

MOBILE COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Minutes of November 14, 2019

Commissioners Attending:

Stephen Bowden
Glenn Hodge

Roy Hodge
Robert Adams

Cynthia Coleman
Chris McLean

Staff Attending:

Charlie McNichol, Director
Hayley Clough, Recording Secretary

Jeffery Hartley, Attorney

The REGULAR board meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held November 14, 2019 at the Mobile County Communications Center.

Call to Order – Chairman Bowden called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M.

Approval of Minutes – Commissioner R. Hodge made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 10, 2019 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Adams, all approved.

Treasurer Report – Commissioner McLean made a motion to authorize the transfer of \$317,000 from the Operating Account to the Debt Service Account for the month of November, seconded by Commissioner R. Hodge, all approved.

Personnel – No Report

Planning – Director McNichol stated he will be meeting with Commissioner G. Hodge soon to discuss various long- and short-term projects. The bond issue will be paid off in the 3rd quarter of 2020 and he is planning to start these projects once the payment plan is completed.

Communications – Robert Jackson reported to the board that progress is being made toward the tower site in Chatom and the mobile command truck is coming along nicely. Commissioner Adams asked if there was going to be anyone in charge of the truck to which Director McNichol replied Robert Jackson will be the primary manager. He has worked very closely on the design of the truck and has ensured the equipment installed is capable of being used with various forms of communications. This will be helpful if the truck is ever needed elsewhere in the case of a natural disaster. Director McNichol stated it would be the board's decision to deploy the mobile command truck outside of Mobile County. Commissioner Adams asked if there was any type of agreement drawn up about how to handle the truck if it were to be deployed elsewhere. Robert Jackson stated that ALERT is working on an agreement for statewide mutual aide. Director McNichol stated he will meet with Mr. Hartley to form an agreement that will mirror what ALERT comes up with.

Emergency Medical – No Report

Building/Configuration – Commissioner Adams stated he would like to get with Director McNichol about a tour of the multi-purpose building. We are looking to move in around the end of December.

Board Attorney – Mr. Hartley reported that there is a trial set for January with the Newman's litigation case but there is not much to report at this time. He also stated that the purchase of the property from the City of Mobile is going very smoothly. We are currently waiting on the City Council to vote on it. Under state law, we must present the property purchase to the County Commission for consent. Commissioner G. Hodge stated that it is on the agenda for the next meeting.

Director – Director McNichol introduced two of MCCD’s new employees. Ryan Lanier is a new Network Specialist II and Laura Love is a new operator.

Director McNichol presented to the board the Annual Employee Longevity Pay. Commissioner McLean made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Adams, all approved.

Director McNichol presented to the board a change order for the Mobile Command Truck. With any construction project, it is not uncommon to make changes along the way. This change order is only \$8,500 and should be the only change order for the Mobile Command truck. Robert Jackson has visited the facility multiple times and ensures there should not be many changes. Commissioner R. Hodge made a motion to approve the change order, seconded by Commissioner Adams, all approved.

Director McNichol presented to the board a payment to Reed-Hays Construction, LLC for work on the multi-purpose building. Any amount over \$50,000 must be presented to the board. Commissioner McLean made a motion to approve the payment, seconded by Commissioner Adams, all approved

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Old Business – No Report

New Business – No Report


Announcement – Next board meeting to be held December 12, 2019.

Adjournment – Commissioner Bowden made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted:



Stephen Bowden, Chairman



Hayley Clough, Recording Secretary