. The following officials were also in attendance: Melissa Sieben, Assistant County Administrator; Emerick Cross, Commission Liaison; Henry Couchman, Senior Attorney; Alan Howze, Chief Knowledge Officer; Brett Deichler, Director of 3-1-1; Matt May, Emergency Management Director; Rance Quinn, Police Major; Ronald Shoemake, Police Captain; David Reno, Public Works; and Logan Masenthin, Administrator's Office.

Chairman Markley called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken and all members were present as shown above.

Approval of standing committee minutes from January 28, 2019. **On motion of Commissioner Kane, seconded by Commissioner Philbrook, the minutes were approved.** Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Agenda:

Item No. 1 – 19639...UPDATE: DISPATCH CENTER RENOVATION AND TEMPORARY RELOCATION

Synopsis: Update on the project to renovate the Public Safety Dispatch Center, submitted by Alan Howze, Chief Knowledge Officer. The renovation will involve the temporary relocation of dispatch to the Johnson County Dispatch Center.

Alan Howze, Chief Knowledge Officer, said we're here to provide an update on the dispatch center improvements. We wanted to come back to you and give you an update since it's been a while since you've heard about project and sort of the many moving parts. Also, we have here to

give the presentation, Brett Deichler, who you may say why is our 3-1-1 Director providing the update on the dispatch center. We've asked Brett to step into the role of sort of providing project management since it's a multi-disciplinary, multi-department project that includes buildings, it includes technology, it includes sort of electrical and engineering work. Brett has agreed to step forward and help provide that sort of overarching project management support for this important project.



Brett Deichler, Director 3-1-1 Call Center, said well, I just actually got to this project here a little while back. We put this presentation together in hopes that it'll be comprehensive and Matt has done a phenomenal job, I will say, and is still working with us very closely. I joined this after Alan's request here a few weeks back. I've been working behind the scenes a couple of times here and there, but now it's starting to get really busy really quick. We wanted to come here tonight and basically tell you where we are.

In looking at this, we're asking the question, what is this improvement and why are we doing it.

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Enhancing the 911 Dispatch Center

The upgrade project will:

- Improve the working conditions for Police and Fire Dispatchers
 - Increasing building comfort
 - Replacing dispatching workstations
- Replace end-of-life mechanical equipment
- Creating a fully-functional backup dispatch center through partnership with Johnson County
- Upgrade 911 dispatch technology through Mid-America Regional Council to support Next-Gen 911

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You go back to really the first slide here in this presentation it talks about improving the working conditions for police and fire dispatch. Obviously, the main reason for this; but you're also building a lot of different things behind that where talking about the physical space itself. You've got a lot of moving parts; technology. It's all around public safety but you also want your dispatchers, your staff and your supervisors to be comfortable in the environment as well. I think it's been a long time coming.

We're increasing the building comfort and replacing dispatching workstations at the same time. Basically, taking out all the end of life equipment where there's some deadlines on some things for communication pieces between here and the Mid-America Regional Council where the 911 dispatch stuff is all kind of dispatched through. Basically, creating a fully functional backup dispatch center through partnership with Johnson County along the way.

A lot of people, Major Quinn included, have been very busy working with that piece because it's something that's an absolute requirement where you have to be able to roll our current communications to the fiber and get it out to Johnson County and back so that you can communicate effectively inside of Wyandotte County during that time.

Upgrading the 911 dispatch technology through Mid-America Regional Council, like I said, the next gen 911 stuff is also important. There's some deadlines in there we're working up in the middle of summer to try to meet at this point in time but will allow us to get to that point.

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Why is the project required?

- Replace all outdated mechanical & electrical equipment (interior)
 - New Equipment: Condensing Units, Volume Control Boxes, Pneumatic Controls, Ceiling Diffusers/Grilles, Air Handling Unit Supply Fans, Refrigerant Piping, Carpet, etc.
 - Major Power System Elements - Transfer Switches to direct power supplied by new generator
- Extension of the Radio Replacement Project
 - Hardware/Software Upgrades to Radio, Dispatch Communications, and Recording Equipment
 - Voice Loggers, Integrated Information Servers, Playback Stations, etc.
 - Dispatch Site Gateway & Site LAN Switch
 - Remaining Project Funds: \$1.2 M for new improvements
- Existing equipment and/or physical items being reused
 - Air handler's (boxes/dampers), restroom exhaust fans, ceiling diffusers/grilles (computer room), etc.
 - Liebert Units – Server Room (precision cooling and infrastructure management systems for computers, server racks, and critical process systems)

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The second slide here talks a little bit about replacing the outdated mechanical and electrical equipment on the interior and you say, what is that? What does that consist of? Well, there's a lot of different things. You're talking about HVAC, all the heating and ventilation. It's tough right now, I think, in that environment for a lot of people to work effectively outside the stress that comes through on those types of phone calls.

