

Pacific County Communications Administrative Board Meeting 5:00 p.m., March 3, 2015 – Naselle Fire Hall

Present: Greg McLeod, Kathy Spoor, Julie Struck, Chuck Spoor, Todd Fosse, Jason Dunsmoor, David Glasson, Mike Cassinelli, Stephanie Fritts. Fritts signed all present in. Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes of November 5, 2014: Passed with two typographical corrections. Motion Glasson, second Cassinelli. Motion carried.

Regionalization/Revenue Subcommittee: Chair McLeod requested a report regarding Regionalization. Mayor Struck reported that the research if the committee indicates that regionalization is costly. A feasibility study and planning estimates expensive and the work of regionalization is estimated to be in the millions. It appears that the entities that have regionalized were already geographically close. Washington State Patrol looked at going from 8 centers to 3 and determined that it was not a financially effective move. Return on investment would be very long. The subcommittee voted to not proceed with regionalization.

Chair McLeod asked what the next move should be. Mayor Struck indicated that the subcommittee would like to suggest that we push toward the .001 sales tax option, stating that this is something that is allowed that the County Commissioners could enact. Kathy Spoor clarified – she has done research and the .1% option can be passed by the legislative authority, but can be repealed by the people. It is for criminal justice, not just communications. A lengthy discussion of the various funding/revenue options ensued including the following possibilities:

RCW 82.14.340: Additional sales and use tax (.1%) for criminal justice purposes to be enacted by the legislative authority and subject to repeal by referendum. 10% of the funds must go the county, with the remainder distributed to the county and cities based on population. The funds must be spent on criminal justices purposes (to include services with ancillary benefits to the criminal justice system).

RCW 82.14.420: Additional sales and use tax (.1%) submitted by legislation authority as a proposition to the voters. Moneys received from any tax imposed under this section shall be used solely for the purpose of providing funds for costs associated with financing, design, acquisition, construction, equipping, operating, maintaining, remodeling, repairing, reequipping, and improvement of emergency communication systems and facilities. Requires a simple majority.

RCW 82.14.450: Additional sales and use tax (.3%) submitted by legislation authority as a proposition to the voters. One-third of all money received must be used solely for criminal justice purposes, fire protection purposes, or both. Money received must be shared between the county and the cities as follows: Sixty percent must be retained by the county and forty percent must be distributed on a per capita basis to cities in the county. Requires a simple majority.

A .1% tax increase would generate approximately \$225K per year. There was very little opposition regarding the .1% recent mental health increase imposed by local legislative authority. That tax goes into effect April 1, 2015.

Mayor Cassinelli asked if the county is intending to do anything in terms of the .3% option for the entire criminal justice system, stating that coordination would be required. Kathy Spoor responded that .1% would be adequate for communications, but the larger conversation is about how to fund criminal justice. Consideration needs to be given of the possibility of a property tax increase as well as generating \$200K would not be enough for entire system. A question was posted about how much of property tax increase would go to cities vs. the county? None, and a property tax increase would be good for only 6 years but would generate a lot more money. An interlocal agreement could be developed to split the funding with the cities.

To get anything on the November ballot a resolution generated by the Board of County Commissioners must be filed by August 4, 2015. Kathy Spoor stated that the PACCOM Admin Board should not plan to spend additional revenue in 2016 and that they should bank 75% of it to start. With support from fire and EMS, the emergency communications proposition would likely pass. An election would likely cost \$9K which could be paid from the PACCOM budget.

Mayor Cassinelli: Motion that the PACCOM Board support RCW 82.14.420 for emergency communications with the intent of placing a proposition on the general election ballot in November. Second Mayor Struck. Unanimously passed.

Chair McLeod asked for volunteers to serve on a committee to get the proposition going with the reminder that there are constraints in terms of campaign activities. . Chuck Spoor suggested the committee be comprised of an Admin Board rep, Fire/EMS Chief, and Police Chief. Chair McLeod appointed an Ad-Hoc .1% Emergency Communications Proposition Steering Committee comprised of Chief Jacob Brundage, Admin Board Rep David Glasson, and Chief Chuck Spoor. Kathy Spoor and Julie Struck would be willing to assist. Chair McLeod requested a report from the committee by May 15, 2015.

Interlocal Agreement: Chair McLeod spoke to the need to revise the Interlocal Agreement and asked about that issue along with tweaking the funding formula. Kathy Spoor stated that language needs to be cleaned up and McLeod requested that Julie Struck take on the Interlocal with other folks from the Admin Board. Chair McLeod suggested that the work of the subcommittee be broken up into two pieces – get the language issues resolved and then approach the formula. Julie Struck agreed to chair committee focused on the language and recruit volunteers. Kathy Spoor volunteered, as well as Jason Dunsmoor. Chair McLeod stated that if the subcommittee runs into issue to please contact him.

Mike Cassinelli agreed to lead an effort to look into the funding formula and coordinate with anyone from the Admin Board. Discussion ensued regarding a minimum contribution/base, leaving the formula as is, assessed value, and the county 10% off the top.

Stephanie Fritts collected several Interlocal Agreements from various jurisdictions as samples. Fritts will email the interlocal agreements.

Good of the Order: Request to use non-military time for meeting documentation. Adjourned 6:03 p.m.