

MOBILE COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Minutes of September 28, 2017

Commissioners Attending:

Trey Oliver	Chris McLean	Cynthia Coleman
Stephen Bowden	Bob Adams	

Staff Attending:

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

The RESCHEDULED board meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held September 28, 2017, at the Mobile County Communications Center.

Call to Order – Commissioner Bowden called the meeting to order at 08:05 A.M.

Approval of Minutes – Commissioner McLean made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 10, 2017 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Adams, all approved.

Emergency Medical – No Report

Treasurer Report – Commissioner Bowden made a motion to approve the August Claims list, seconded by Commissioner Adams, all approved.

Personnel – No Report

Planning – No Report

Communications – Director McNichol provided an update on the P-25 Radio System. There was a software issue with the coding of radios but the issue has been addressed and should take about 6 weeks to fix. Harris is going to field test the system extensively after fixing the coding issue. Cutover will be delayed about 1-2 months. Chairman Bowden asked to see the projected costs of the radio system project compared to actual costs. Director McNichol explained to the board that there are hundreds of extra radios sitting in a warehouse at Hurricane Electronics that something needs to be done with. He mentioned possibly selling them to other agencies once the system is turned on and fully functioning with no issues.

Building/Configuration – No Report

Board Attorney – Mr. Hartley presented to the board a Surface Lease and Easement to send back to the GUS Board. The new agreement lists all the modifications the board asked for in previous meetings. In the agreement, the GUS Board would be given the radios that they were previously promised but they are only to be used in a first responder situation. Because the board previously authorized Mr. Hartley to make negotiations on behalf of the board, he will be handling the issue.

Director – Director McNichol informed the board that Chief Phillip Ballard with Mobile Fire Rescue has left for Puerto Rico with the City of Mobile to help with relief efforts.

Director McNichol introduced MCCD's new Radio System Administrator, Robert Jackson. He also congratulated Administrative Assistant, Hayley Clough for being with MCCD for 1 and year being promoted to

HR Coordinator. Director McNichol invited the board to take a “field trip” with Robert to the radio tower sites if they would like to.

Director McNichol presented to the board a thank you letter from the Town of Dauphin Island. Mayor Collier sent the letter to Director McNichol regarding the new consoles MCCD purchased for all the outlying agencies in the county.

Director McNichol presented to the board a payment that needs to be made to Xybix for the new consoles in the outlying agencies. The payment is in the amount of \$198,614.03. Any amount over \$50,000 must be approved by the board. Commissioner McLean made a motion to authorize the payment, seconded by Commissioner Adams, all approved. Chairman Bowden asked Director McNichol where the money was coming from in the budget to which he answered it is coming out of the Capital Projects fund in the 2016-2017 FY Budget.

Director McNichol presented to the board the 2017-2018 FY Budget. Within the budget, there is a proposal for a fitness center with dormitories and a locker room as well as an office/warehouse for the radio system administrator. The building will be up to code as well as hurricane proof. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the 2017-2018 FY Budget, seconded by Commissioner McLean, all approved.

Director McNichol presented to the board the 2017-2018 Holiday schedule. Historically, MCCD has followed the holiday schedule adopted by the County Commission. Commissioner Adams made a motion to exchange Confederate Memorial Day for Good Friday and Jefferson Davis’ Birthday for a personal day, seconded by Chairman Bowden. Commissioner Oliver called for discussion on the topic. After discussion a roll call vote was called. Chairman Bowden and Commissioner Adams agreed to adopt with the modifications while Commissioner Coleman, Commissioner Oliver, and Commissioner McLean all voted no to the modifications. Motion failed. Commissioner Adams made a motion to adopt the Holiday Schedule following the County Commission, seconded by Chairman Bowden, all approved.

Old Business – Commissioner McLean mentioned in a previous meeting that he would like a noncomplete clause added into the agreement for the MCCD Board of Commissioners. He would like the clause to read that an individual must not be on the Board of Commissioners for at least 1 year before applying for a job with MCCD. Mr. Hartley will prepare this document.

New Business – Director McNichol reminded the board about the October board meeting that would be in 2 weeks. After discussion, the board decided to cancel the October meeting and will meet in November. Commissioner Adams made a motion to postpone until November, seconded by Chairman Bowden, all approved.

Director McNichol thanked the Board on behalf of the employees for adopting the budget.

Announcement – Next board meeting to be held November 9, 2017

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 8:42 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted:


Stephen Bowden, Chairman


Hayley Clough, Recording Secretary