

MOBILE COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Minutes of March 8, 2018

Commissioners Attending:

Stephen Bowden	Cynthia Coleman	Roy Hodge
Glenn Hodge	Jeff Reeves	Robert Adams
Chris McLean		

Staff Attending:

Charlie McNichol, Director	Jeff Hartley, Attorney
Hayley Clough, Administrative Assistant	

The REGULAR board meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held March 8, 2018 at the Mobile County Communications Center.

Call to Order – Chairman Bowden called the meeting to order at 8:03 A.M.

Approval of Minutes – Commissioner Reeves made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 8, 2018 meeting, seconded by Commissioner G. Hodge, all approved.

Treasurer Report – Commissioner Reeves made a motion to approve the February Claims list, seconded by Commissioner Adams, all approved. Commissioner R. Hodge made a motion to authorize the transfer of \$533,748 from the Operating Account to the Debt Service Account for the month of March, seconded by Commissioner G. Hodge, all approved.

Personnel – No Report

Planning – No Report

Communications – Commissioner Reeves wanted to thank Robert Jackson for everything he has done for the radio system project. He had a multi-agency response this week and reported there is no comparison between the EDACS and the P-25 system. The clarity and no busy tone were great with no issues communicating between agencies.

Commissioner Reeves presented to the board a proposal for new responding and reporting software. Street Wise would be a replacement for Active 9-1-1. Director McNichol stated that this upgrade will help agencies respond and report after the emergency. Emergency Reporting Systems would be the reporting software compatible with Street Wise. Director McNichol and Ashley Carlisle have looked at the budget and the funding will come from the savings on consultants. He can ask for a pro-rated amount for the final 7 months of the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year and then add the full amount to the yearly budget in October. Chairman Bowden asked what type of materials they would provide? Each agency would be responsible for supplying their own tablet but AVL is already included. If the tablet is on the truck, it will track the location of the truck through Google Maps in the software. Mr. Hartley asked if it would be a problem in areas of low service? The software is compatible with all devices and carriers. Director McNichol asked that whoever makes the motion be sure to include it needs to be put under legal review first to make sure it doesn't need to be put out for bid. Commissioner Reeves made a motion to approve Street Wise pending legal review and Director McNichol negotiating a price, seconded by Commissioner Adams, all approved. Commissioner Reeves made a motion to approve Emergency Reporting Systems pending legal review and Director McNichol negotiating a price, seconded by Commissioner Adams, all approved.

Commissioner Reeves deferred to Robert Jackson to report on the Radio System Project. The system is cutover for all agencies excluding the small entities that will be on the system.

Emergency Medical – No Report

Building/Configuration – Commissioner Adams reported to the board that Director McNichol is still waiting on the final plans to put it out for bid.

Board Attorney – Mr. Hartley reported that he is currently working on the annual audit and its remarkably easier than it has been in the past.

Director – Director McNichol wishes IT Director, Ruben Robinson, a Happy Birthday.

Director McNichol reported to the board that he was looking for a motion to accept the radio system. He has a form to sign from Harris for the acceptance. There are over 5,000 devices on the system for public safety county wide. The system is working well and puts MCCC with a greater responsibility. Commissioner R. Hodge completely agrees with Director McNichol with the P-25 system, but there are some issues with the end-user equipment. There was much discussion to accept or delay the acceptance of the system. Commissioner Adams made a motion to table it for 30 days, seconded by Commissioner R. Hodge, all approved.

Director McNichol presented to the board the option of sponsoring/attending the Drug Education Luncheon again this year. Commissioner McLean made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Adams, all approved.

Director McNichol presented to the board a milestone payment for the CAD System upgrade. Any amount over \$50,000 must be presented to the board. Commissioner McLean made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Reeves, all approved.

Old Business – No Report

New Business – Commissioner Adams presented to the board the option of changing the MCCC By-Laws to allow board meeting to meet bi-monthly or quarterly with the option of a meeting being able to be called anytime the need arises. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve meeting quarterly with the option of calling a meeting anytime one is needed, seconded by Commissioner Reeves. Commissioner McLean would like the opinion of those that have been on the board for a while on what would be best. Commissioner Coleman reported that quarterly would be fine. Mr. Hartley stated that it must be 7 days after it has been presented and could be adopted in the April board meeting. Commissioner G. Hodge asked if the board could receive monthly reports, to which Director McNichol answered yes, and could provide any reports the board would like. Commissioner McLean and Commissioner R. Hodge would feel more comfortable meeting once a month until all radio issues are resolved. Commissioner Adams rescinded his motion to make changes to the by-laws and will bring up again at a later date.

Announcement – Next board meeting to be held April 12, 2018

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 8:55 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted:



Stephen Bowden, Chairman



Hayley Clough, Recording Secretary