
FW: DaneCom Governing Board 2026-1 Billing Review

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Renee,

I will not be able to attend the membership meeting at Rutland.

I am attaching some substantive information from the 911 Center below.

Please feel free to take my place in the report .

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Hello DaneCom Governing Board Members –

Attached, you will find the DaneCom billing information packet for the actual DaneCom O&M charges incurred from January 1st thru June 30th 2026. Invoices will be sent out soon.

You'll notice charges for this billing period are substantially less than what previous July bills over the years have been normally. This is because the 2026 maintenance contract costs had not posted in the County's financial system by June 30th (end of the billing period), so that (somewhat significant) cost will be applied to the second billing period of 2026 (which will be January 2027) after that cost has appeared in the County's financial system. Normally, the July bills are substantially larger than the January bills. This time around, it's the January 2027 bill that will be far more than the July bills due to the timing of when the maintenance contract was paid. Keep in mind that this may cause some confusion for the municipalities / Associations you represent as they have become accustomed to receiving a larger bill in July and a smaller bill in January. Looking ahead, this means that municipalities will see two larger bills back-to-back in January and July 2027.

You may also notice that the individual five-year estimated costs pages in the attached packet have been replaced with a single page. This is because going forward, users will only be responsible for sharing \$825,000 of the 70% of total DaneCom O&M costs. Individual municipality yearly estimates will remain relatively stable, with any slight increases or decreases based on a municipality's population and valuation for any given year. Population and valuation for DaneCom O&M cost calculations can be updated as often as every year. Five year estimated O&M costs are listed below. The User share (70%) column denotes what users collectively would pay if the \$825K cost cap didn't exist:

Year	Estimated Costs	User share (70%) (users will only share in \$825K of this amount)	County Share (30%)	User share over \$825 (paid for by the County)
2027	\$1,295,000	\$906,500	\$388,500	\$81,500
2028	\$1,355,400	\$948,780	\$406,620	\$123,780
2029	\$1,393,500	\$975,450	\$418,050	\$150,450
2030	\$1,500,000	\$1,050,000	\$450,000	\$225,000
2031	\$1,600,000	\$1,120,000	\$480,000	\$295,000

Please keep in mind that these are estimates and likely will change somewhat, but users will continue to only be responsible for paying up to a maximum of \$825K each year for incurred DaneCom O&M costs.

Currently, there's lots of behind-the-scenes activity happening in support of DaneCom:

- The microwave subsystem replacement is largely complete. We are still working on stabilizing the new microwave path at the Brigham Tower. This path will replace the very costly telephone company data connection we currently use at that location.
- Symphony dispatch radio consoles are to be updated/refreshed in the upcoming weeks. Currently, Racom and Gencomm are busy confirming exactly what equipment and licensing will be required to support our radio consoles at our CCB dispatch center as well as new dispatch radio consoles at our new 911 Center that's currently under construction (currently, the schedule suggests we will "move in" to the new facility sometime in early 2027).
- Pre-work has begun in support of replacing all of DaneCom's analog base stations. Our current base stations have reached their end of life. As with the Symphony radio consoles above, Racom is in the process of verifying exactly what equipment will be required to replace our current analog base stations.

- In the upcoming weeks, I'll be working to replace the DC plant batteries at the previously Fitchburg-Owned McKee DaneCom site. The current batteries at the site are approaching 15 years old and should be replaced sooner rather than later.

In closing, I ask that all members verify their email contact and Board membership status. If there are any updates, please ensure I'm kept in the loop.

[2026-1 DaneCom GB Handout.pdf](#) and [20260213 Gov Board List.pdf](#) attached

Thanks, any questions, please let me know!

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