

**MINUTES OF THE
GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATIONS TASK FORCE**
Thursday, May 22, 2014 – 9:00 a.m. – Room 210 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Wayne A. Harper, Cochair
Rep. Brad L. Dee, Cochair
Sen. Ralph Okerlund
Rep. Douglas V. Sagers
Chief Chris Burbank
Sheriff David Edmunds
Chief Michael H. Jensen
Chief Mike Mathieu
Mr. Ken Petersen
Mr. Steven H. Proctor
Deputy Warden Jerry Pope
Ms. Tina Scarlet

Sheriff James M. Winder
Captain Alan Workman

Members Absent:

Rep. Mark A. Wheatley
Chief Terry Keefe
Chief Mike Navarre

Staff Present:

Mr. Joseph T. Wade, Policy Analyst
Ms. Victoria Ashby, Associate General Counsel
Mr. Tim Barber, Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Task Force Business

Chair Harper called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. Chief Terry Keefe and Chief Mike Navarre were excused from the meeting

MOTION: Chief Jensen moved to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2013, meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Sagers was absent for the vote.

2. Review of what H.B. 155 means for the State of Utah

Mr. Steven Proctor, Executive Director, Utah Communications Agency Network (UCAN), showed a presentation titled “H.B. 155 Update” and reviewed H.B. 155, "Utah Communication Agency Network and Utah 911 Committee Amendments," which passed during the 2014 General Session.

Committee discussion followed, with the committee indicating some concern that only eight of 25 spots on the newly created Utah Communications Authority board are currently filled.

3. Review of the UCAN/DTS merger process

Mr. Proctor showed a presentation titled “UCAN/DTS Merger” and gave an update on the merger of UCAN and the radio communications part of the Department of Technology Services into the new Utah Communications Authority created by H.B. 155.

4. Consultant report

Mr. Joe Blaschka, owner, ADCOMM Engineering Company showed a presentation titled “Utah Statewide 800 MHz Upgrade” and an update on his work in preparing a cost estimate and implementation plan for upgrading and expanding the governmental radio communication system in Utah.

Task force discussion followed regarding the timing and expectations of the pending report.

5. Vision moving forward

The task force discussed future challenges and opportunities, including funding options and the importance of receiving input from rural communities.

6. Upcoming task force meeting schedule

The task force discussed and scheduled two site visits for upcoming meetings: Richfield, Utah (June 23) and Vernal, Utah (July 10).

7. Other items/adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Dee moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Harper adjourned the meeting at 11:02 a.m.