DU-COMM

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DU-COMM Finance Subcommittee Meeting Notes
Tuesday, September 8, 2026 – 2:00 p.m. Virtual Meeting

Administrator Walter called the virtual meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call	Administrator Evan Walter *(virtual)*	Village of Burr Ridge
	Manager Kathleen Gargano *(virtual)*	Village of Hinsdale
	Finance Director Tanya Walker *(virtual)*	City of Oakbrook Terrace
	Director of Finance Tom Dahl *(virtual)*	Village of Roselle
	Asst. Administrator Andie Trucco *(virtual)*	Village of Woodridge
	President Jim McCarthy*(virtual)*	Bartlett Fire Protection District
	Chief Mike DeVries *(virtual)*	Downers Grove PD
Staff	Director Robb, Deputy Director Benjamin, Exec. Secretary Regalado	
Note:	*Finance Manager Athitakis is out on emergency medical leave and will be unavailable for an extended amount of time, which affects the preparation of the Facility Loan discussion.*	

2. Meeting Notes *attached for review, approval is not needed*
A. June 9, 2026

3. Old Business
A. Future MIS Staffing Model – on hold
- Has been sent to the HR Subcommittee for comparables, job descriptions, and further evaluation.
- It will come back to Finance for compensation discussion.

4. New Business
A. Facility Loan, Owning & Operating Costs
- Discussion ensued regarding the lease, owning & operating costs, and funding of DU-COMM's current facility. Much of the information discussed needs to be revisited when Finance Manager Athitakis is back to provide the history and details to have meaningful discussion. To avoid confusion on facts at hand, only outstanding questions that will be addressed at the next meeting are listed below.
- Questions:
  - Why deferment was chosen originally (unknown based on current records).
  - $3.2 million paid already. Paid from reserves?
  - Differences between policies showing 10-year vs 15-year deferment.
  - How owning/operating shares and past contributions align with current spreadsheets (DPSO added-when changed).
  - Whether facility cost contributions were reserved appropriately and how balloon and long-term payments relate.
  - Balance owed and to who (County or bank)?
  - How much free cash do we have?
  - Downers Grove has $155,000 outstanding.
  - Why is 2018 example in the packet?
- Committee agreed the topic requires more complete information and should remain on the agenda for finance staff to provide full context.

B. Radio Funding

- ETSB has unused Next Generation 911 grant funds ($1.8 million) and interest income ($1 million annually). ETSB Chair Schwarze may recommend distributing this year's overage funds to the PSAPs.
- If the $2.50 911 surcharge is approved, it would generate $9-12 million a year for DuPage.
- Concerns raised about:
    - Complications if agencies leave or join.
    - Difficulty coordinating two PSAPs ordering radios independently.
    - Past lack of clarity and delays in radio deployment under ETSB.
- Recommendations:
    - Accept this year's one-time overage distribution if offered.
    - Long-term: ETSB should hold and invest future funds collectively.
    - Clear IGA or policy defining radio funding and surcharge use.
    - Possible consultant study to determine actual future radio replacement cost and coverage of potential surcharge increases.
    - ETSB should be primary radio replacement funding source. ("waterfall" funding structure), followed by DU-COMM if needed, and lastly member agencies.

C. 2027 Meeting Calendar

- Current meeting time conflicts with DU-COMM Chiefs Ops (1–2 PM) and an ETSB CAD meeting (2–3 PM).
- Committee agreed to move the Finance Subcommittee meetings to 11:00 AM, beginning next month.

5. Other Business

- None

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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