

**MOBILE COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
Minutes of March 12, 2017

***Commissioners Attending:***

Stephen Bowden	Richard Landolt	Jeff Reeves
Trey Oliver	Cynthia Coleman	Bob Adams
Chris McLean		

***Staff Attending:***

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

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The REGULAR board meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held March 12, 2017, at the Mobile County Communications Center.

**Call to Order** – Commissioner Bowden called the meeting to order at 08:02 A.M.

**Approval of Minutes** – Commissioner Coleman called for a motion to approve the minutes from February 9, 2017, seconded by Commissioner Adams, all approved.

**Chairman Report** – No Report

**Treasurer Report** – Commissioner Coleman made a motion to approve the February claims list, seconded by Commissioner Landolt, all approved. Commissioner Reeves made a motion to approve the transfer of \$592,855 from the operating account to the debt service account, seconded by Commissioner Adams, all approved.

**Personnel** – No Report

**Planning** – Commissioner Landolt and Director McNichol attended a demo for the Marvli Predictive Software and provided positive feedback from it. The software could be good for all agencies in the county.

**Communications** – Jeya Selvaratnam reports the radios will be programmed this month and some of the agencies will begin to use them. Tusa is still waiting on a no cost change order from Harris for the microwave antennas. The system is on air and is currently undergoing testing.

**Emergency Medical** – No Report

**Building/Configuration** – Commissioner Adams wanted it known that he appreciates the building as well as the quiet room.

**Board Attorney** – Jeff Hartley presented a revised GUS Board lease consideration to the board. Mr. Hartley will need the board to authorize Director McNichol to execute the new proposal. The new agreement will be for the whole tower site as well as the access. The new agreement would not consider radios. Commissioner Reeves made a motion to approve Director McNichol signing the revised GUS Board lease proposal, seconded by Commissioner Adams, all approved.

**Director** – Director McNichol introduced to the board the newly elected Mayor of Semmes, David Baker, Terry Platt, City Councilman, and Kevin Brooks, Fire Chief.

Director McNichol handed over discussion to Commissioner Reeves for an update on the Homeland Security Grant. The original proposition was to use the money for Phase 2 between Mobile County and Baldwin County but Commissioner Reeves presented to the board reasons as to why he thinks the money would be better used to improve the Phase 1 system rather than to upgrade to the Phase 2. Commissioner Reeves made a motion to submit new suggestion to the County Commission for the Homeland Security Grant, seconded by Commissioner Adams, all approved.

Director McNichol presented a request from the Mobile County School Board for permission to have own channel on radios so bus drivers from schools in the area may communicate. The school board would be responsible for purchasing their own radios but there is room on our system for them to have their own channel. There would need to be an MOU for the channel as well as training for any person using the radios. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the request but must have MOU with training involved, seconded by Commissioner Reeves, all approved.

Director McNichol presented a request from the State Troopers for mobile radios in their dozen cars around the county. The radios would be used to talk with local law enforcement. Commissioner Oliver is worried that once we grant the state troopers these radios, other agencies will try to take advantage of the opportunity. M CCD will own the radios and the state trooper will need to work in Mobile County. Commissioner Reeves made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Commissioner McLean. All commissioners approve the request except for Commissioner Oliver, motion passed.

Director McNichol presented the option of sponsoring a table at the Drug Education Council lunch. The cost of the sponsorship would be \$1500. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the sponsorship, seconded by Commissioner Coleman, all approved. Commissioner Oliver abstained from motion.

Director McNichol gave all board members a draft of the new employee handbook.

Director McNichol reminded the board of Telecommunicators Week in April.

**Old Business** – Commissioner McLean inquired about GPS with radios. Tusa is still working on it. The software company has sent a proposal but in the meantime, we must do an interface with Intergraph. A quote has been submitted and Jeya is considering it. Tusa, Harris, Intergraph, and M CCD are all working together on this issue.

**New Business** – No Report

**Announcement** – Next board meeting to be held April 13, 2017

**Adjournment** – Meeting was adjourned at 9:01 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted:



Stephen Bowden, Chairman



Hayley Clough, Recording Secretary