



GREATER WEST BLOOMFIELD
CABLE COMMUNICATIONS
COMMISSION

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August 27, 2019 (JOINT MEETING)

The Commission and its Finance Committee met jointly at 6:30PM on August 27 at Green Media Center. In attendance were Jonathan Warshay, the vice-chairperson, Nada Jamoua, Dan Krause, and Phil Ross. Also in attendance were Commission Chairperson Harvey Gersin, Commissioners Mark Kowalsky and Deborah Macon, Civic Center TV/Lakes FM General Manager Dave Scott, and Commission Executive Director Dave Alberty. Not in attendance were Commissioners Dahl, Dziuba, and Levine.

Commissioners reviewed revenue for the second quarter of 2019 and expenditures through the end of August.

Mr. Alberty reported that the FCC adopted the long-anticipated Third Report and Order on August, and it will become effective on September 26. The Order caps cable operator payments to communities at five percent of gross revenue, not including capital expenditures for public, educational, and governmental access. He stated that he is working with NATOA and its Michigan Chapter to understand the implications of the order for the Commission and the four communities, a process which be the primary focus of discussion at the NATOA Annual Conference at the end of September.

Commissioners were provided several documents regarding the Commission's 2020 budget, including a worksheet noting past years' budgets and expenditures as well as three different budget proposals, a sample budget in BS&A format, including revenues, expenditures, and notes explaining each significant change, and a report of budget discussions by the Commission Operations and Strategic Planning and Community Programming committees, including specific budget recommendations from each.

Discussion focused on the appropriate figure for each line item for 2020, the total budget, including both anticipated revenues and expenditures, and the format of the budget presentation document.

Motion by Mr. Warshay, support from Mr. Krause:

“That the Finance Committee recommend that the Greater West Bloomfield Cable Communications Commission adopt its 2020 budget as provided by the committee and recommend approval of the budget by the four communities.”

Voting YES: Jamoua, Krause, Ross, Warshay

Voting NO:

The motion carried.

Committee Recommendation:

“That the Greater West Bloomfield Cable Communications Commission adopt its 2020 budget as provided by the committee and recommend approval of the budget by the four communities.”