I don't know how many people have visited a 911 site before. It's not always a fun place to sit in and listen on those types of calls because they are very emergent. We want to make sure that the air flow there for the equipment and supporting the staff is feasible and that's part of this big push so the condensing units, volume control boxes, pneumatic controllers, ceiling diffusers, etc., that's all being replaced. The only thing that will basically remain in the physical space would be the air handling units, the boxes themselves, because they are so massive that they're hauled in pieces and parts and basically connected in place. They're a physical structure to create a box that allows all that compressed air to be pushed through a forced air system and things like that. Major power systems are being replaced, transfer switches to direct the power supply to the new generators, that's another big position, a big change over.

The extension of the radio replacement project is where this was born from. Matt can probably tell you a lot more about that than any of us here and Major Quinn as well. I do know that the hardware/software upgrades to the radio and dispatch communications and the recording equipment side. A lot of things have gone on to support this, but there's some funds left over.

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The voice loggers, the easiest way to say that is you've got voice recording equipment. You've got voice tracking equipment. You've got databases that will allow you to pin wave files back to a recording so you can actually listen to them. That's what this all does. It does it in cyberspace. It does it in physical space. There's a lot of things we're doing out there on a technology side, but that's really what the push is, to get that built into a new format which means the new call space. A lot of redundancy needs to be built into this which means your backup operations have to truly be backed up. First and second tier things are running in series or parallel when need be, but they are in duplication.

The existing equipment and our physical equipment are being reused. Like I said, the air handlers. Some of the restroom exhaust fans, ceiling diffusers in the physical computer room, etc., and then what they call a Liebert Unit, which is basically just a cooling and infrastructure management system for the server room and those are pretty important.

Current Mechanical/Electrical Issues...

- Issues with maintaining consistent heating/cooling loads
 - Improvements/Efficiencies in heating & cooling loads throughout the Operations Center and Technology Server Room(s) including HVAC Zone Modifications
 - Example; remove "Break Room" airflow requirements from "Dispatch Area"
- Issues with back-up battery units – risk of failure & fines
 - Current State – 2 Independent Backup Battery Units (UPS – Uninterruptable Power Supply) and 1 failed independent UPS (temporary desktop UPS' installed at each console as stop-gap)
 - Preferred State – 3 Cross-Connected UPS Units to supply instant backup power
- Projected reduction in overall electrical usage/costs through efficient lighting
 - Ambient light settings are modified for efficiency and/or to accommodate passive work environment (change in Kelvin rating - primary unit of temperature measurement in the physical sciences)

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What are some of the issues that they're dealing with right now? We already talked about heating and cooling loads. It's pretty obvious those things, after time, they wear out. HVAC doesn't last forever. To stay efficient, there's two different types of things you have to consider. You have to talk about airflow, of course, your physical space and where your human sit versus what your technology equipment requires as well.

You start getting back into some of those Liebert units, that's where they're more specific. They take and pull the humidity out of the air. Not to get too technical on any of this,

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but those are some of the things you really have to consider when you're looking at zone modifications inside of a physical space such as this. That's something that our electrical and mechanical guys with the design team are working on right now to look at what are the actual loads that will be required for the new equipment in the CAD consoles versus what's there now.

To talk about secondary state, we're looking at issues with backup battery units and risks of failure and fines possibly meaning that on the slide four there in the center, it says current state is 2 independent backup battery units which are UPSs (Uninterruptable Power Supply). If one fails, basically, you've got to be able to back that up with a second one.

The preferred state would be 3 cross-connected UPS units to provide that instant backup power. The workers at their stations would know no different. If you were to go on UPS backup power, they wouldn't really see an interruption of service. They wouldn't know if they were on real live power or if there was something going on out there that interrupted it to that front end of the building versus what these new preferred state cross-connectional UPS units can provide on an instant turnover. That's a very good thing. In current state now, we don't have that.

The projected reduction in the overall electrical usage and costs through efficient lighting is another thing. I mean, we all want to be fiscally mindful today in how we spend taxpayer dollars. It's our onus to go out and find out how to do that. As part of that, we'd also like to take the ambient light setting and see what's most meaningful inside the room itself. How do people feel when they're under certain levels of light? That goes back to a Kelvin rating, which they've done a lot of studies on, obviously. That is nothing more than just saying it's a primary unit of measurement in the physical space that allows you to put your light setting at a certain environment which will basically pacify and help people be more relaxed in what they do. It also is a cost-saving measure when you start drawing back amperage against the draw.



