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Gregory Lynskey, Communications Center Director

SWCCC Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes for June 17, 2021 – Regular Session

Board Members Present: Jonathan Ruda, Doug Willardson, Randy Becker

Board Members Absent: John Marsi

Others Present: Gregory Lynskey, Dean Kochanowski

Meeting Location: Dudley Fire Training Room

- Meeting called to order by Chairman Ruda at 9:14am.
- Chairman Ruda led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Mr. Becker made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from May 13, 2021. Second by Mr. Willardson. Unanimous Vote
- Mr. Willardson stated the Town Administrators in Charlton and Sturbridge were on board with having a study done. Director Lynskey reminded the Board that the consultant indicated it was not worth conducting without support from the Boards of Selectmen based upon prior interactions with those two towns. Mr. Willardson stated he would reach back out. Mr. Becker offered to make the contact with the Board Chairs in each town.
- Director Lynskey presented the Board with the following budget transfers that required a vote under the IMA:
 - \$760.00 from Supplies & Materials 6421152 558003 to Office Equipment Maintenance 6421152 524007. Director Lynskey stated this transfer would cover the replacement of the 6 desk phones utilized in dispatch were are original. Mr. Becker made a motion to approve. Second by Mr. Willardson. Unanimous Vote.
 - \$1,525.00 from Office Supplies 6421152 542000 to Computer Equipment Maintenance 6421152 524015. Director Lynskey stated this was for the cost of upgrading Microsoft Office on the dispatch center computers from version 2013 to version 2019. Mr. Willardson made a motion to approve. Second by Mr. Becker. Unanimous vote.
- Director Lynskey presented the Board with the following transfer for their information which did not require a vote:
 - \$650.00 from Public Safety Dispatchers 6421151 511010 to Part Time Other Labor 6421151 511041. Director Lynskey stated this was to cover the cost of part time labor through the remainder of the year.
- Director Lynskey informed the Board that full-time dispatcher Bryan Blomgren had submitted his resignation effective June 26, 2021 and will be taking a position as a Patrolman with the Southbridge Police Department. Director Lynskey stated he has posted a position to fill the spot. Mr. Willardson made a motion to accept the resignation with regret. Second by Mr. Becker. Unanimous vote.
- Director Lynskey informed the Board that all FY22 State 911 grants had been received in the amounts expected and budgeted. He noted that one of the grants

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Doug Willardson - Vice Chairman
Randy Becker - Member
John Marsi - Member

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Brian Hickey - Member
Gary Milliard - Member

had a new requirement to submit a 5 year capital budget which he generated and attached for the Board's review. Mr. Becker stated the two \$500,000 items are concerning. Director Lynskey stated they are and that one of them is very real. He noted that the current CAD and Records software system dates to around 2000 and that the company has been bought several times and that right now it looks like an end of life is coming. He stated this will impact several hundred agencies across the state and it is likely that grant funding will be difficult to obtain given the number of agencies that will be in need. He stated the other item, the radio console, is on the budget simply as a future potential item but that at the current time there is no expected end of life and our support contract covers replacement of aging equipment.

- The Board determined that the next meeting date will remain TBD pending updates regarding union contract negotiations.
- *Mr. Willardson made a motion to enter Executive Session at 9:30am pursuant to MGL c. 30A § 21, To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares, regarding MassCOP Dispatchers Unit. The board will return to open session only for purposes of adjourning the meeting. Second by Mr. Becker. Unanimous Vote.*
- *Mr. Becker made a motion to exit executive session at 9:54am for purposes of adjourning the meeting. Second by Mr. Willardson. Unanimous vote.*
- *Mr. Becker made a motion to adjourn at 9:55am, second by Mr. Willardson. Unanimous vote.*