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Subject consolidated dispatch

Howdy

At the October meeting of the managers/administrators and radio board I received three tasks:

1. Explore whether Campbell and Appomattox can be added to the system and at what cost. We followed with a meeting of the Radio Board and Appomattox and Campbell officials who agreed to ask Harris to conduct a study of what would be needed to serve Appomattox and Campbell Counties from a radio equipment perspective. Harris Electronics, our current equipment vendor, has pledged to do a propagation and equipment study at their expense. I haven't heard their target completion date yet.

2. Determine the appropriate process for the replacement/upgrade of the radio equipment, i.e., whether it needs to be bid or if it can be procured through sole source or the state contract. Bill Aldrich and I met with Ted Craddock of Caskie Frost attorney in Lynchburg. Ted is experienced working with the City's industrial authority and several of the outlying communities to the east. He gave us a price that his services would not exceed \$1,000. Bill ran that by the Radio Board and they agreed to move forward and authorize Mr. Craddock to guide us through the procurement process.

3. Explore a cost benefit analysis of a consolidated dispatch system

Bill Aldrich and I talked with representatives from VITA who traditionally funds these studies. They have funded several such as in Alleghany County, Covington & Clifton Forge and in the New River Valley. The New River Valley study was completed in July and can be found at the following website. It's a good example of what one of these studies looks like.  
[http://www.montva.com/departments/purch/downloads/20090722\\_nra.pdf](http://www.montva.com/departments/purch/downloads/20090722_nra.pdf)

They are not sure whether we have to put a grant application in by the end of December or whether we just work with them and they fund the study directly. Traditionally no match is involved.

VITA does want to see a level of seriousness by the different jurisdictions and PSAPS as exemplified by the sample MOU they sent which is attached. As you see this MOU doesn't commit jurisdictions to participate after the study. The MOU itself would have to be modified to include Campbell and Appomattox, if they choose to participate.

I've collected my research into a briefing paper which is attached.

VITA is holding December 3 as a date to meet with those jurisdictions who are interested in pursuing this study.

I'd like to talk with each of you about your perspectives on next steps regarding the consolidated dispatch study.

Thanks

Gary