Project Team Members

Cross-department & cross-functional team

- KCK Police
- KCK Fire
- Building & Logistics
- Emergency Management
- UG Department of Technology
- Benesch – Mechanical / Electrical Design Contractor
- Mid-America Regional Council
- Board of Public Utilities
- Johnson County Emergency Management Operations
- Voice Products Inc. (Vendor) – Integrated Hardware/Software for Public Safety

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A lot of people are working across this. As you can expect, there's a big team. Like I said, I just joined this. Your Kansas City, Kansas Police & Fire Units are heavily tied because their operations are there. They are the key stakeholders in this thing. I mean, they have to be able to operate and do what they need to do on the fly. We cannot disrupt that. Our ability to make sure that things go exceptionally well and actually perfect in a state of transition between here and getting things transferred to say Johnson County's emergency operations before, during and after, meaning the training piece itself. We need to train our staff. We need to inform Johnson County about when that changeover is going to happen. Those types of things are really important.

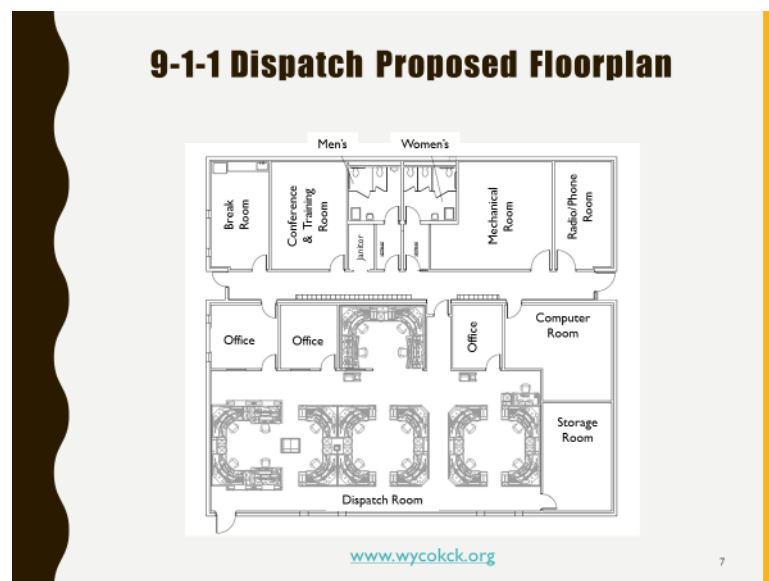
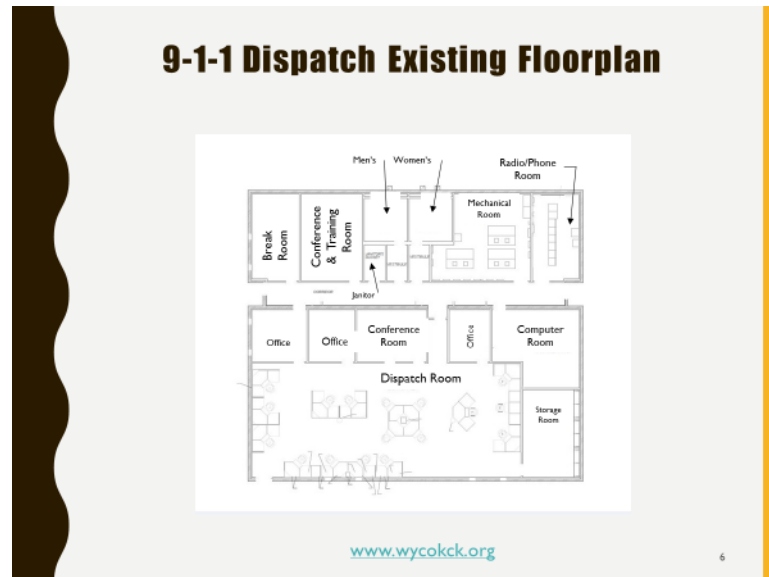
Our Building & Logistics guys are involved in this. They do a wonderful job in what they do. I know this is another big project for them. Matt's group in Emergency Management is still tied at the hip with all of this. There's no way they're going to get away from it. They are still funding this thing. Like the Department of Technology, we got a lot of technology here, a lot of business going on here.

