

MULTI AGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

August 13, 2026

The Multi Agency Communications Center (MACC) Board of Directors met August 13th, 2026. Board Chair, Jeremy Burns, called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

Board Members present were:

Jeremy Burns	Grant County Fire Chiefs & Commissioners
Dave Sands	Largest City or Town – City of Moses Lake
Ryan Fish	EMS Emergency Medical Council
Kristine Shuler	Grant County Cities and Towns
Ryan Green	Grant County Police Chiefs

Others present were:

Jeff Gann	Warden Police Department
Erik Koch	Ephrata Police Department
Jim Stucky	Grant County Fire District #13
Amanda Scott	MACC
Charli Dittman	MACC
Jennifer Hansen	Grant County Sheriff's Office (Phoned In)
Jennifer Pitt	MACC
D.T. Donaldson	MACC
Gerrit Klein	MACC
Darci Homesley	MACC
Joseph Elizalde	City of Warden

Public Comments: Kristine Shuler introduced Joseph Elizalde as her replacement as the City Administrator with the City of Warden, and prospective MACC Board replacement, when she retires on 10/31/26.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made and seconded to accept the Consent Agenda. **m/s (Sands/Shuler)** Consent Agenda approved.

MACC Board Reports:

DIRECTOR ACTIVITY REPORT

Director D.T. Donaldson reviewed the Director's Activity Report.

Staffing: Two dispatchers are scheduled to start within 30 days, one lateral hire and one candidate with public-safety experience. This would bring staffing nearly to the budgeted 22 FTE, although one or two departures may occur before year-end.

Automatic Call Triage: The AI-assisted feature has been implemented but was temporarily not active while development issues were addressed. During a concentrated influx of fire or motor-vehicle-accident calls, it identifies callers reporting the same event, prioritizes reports involving injuries or direct involvement, and allows unrelated emergencies to reach the top of the 911 queue. Every caller can still reach a person.

Radio/IP Field Test: Testing at the Moses Lake Police Department basement, the new jail, and in the field successfully converted radio traffic to IP for delivery through broadband-connected vehicles and devices. Participating agencies included Ephrata Fire, Ephrata Police, Grant County Fire Districts 3 and 10, and others. The approach may improve coverage and interoperability,

Legislative Visit: Senator Judy Warnick and Representative Tom Dent toured MACC on July 10. Representative Dent thanked dispatchers and Grant County public-safety personnel for handling the call related to his family.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Financial Services Manager, Darci Homesley, reviewed the Financial Report

Emergency Communication Sales and Use Tax: The June 2026 distribution was \$375,907.42 bringing the year to date to \$2,523,333.83.

Cash balances: All the ending account balances were provided as of June 2026.

Income Statements: The Income Statements were given for review for June 2026.

The User Fee Income Statement was reviewed, and the result was 40.47% of the budget was spent and 41% of the year has elapsed.

The E911 Income Statement was reviewed, and the result was 23.92% of the budget was spent. The Sales Tax budget is spent at 59.85% with a couple of line items overspent.

TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORT

The Technical Services Manager, Gerrit Klein, reviewed the Technical Services Report

Radio System

Microwave Network Modernization: MACC and ADCOMM completed an initial site inspection of most of the radio sites. ADCOMM also identified networking equipment at the radio sites that will likely need to be replaced. ADCOMM also identified the DC Power system as problematic due to age and the manufacturer is placing the existing system the end of life. We are opening dialogue with the Grant Co. PUD regarding merging some of our Microwave links together and sharing a transport path from multiple sites. This will reinforce our existing network with a lot of Fiber options that we currently do not have. ADCOMM has evaluated Communications Northwest's assessment of the existing microwave system. It is old and in need of replacement. We believe we have a stock of spare parts to get us through next year while this project continues.

Annual Generator Preventive Maintenance: MACC received a preliminary estimate of \$31,065.00 from Legacy Power Systems for annual generator inspection, preventive maintenance, automatic transfer-switch testing, and load-bank testing. If adopted, Resolution **12-2026** would authorize a total not-to-exceed amount of \$40,000, including taxes, maintenance materials, and minor corrective repairs identified during service.

