MOBILE COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Minutes of April 12, 2018

Commissioners Attending:

Stephen Bowden

Cynthia Coleman

Roy Hodge

Glenn Hodge

Jeff Reeves

Staff Attending:

Charlie McNichol, Director

Jeffery Hartley, Attorney

Hayley Clough, Administrative Assistant

The REGULAR board meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held April 12, 2018 at the Mobile County Communications Center.

<u>Call to Order</u> – Chairman Bowden called the meeting to order at 8:01 A.M. Director McNichol spoke to the board and audience about Telecommunications Week and thanked the telecommunicators for their hard work and dedication. Mr. Hartley read a proclamation that designates April 8-14, 2018 as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week. He then introduced representatives from Mobile County EMS, Mobile Fire Rescue Department, Mobile Police Department, Mobile County Sheriff's Office, and 9-1-1. Dr. Levy H. Knox from Living Word Christian Center prayed over the operators and dispatchers. Director McNichol awarded Kassandra Cravens with Employee of the Year for 2017.

<u>Approval of Minutes</u> – Chairman Bowden made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2018 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Reeves, all approved.

<u>Treasurer Report</u> – Commissioner G. Hodge made a motion to authorize the transfer of \$533,748 from the Operating Account to the Debt Service Account for the month of April, seconded by Commissioner Reeves, all approved. Commissioner Reeves made a motion to approve the amended FY 2017-2018 Budget, seconded by Commissioner R. Hodge, all approved.

Personnel - No Report

Planning – No Report

<u>Communications</u> – Commissioner Reeves reported that all issues with the over the air programming have been worked out. Director McNichol stated that the board needed to ratify their decision of accepting the Harris P-25 Radio System. Commissioner Reeves made a motion to ratify the board's acceptance, seconded by Commissioner G. Hodge, all approved.

Emergency Medical - No Report

<u>Building/Configuration</u> – Director McNichol gave the board an update on the multi-purpose building and it should go out for bid in approximately 45 days.

Board Attorney - No Report

<u>Director</u> – Director McNichol presented to the board an Engagement Letter with the Examiners of Public Accounts for the audit. Commissioner Reeves made a motion to sign the engagement letter, seconded by Commissioner G. Hodge, all approved.

Director McNichol presented to the board the FY 2017 audit with Russell, Thompson, Butler, & Houston. Mr. Hartley reported that the audit is significantly easier now that Ashley Carlisle is with MCCD.

Director McNichol wanted to discuss closing out the bond issue with the board. Director McNichol and Mr. Hartley have been discussing how to close the bond legally. There are various costs that will come with owning the radio system and we may ask to spend some of that money on maintenance of the radio system. Mr. Hartley stated all money was spent correctly but because of the savings from negotiations, there is \$2,000,000 left. In speaking with bond attorneys, Director McNichol asked if there was a way to pay off the bond or lessen the length of payments. The money has already been borrowed to enhance the radio system and the bond allows for that. Chairman Bowden is in favor of using the money to further enhance the radio system.

Director McNichol wanted to have individual work sessions with each board member between now and the next meeting to go over the future of MCCD. Director McNichol would like the board to have a clear idea of what's going on and to help develop both short and long-term plans. The board agreed to the work sessions and will meet with Director McNichol. He will then come back to the board in May or June with ideas.

Director McNichol presented to the board a payment to Dell EMC. Any amount over \$50,000 must be presented to the board. Commissioner Coleman made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner G. Hodge, all approved.

Old Business - No Report

New Business - No Report

Announcement – Next board meeting to be held May 10, 2018

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 8:30 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

Stephen Bowden, Chairman