Benesch is our mechanical/electrical design contractors. They're actually putting the design together and will vet the contract out once we, being the government, decide on whether that's acceptable or not to the actual contractors that will do the physical work for the install and replacement.

Mid-America Regional Council is tied to this heavily. The BPU, Johnson County Emergency Management and the Voice Products vendor, which services the integrated

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hardware/software for public safety. We should probably have Motorola listed there too for all the radio frequency stuff.



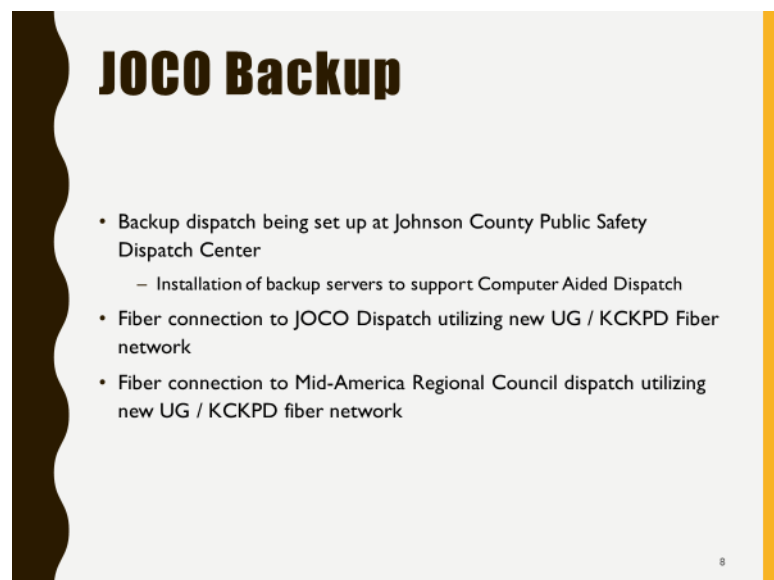
This right here is a snapshot of your existing floor plan. It's pretty simple when you look at it. It's going to look a lot like what the proposed floor plan is with a few exceptions. Honestly, when you start looking at the way things are laid out right here, you have to roll back and take a look and I'll show you. You take a snapshot there and you say really, what's the difference? Well, the consoles are all going to be brand new. Major Quinn can talk a little bit more about

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their vendor and what they may look like if you have questions on that. In general, when you're looking at this, you have to consider the physical properties here: your airflow handling, your updated power supplies, your backup redundancies and all the other things that work to make this environment a more compatible place to work and then to have the technologies to support that base.

Like I said, here's your pre and post, but if you look, you've got your breakrooms, offices, conference rooms and the dispatch area is still the same. When you start looking at the new consoles and how that lays out, there's an efficiency gain there and some of those comforts and things that need to be in that type of environment.

The computer rooms themselves will also be upgraded. I want to say upgraded with the minimizing of equipment that's required in those rooms so those Liebert units can actually work and stay within their preferred temp to help extend the life of those things. We're also working on creating a bigger space for the breakrooms and some of those other comfort areas like training, conference and stuff like that. Then looking to separate those airflows and those requirements across those areas. They are on separate zones and push air into certain areas where it needs to be, the higher accommodations and quicker changeovers.



JOCO Backup

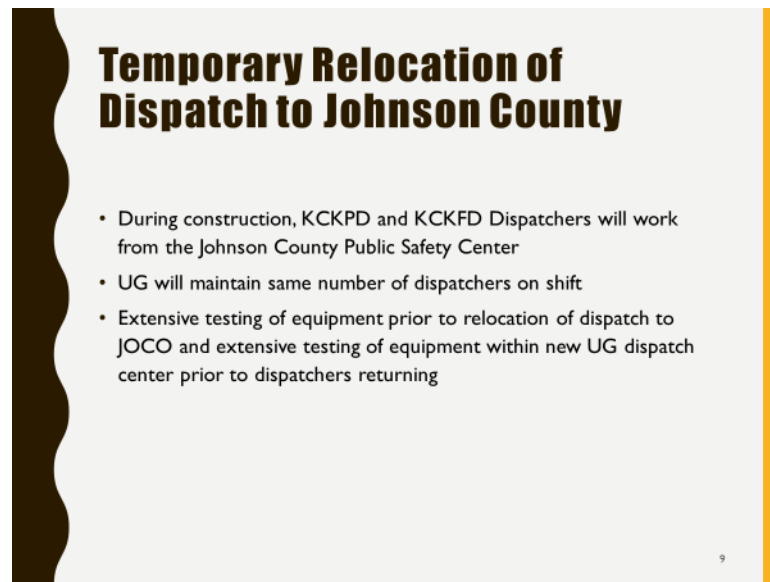
- Backup dispatch being set up at Johnson County Public Safety Dispatch Center
 - Installation of backup servers to support Computer Aided Dispatch
- Fiber connection to JOCO Dispatch utilizing new UG / KCKPD Fiber network
- Fiber connection to Mid-America Regional Council dispatch utilizing new UG / KCKPD fiber network