Viking VM8000 / VP8000 Interoperability Project: On August 5–6, MACC hosted a multi-vendor field test involving IP Access International, EF Johnson, JVC Kenwood, Communications Northwest, Frontline Communications, Silvus Technologies, and ESChat. Testing successfully demonstrated the VM8000 gateway concept, extending radio communications over broadband and integrating them with P25 trunked radio and dispatch operations. Several technical issues were identified for continued engineering, but the overall test was a resounding success. EF Johnson has offered to transfer the two VM8000 demonstration radios used during testing to MACC at no additional acquisition cost. MACC proposes purchasing three additional VM8000 mobile radios for strategic partner deployment and two VP8000 portable radios for programming, training, testing, and demonstrations. Immediate deployment opportunities have been identified with Grant County Fire District 3, Grant County Fire District 5, and Moses Lake Fire Department. The initial estimated purchase price is \$26,449.19, including tax. If adopted, Resolution 14-2026 would establish a **\$31,000** not-to-exceed amount, including taxes, programming, licensing, accessories, installation materials, and incidental costs.

CAD System

Motorola Flex Issues: Staff is requesting that the MACC Board of Directors notify all partner agencies that their primary point of contact for Motorola Flex issues be Reliable Administrative Services or Motorola Support.

USDD by Honeywell Automatic Paging Interface: Work has started with the new USDD Project. Two Virtual Environments have been generated, IP Space has been assigned, and data spreadsheets are being filled out. We are currently planning to have a Motorola Flex interface for the new Flex Server. We are also taking precautionary steps to investigate the necessity and possibility of an interface within 365Labs.

Technical Services Generally

GIS Work: The State of Washington has concluded their RFP for statewide aerial imagery. They have selected a two-year contract with Vexcel for 6-inch imagery statewide. Vexcel was the same vendor that MACC 911 selected, but MACC did not award a contract. In talking with WA Tech and the State 911 office, the SOW contract would cover Grant and Adams County and would provide our imagery, for 911 use and 911 data generation, free of charge. MACC intends to “buy up” for additional services. MACC will be piggybacking off the State of Washingtons contract for the next two years.

NG911 GIS Data Migration: MACC is beginning the migration of its GIS data from the NENA Version 2 data model to the NENA Version 3 standard and Civic Location Data Exchange Format (CLDXF). The data must also be adapted for use within the Motorola Flex Public Safety Software environment.

Priority Dispatch: Work is still in progress with rolling out the new Priority dispatch protocols.

Wet-Cell Battery Preventive Maintenance: EnerSys was onsite on August 4 to complete the annual preventive maintenance inspection of MACC's wet-cell battery system. All 80 wet-cell batteries were in good condition.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: No Meeting-Nothing to Report.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: No Meeting-Nothing to Report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Will meet after the Board Meeting to review the MACC 2027 Budget

LAW TAC: Held a regular meeting on June 18th, 2026, at 1:00pm via Teams

Fire/EMS TAC: Fire/EMS TAC had a regular meeting on June 23, 2026, at 12:00pm at the MACC Board Room

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation of the 2027 MACC 911 Budget: The Finance Committee reviewed this proposed budget after our regular board meeting on 7/9/26. The proposed 2027 budget is \$9,660,069.00, an increase of 12.9% from 2026. Primary drivers include maintaining two CAD systems, approximately \$1 million in added maintenance costs, about half attributable to dual CAD, microwave upgrades, a 3.5% salary increase for administrators, dispatchers, and supervisors, and new supervisor on-call pay of \$20 per on-call day. Under the 2022 cost-sharing resolution, law-enforcement agencies fund 50% of CAD costs. The Motorola CAD share of \$263,005.00 was allocated among law agencies using 2025–2026 sign-in usage. Annual agency fees increased 2.0%. Other notable expenses include payroll/professional services, an \$85,000.00 City of Moses Lake-mandated sidewalk upgrade, and Phase 2 landscaping work. Board members were encouraged to review the proposal during the month; approval is scheduled for the September meeting. No action was taken.

Resolution 12-2026 – Authorizing Annual Generator Maintenance **m/s (Fish/Green)**
Approved

Resolution 13-2026 – Authorizing a Three-Year Pure Storage Subscription **m/s (Sands/Fish)** Approved

Resolution 14-2026 – Authorizing the Purchase of Viking Radios **m/s (Shuler/Green)**
Approved

TABLED: None

POLICIES: None

Agenda items for September 10th, 2026, Board Meeting: Approval of the MACC 911 2027 Budget

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Board Meeting. **m/s (Fish/Sands)** The meeting adjourned at 9:59am.

Darci Homesley, Financial Services Manager