

MOBILE COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of February 13, 2020

Commissioners Attending:

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

Staff Attending:

Charlie McNichol, Director	Jeffery Hartley, Attorney
Hayley Clough, Recording Secretary	Ruben Robinson, IT Director
Ashley Carlisle, Comptroller	Katrina Brewer, Communications Center Manager

The REGULAR board meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held February 13, 2020 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 Adams made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2020 meeting, seconded by Commissioner G. Hodge, 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 February, seconded by Commissioner R. Hodge, all approved.

Personnel – No Report on personnel. Commissioner McLean wanted to introduce the board to Myles Peacock, a senior at Satsuma High School. Myles chose criminal justice as the topic of his senior project. Commissioner McLean is mentoring him during the project and showing him the various sides of law enforcement.

Planning – Director McNichol stated that the truck is undergoing the painting process this week and the module should be placed on the truck within the next few weeks.

Communications – Robert Jackson reported on the ISSI project. He is currently working with engineers to link the large radio systems throughout the state. Linking the radio systems is difficult because some of the radio systems are different than the Harris P-25 radio system we have. Integrating a Motorola and Harris system has never been done and Alabama will be the first to have a statewide interoperable radio system. The state-wide radio system will be beneficial when working in mutual aid and in emergencies like hurricanes.

Emergency Medical – No Report

Building/Configuration – Director McNichol stated that construction has been delayed on the multi-purpose building because of an issue with MCCD's fire line and MAWSS.

Board Attorney – Mr. Hartley reported that the trial date has been rescheduled to April 28th.

Director – Director McNichol presented to the board a payment to Graybar for the new UPS backup system. 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

Director McNichol asked the board to authorize him to go into an agreement with state contracted Southern Link for a county-wide data package. Currently, each agency is responsible for supplying the air cards used in MDT's. Each agency uses a different company, and this is expensive for the larger agencies while some of the volunteer departments can't afford the air cards. The first agency to get the new data package would be the City

of Mobile because their equipment is ready for the changeover and then the process would be done in waves. Director McNichol would like permission to enter into an agreement with Southern Link. He will be bringing an amended budget to the board in April and the costs for the data package will be included. He is also looking to purchase MDT's for the agencies that do not currently have them next fiscal year. Alleviating these costs off the agencies will be extremely beneficial, especially for the volunteer departments. Commissioner Hodge stated that the Mobile Police Department spends \$114,240.00 a year on air cards. Commissioner R. Hodge made a motion to approve the agreement with Southern Link, seconded by Commissioner G. Hodge, all approved.

Old Business – No Report

New Business – Commissioner Coleman wished Director McNichol a Happy Birthday on Sunday.

Announcement – Next board meeting to be held March 12, 2020.

Adjournment – Commissioner R. Hodge made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

Stephen Bowden, Chairman

Hayley Clough, Recording Secretary