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This is very important. This slide here, number 8, talks about the backup dispatch being set up at Johnson County Public Dispatch. That installation of backup servers to support that really is dependent on the fiber connection to Johnson County and utilizing the new UG/KCKPD fiber

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network that we're working on to connect with some of the other agencies here. The fiber connection to the Mid-America Regional Council dispatch utilizing the new UG/KCKPD fiber network is the same thing, but there's a fiber line there that will allow us to get things out is their dispatch and their CADs, and to effectively get it back and report it here to our station as well.



Temporary Relocation of Dispatch to Johnson County

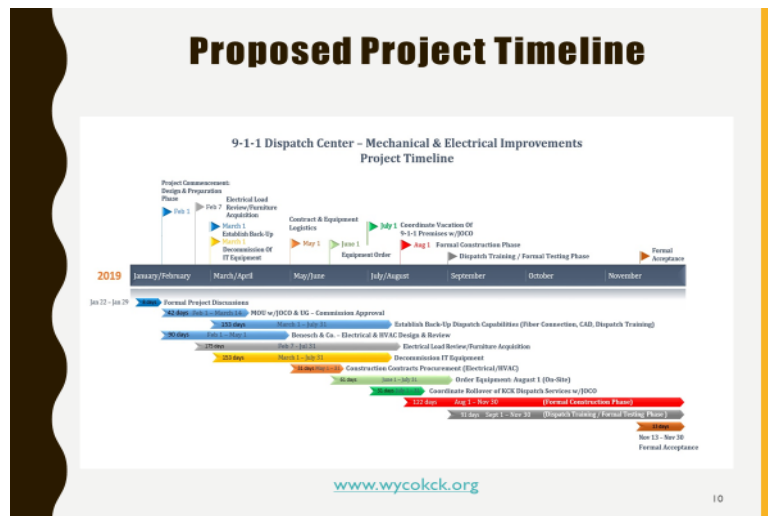
- During construction, KCKPD and KCKFD Dispatchers will work from the Johnson County Public Safety Center
- UG will maintain same number of dispatchers on shift
- Extensive testing of equipment prior to relocation of dispatch to JOCO and extensive testing of equipment within new UG dispatch center prior to dispatchers returning

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Temporary relocation is just that. It's the matter of making sure that everything is ready to go from once we go dark in turning off the lights here. Are we prepared to say that we are backed up in full capacity there to take an instant fly where it just switches over immediately using that fiber and work inside the Johnson County Public Safety Center there?

We're going to basically maintain the same number of dispatchers on shift. We will have to do extensive testing before and after to make sure, obviously, that things are going to go well because we don't want any disruption of service there at any time.

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This is a proposed project timeline. Getting into this, this is a little bit of techie stuff here. It's not a big deal. This is what they call a Gantt chart. It basically shows you some overlapping dependencies where things are important along that timeline. When you start getting into projects of this magnitude, they typically have what is called a critical path. There's not a lot of deviation or variance allowed inside of that.

Certain things will absolutely make sure that you have to do on—basically a finish/start relationship meaning that one has to finish before another could start. You'll see those things kind of end-to-end, but you also see things run in series or parallel that start on the same date or overlap a little bit underneath the other one. If you read that from the lefthand to the righthand side of the margin and you come from the top down, it shows you those effective dates for basically releasing and getting the memorandum of understanding signed off with Johnson County so they agree to what we propose, or to getting the equipment ordered so it can be onsite in August so when we start to do the renovations, it's there when we need to plug it in and start getting our CAD six cables tied to the consoles. Things like that, very important. Then you get down to those last few days. You get into September. You start looking at the dispatch training sessions and things of that nature, and really the formal acceptance phase or feature from what the Unified Government is willing to accept once that's done.

That is your project timeline in and of itself. We can certainly talk about that in a little more detail afterwards because that's kind of a gauntlet. You look at that very quickly and you say what is all this, but it takes some time to digest.

