



# South Worcester County Communications Center

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*Gregory Lynskey, Communications Center Director*

*SWCCC Board of Directors*

*Meeting Minutes for August 7, 2020 – Regular Session*

Board Members Present: Chairman Doug Willardson, Jonathan Ruda, Randy Becker, Courtney Friedland

Board Members Absent: John Marsi

Others Present: Gregory Lynskey, Dean Kochanowski, Steven Wojnar

Meeting Location: Dudley Municipal Complex

- Meeting called to order by Chairman Willardson at 10:21am.
- Chairman Willardson led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Being the first regular meeting of the fiscal year, Chairman Willardson declared this to be the annual meeting and called for a board reorganization.
- Mr. Willardson made a motion to elect Mr. Ruda as Chairman, second by Mr. Becker. Unanimous vote.
- Mr. Ruda assumed the role of chairman at this time.
- Mr. Becker made a motion to elect Mr. Willardson as Vice Chairman, second by Mr. Ruda. Unanimous vote.
- Mr. Becker made a motion to approve the minutes from August 7, 2020. Second by Mr. Ruda. Vote 2-0-1 with Mr. Willardson abstaining.
- Mr. Becker stated that he has again attempted contact with the Vice Chairman of the Oxford Board of Selectmen without success. Mr. Willardson stated in his conversation with the Charlton administrator showed he had some interest. Mr. Becker asked about Douglas. Director Lynskey indicated that Douglas has shown no interest at all since passing an override a few years back. Mr. Ruda asked about grant opportunities. Director Lynskey stated with a signed IMA and operation, a new community could have their assessment paid for a 3 year period by the state. The Board felt this was a very attractive option. Mr. Ruda stated he would reach out to Charlton again and discuss that option with them. Mr. Becker stated he would reach out to Oxford again and tell them that we need some answer out of them as we might have other communities interested. Director Lynskey stressed that we have missed the FY21 grant cycle. The next cycle is likely to be in the later winter to be awarded in August, 2021. He stated a very best case scenario would be to be able to bring someone in around January, 2022 however that would be contingent on what funding was received and turnaround time from vendors for the necessary equipment to tie in another town.
- Director Lynskey stated that it had been confirmed that the state earmark for the radio consoles for Dudley Police had been received in the form of a grant. He stated that he had received a formal proposal for the project under state contract with a total of \$94,000 and the award having been for \$100,000. Director Lynskey stated that Chief Wojnar was ready to proceed with this and that since it was from a state contract, it would require a purchase order to be

## **Board of Directors:**

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

## **Operations Board:**

Dean Kochanowski - Chairman  
Michael Shaw - Vice Chairman  
Steven Wojnar - Member  
Brian Hickey - Member  
Gary Milliard - Member

issued by Dudley. He stated he would send the proposal to Mr. Ruda for generation of a purchase order.

- Director Lynskey stated that he did not receive funding under the State 911 Development grant program for the laptop based radio console. However, State 911 has offered to provide the funding as a one-time special increase to the Support & Incentive Grant. He stated this funding will allow a portable radio console that could be used in an emergency or in a planned event inside or outside of the dispatch building. Mr. Willardson stated that he has some additional CARES grant money available and was curious if there was anything dispatch needed that it could be spent on. Director Lynskey asked what type of restrictions there are. Mr. Willardson stated it has to be spent on something that would provide improved ability to work remote. Director Lynskey stated the only thing he could think of would be to purchase a second laptop radio console and have two in the event of an emergency situation. Mr. Willardson stated that sounded like a viable option.
- Director Lynskey updated the board on the special scheduling accommodation that had been discussed at the prior meeting. He stated the request was presented to the union and the union chose not to support it. Therefore, the request was denied.
- Director Lynskey informed the board that the trial for Phase 1 Wireless 911 calls had been completed and there was little to no impact on operations. As such, he has agreed to continue to accept Phase 1 Wireless calls.
- Director Lynskey informed the board that full-time dispatcher Pedro Jorge had resigned effective September 24, 2020. Pedro has left in order to continue his pursuit of a law enforcement career. Mr. Becker made a motion to accept the resignation with regret. Second by Mr. Willardson. Unanimous vote.
- The Board set the next meeting date as November 12 @ 10am at the Webster Police Community Room.
- Mr. Becker made a motion to adjourn at 11:03am, second by Mr. Willardson. Unanimous vote.