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Timeline Elements

Critical Timeline Elements

- Finalize electrical/mechanical design & review process
- Finalize furniture acquisition & delivery
- Establish back-up operations prior to decommissioning of assets and critical IT connections
- Coordinate vacation of premises & formal rollover of KCK Dispatch Services w/JOCO
 - Minimize on-site time requirements at JOCO facility
- Procure Construction Contracts (Electrical/HVAC)
- Dispatch Training & Formal Testing Phase
- Formal Acceptance by UG

Additional Project Risks & Considerations

- Memorandum of Understanding Authorized w/JOCO (mid-March)
- Large equipment items are custom manufactured
- MARC to complete the fiber connection to the KCMO Internet Demarcation Point for back-hauling information to JOCO Facility & KCK PD Operations (connection supported by KanREN)

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Looking at the timeline elements, I put a couple of things here that talked about critical timelines together. I said basically finalize the mechanical design and review process. That's important to keep in relation with that Gantt so we don't back the rest of the project up because you certainly can't start a project until you sign off on the design documents and make sure that they're ready to go. Getting the furniture acquired and delivered, making sure that that's on site, on time and getting the backup operations established prior to decommission of any of the assets onsite or our current site.

We definitely want to coordinate the vacation of the premises and the formal rollover with our KCK dispatch guys and services with the Johnson County staff. We certainly want to minimize our onsite time requirements with Johnson County. I know they're very busy. They have a great big operation out there. They've built in some capacities there, but it's our charge to try to get in and out of there as quickly as possible without rushing things but to make it right.

We definitely need to procure the construction contracts and then dispatch training and formal testing is another important one again. Once that happens, you can formally accept the project. Some of the additional risks down here would be getting the MOU signed by Johnson County. I think that may have already happened on the 14th. I don't know for sure, but that was the targeted date. I need to check.

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Large equipment items, some of them are custom manufactured. As you know, things can happen when custom manufacturing comes in.

The other thing is to complete the fiber connection, which is getting very close. Alan can certainly attest and weigh in heavier on this. With the demarcation point for the backbone of the internet down in KCMO, that's where the fiber goes and connects from here to there and back out to Johnson County and back in. KanREN is the operational advisor and actually the installer on some of that stuff and working diligently with that.



I think outside of that, if there's anything for anyone here that wants to add anything, including Alan or anyone, we can certainly chat a little bit about this because that's a lot of information to try to digest all at once.

Rance Quinn, Police Major, said there's just one deadline that we found out about just a couple of days ago, that was B-911 upgrades to our 911 equipment at the communications center. To give you a little history, the last couple of years, the Metropolitan PSAP, that stands for Public Safety Answering Points, that's our dispatch centers in the metropolitan area, have all been receiving 911 upgrades. MARC comes in and covers the cost. They replace the 911 equipment and those items in order to upgrade, to stay current with technology in the 911 system. Our PSAP, our communication center, is the very last one in the metropolitan area to have that happen due to redundancy issues. Redundancy meaning, a couple of years ago when we tried to

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do this. We didn't have a microwave antenna that went from our dispatch center back to MARC that would allow us to have our 911 upgrade. You have to have that to put the new equipment in. There were some struggles back and forth on who was going to pay for that because we were supposed to be charged for the space on the antenna and all of that so it was never done.

When the fiber came in, which just went live within the last month or two, it was found out, that fiber could be our redundancy. We can go ahead and upgrade our 911 equipment; however, MARC covers the initial installation which is about \$370,000 for them to come in here and do that. They cover that; however, if we take that 911 equipment and we put it in our old consoles, which is the current equipment we have out there, they have to come out, take that equipment out, and put it into our new consoles. To do that, the quote to do that is \$35,000. Whichever way we decide to go here, we have to do it by June because MARC is going to stop sending us wireless and void calls in June. There's no hard date in June other than it's sometime in June. We either stop getting our calls or we upgrade our equipment prior to that.

We have to decide, as a group, which way we want to go with this. Do we want to come up with the \$35,000 to cover the taking out of the old consoles and putting in the new consoles in the fall where our project timeline is, or do we want to somehow or another get at least the console part of it moved up to where we can get that done prior to June so we can put the equipment in our new consoles. That would save us the \$35,000.

That's a hard fast deadline from MARC that they've told us, look, no if ands or buts; you have to have it done by June.

Commissioner Johnson said the cost for the remaining portion of this it says it's \$1.2M for new improvements. Does that cover everything? **Matt May, Emergency Management Director**, said these are dollars that were remaining in the radio system project and we're waiting for this project to come online. Yes, that's basically all expended as part of that project. **Commissioner Johnson** said this has a pretty tight timeline. I just want to know, is there any cushion built in there? Are we going to be completely turned over by November 30th? That's what our expectation is? It'll go. **Mr. May** said I think that's—unless you know something. **Mr. Deichler** said no. No, it is. **Mr. May** said it's almost done. We're getting close. **Mr. Deichler** said yes, and I was just on the phone before I came up here—I apologize. I walked into that first meeting a few minutes late and that's what I was doing was talking to the electrical designers a

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little bit about where they were. They're moving pretty much in sync with where we think this timeline looks like right now.

I don't want to say there's any float built into this because there's certainly not. There might be some compression points in here that allow us, if we get this design finished and accepted beforehand, that we can buy a few days back and move things forward a little bit. I think right now, we're looking at the end of November as kind of a tentative deadline there to get this done. It's a very aggressive timeline, but it certainly needs to be done.

To Major Quinn's point, there's a lot of things that now have to be done with Mid-America Regional Council to that same point to get things done prior to even starting the project where it's kind of a critical failure point. We need to do that one first, and that's something that we'll draw upon to make resources.

I apologize, Major. I just sent you an email on that one. We can chat tomorrow and try to figure out what that looks like, but I think everything will be fine with that too. It's just a matter of getting things in order. It's about communicating and making sure things are in alignment there.

Commissioner Kane said, Major, there is a portion of this that has to be done before everything else. **Major Quinn** said to meet the MARC deadline, yes. **Commissioner Kane** said I don't want to miss what he just said. If we do that, it doesn't cost us a dime. **Major Quinn** said if we do the upgrades now and put it into our current existing consoles, it doesn't cost us anything. Where we're going to have to pay for it is come fall or when we're doing our replacement of our consoles, that's when we'll have to pay the \$35,000 in order to take the new equipment out of our old consoles and put it over into our new consoles. **Commissioner Kane** said so you want us to bless that part where we don't have to spend \$35,000. **Major Quinn** said I'm just telling you the critical deadlines. **Commissioner Kane** said you would rather that we do that now instead of spending \$35,000. **Major Quinn** said I would rather that we avoid paying the extra \$35,000, yes. **Commissioner Kane** said Jesus Christ, who is the politician here, you or me? I think in order to save \$35,000, we need to follow his recommendation. If we can save \$35,000, that's great.

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Commissioner Philbrook said to follow-up on that, basically what I'm hearing is that yes, you guys feel pressed but you think it's a doable thing to get everything done by MARC's deadline. **Major Quinn** said no. Everything will not be done by MARC's deadline. **Commissioner Philbrook** said the stuff that they want done. **Major Quinn** said the only thing they want—well, we can do the upgrades. We can get them on board and put in our old consoles at any time. We could start that ball rolling, but then we have to pay the \$35,000 in the fall. In order to try to prevent that, we would have to contact our vendor that's supplying us the dispatch consoles and say okay, you want to go ahead and start installing those now. We've got to rip our old ones out, bring the new ones in. There's some electrical work, HVAC work and all that that would have to be done after we do that.

Commissioner Philbrook said Alan knows where I'm going. **Mr. Howze** said I think this is—all three commissioners are sort of speaking to the complexity and like there's a bunch of moving parts here. We've got the MARC, Mid-America technology upgrade. We've got the actual facility upgrade. We've got the movement of dispatch personnel to a temporary location. We've got the primary goal. It's not even a goal. This has to happen, which is no disruption in service. The operations would have to continue unabated through all of this.

All of these questions are getting at that, which is, there's only a week and this is why we've brought additional staff in and project management support around this because it needs to go—move quickly this year, and we need to make sure that we've got all the pieces ordered and sequenced in the right way.

Commissioner Philbrook said but the bottom line is that what you're suggesting to do to save the \$35,000, you feel we're capable of doing and getting done in a timely manner. **Mr. Howze** said I'm not confident in that, no. I will say to you all. **Commissioner Philbrook** said I'm trying to find out. **Chairman Markley** said it sounds like we haven't even spoken to the vendor yet to see whether it's even possible. **Mr. Howze** said right. This issue just came up literally on Friday. We will work through it and, again, sort of—we will not have any sort of disruption in service. We will get the upgrade done and sort of figure out the cost piece. We want to save the \$35,000 if we can. We want to make sure that it and, again, sort of all of these pieces sort of sequenced in the right order.

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Also, the other piece of this, back to the original goals, is to make sure that our dispatch staff, when they come back into the facility, have a comfortable facility. It's a stressful enough job when you're taking these kinds of calls and providing this kind of support to the community to not be cold, hot or uncomfortable for 10 to 12 hours at a time.

Commissioner Philbrook said I visited the center a couple of times so I know what you're talking about. I just wanted to make sure I kind of understood the moving parts. I appreciate all of your hard work, and I'm glad that you all are doing it.

Major Quinn said the reason we have the deadline through MARC is that they're updating their equipment by June. Their equipment currently sends, basically, a signal to the people who have upgraded and the people who have not. We're the only ones that have not. Come June, they upgrade their equipment, complete that process, it no longer sends that old signal out to people like us so that's why we have this deadline. **Commissioner Philbrook** said I understand. Thank you.

Commissioner Bynum said the funding in our budgets for the project, are they city, county or both. **Mr. May** said I believe, and it's been a while since I looked at that, divided out like that, I believe it was all county money, if I remember correctly. **Commissioner Bynum** said so it's Emergency Management. **Mr. May** said right. It was part of that radio project. It's the very last piece of that entire allotment that you folks allotted years before I even got here.

Major Quinn said there are also communication funds for like 911 funds that we've set aside from last year that's going to cover the consoles themselves. That's a different piece of the pie, if you will, that's covering the consoles, not the \$1.2M. **Mr. May** said correct. We've leveraged lots of different pots to make this all come together simultaneously. It's really the perfect time to make that console move while we've got the building literally torn apart and putting it back together. It's the right time.

Commissioner Bynum said I was just curious because we've got a MOU with county government, Johnson County government, for our city side police and fire. It just got confusing

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to me for a minute. **Mr. May** said that agreement was really because as a region, the 911 system, what I call the call taking system, is really very integrated regionally. One of the things they wanted to do was get away from what we call cold disc backups where backup centers sit there idling and it's expensive to maintain. They wanted us to move to a place that's operational on a day-to-day basis. Johnson County has been very willing to do that. We just need to get that last documentation finished and then get over there and get trained.

Commissioner Bynum said the only other question I have is, is there a cost to us that we would pay Johnson County for the backup operations. **Mr. May** said this is part of that regional sharing. They've been very generous about doing it.

Action: For information only.

Public Agenda:

Item No. 1 – 19641...APPEARANCE: MURRAY ANDERSON, SR.

Synopsis: Appearance of Murray Anderson, Sr. requesting to decriminalize the use of marijuana.

Murray Anderson, Sr., said I thank you for this opportunity to take this time to kind of talk about what we think is very important to our community and that is the decriminalization of marijuana and to stop putting people in jail for simple possession. I think we're all familiar with some of the activities that's centered around other states which actually legalized medical marijuana and some recreational use.

More importantly, the reason that I'm really wanting to have this opportunity is that we need you all's help in order to get our state to take advantage of this enormous emerging industry. Along with decriminalization, there is the prospect of a tremendous amount of money to be taxed that can be deployed in our community and in the state to solve some of our pressing problems and that is to have enough resources to do the kinds of things that I know we would all like to do in our communities.

One of the issues that I've put in front of Governor Kelly is the need for a seed and venture capital entity that would provide the resources to fund entrepreneurship. Within that

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context, I proposed to Governor Kelly that there be a provision where as a 25% of the tax revenue from the sale of marijuana would be dedicated to the funding of this minority enterprise seed and venture entity/capital that would responsibly be able to address the needs both in the rural underserved markets and the urban underserved markets, but particularly in Wyandotte County where I live.

I have a meeting with the governor's chief of staff on Wednesday to further this discussion. It would be helpful if the Unified Government would champion the idea that we would correct some of so the issues that really adversely affected the economic and financial health of the community as a result of this misinformation regarding marijuana and its use as a political tool to put minorities in jail. That's what's been happening for the last 50 years. We have an opportunity to stop that here in our community and take a leadership role in not only creating a template, but also very keenly focus on the most healthy aspects economically and financially of the narrative surrounding how do we solve these problems and create cash in order for the state to deliver what they need to deliver and in order for our community to become healthy financially and economically.

I only ask that the committee would give us an opportunity to put this idea in front of the entire Board of Commissioners so that they can vet the ideas and vote, and hopefully become the advocate and champion of this opportunity on behalf of our community. I thank you for the time.

Chairman Markley said if you are here in support of Mr. Anderson's comments and you would simply like to stand to demonstrate that support, you're welcome to do so now. (Approximately 7 stood up in support.)

Action: For presentation only.

Adjourn

Chairman Markley adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

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