

MOBILE COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of August 13, 2020– Virtual

Commissioners Attending:

Stephen Bowden Roy Hodge Cynthia Coleman
Chris McLean

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 virtually August 13, 2020 at the Mobile County Communications Center.

Call to Order – Chairman Bowden called the meeting to order at 8:01 A.M.

Approval of Minutes – Chairman Bowden made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 9, 2020 meeting, seconded by Commissioner R. Hodge, all approved.

Treasurer Report – No Report

Personnel – No Report

Planning – No Report

Communications – No Report

Emergency Medical – No Report

Building/Configuration – Director McNichol stated the paperwork for the Certificate of Occupancy should be signed soon. We are still waiting on some of the equipment to be delivered but should be able to start using the fitness center next week.

Board Attorney – No Report

Director – Director McNichol asked the board to authorize the Raymond James transfer of \$1,528,066. The transfer was already approved in the amended budget, but the board need to authorize the transfer. Commissioner Coleman made a motion to approve the transfer, seconded by Commissioner McLean, all approved.

Director McNichol presented to the board a payment to CDW. Commissioner McLean made a motion to approve the payment, seconded by Commissioner R. Hodge, all approved. Director McNichol stated the MDT project is well underway. Citronelle is complete with Satsuma next. The outlying agencies are ecstatic to have MDT's in their vehicles as they have never had computers in their police cars before.

Director McNichol presented to the board a payment to Reed Hays Construction for the multi-purpose building. Commissioner McLean made a motion to approve the payment, seconded by Commissioner R. Hodge, all approved. Director McNichol stated that this is not the final payment to Reed Hays and that will not be issued until the building is complete.

Director McNichol presented to the board a payment to Harris. Commissioner R. Hodge made a motion to approve the payment, seconded by Commissioner McLean, all approved. Director McNichol stated that this is also a change order for the Washington County project. The first site was halted due to the land being too wet to build on. The payment for \$49,000 is for the site work on the first parcel of land. Robert Jackson has found another piece of

property and the testing will be done again to ensure it is suitable for the tower site. All testing will be completed prior to signing an agreement with the property owner. There will be a meeting to discuss an agreement with the property owner and everything will be presented to the board.

Director McNichol stated the 2020-21 budget draft will be sent to the board within the next few weeks for review. A couple of things are significant about the budget this year. The first is adding personnel to the radio department. Director McNichol asked the board for permission to move forward with the hiring process prior to the board adopting the budget. Commissioner R. Hodge made a motion to approve the search for a new employee, seconded by Commissioner McLean, all approved.

Director McNichol presented to the board the janitorial bid. The lower bidder and company that met all requirements was Spencer's Enterprise. Commissioner McLean made a motion to approve the bid, seconded by Commissioner R. Hodge seconded, all approved.

Old Business – No Report

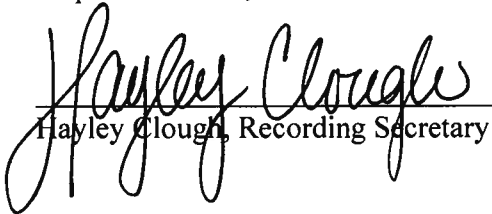
New Business – Commissioner R. Hodge asked the board to consider a new program called Pursuit Alert. It is an app on your smartphone that is connected to the device in an officer's car. When the officer is engaged in a pursuit, they could send an alert to those with the app in a 2-mile radius to be aware of the situation and take caution. The costs would be roughly \$100,000 annually. He recommends placing one in each police vehicle. The company did a demo for city leaders and Commissioner R. Hodge will be doing a demo for area leaders next week at MCCD. Commissioner R. Hodge made a motion to approve Director McNichol to obtain more information on the equipment and pricing, Commissioner McLean seconded, all approved. Director McNichol will also work towards obtaining answers for any questions the board may have.

Announcement – Next board meeting to be held September 10, 2020.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 8:59 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

Stephen Bowden, Chairman



Hayley Clough, Recording Secretary

Hayley Clough

From: Stephen Bowden [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, October 10, 2020 7:18 AM
To: Hayley Clough
Subject: RE: [EXT] Board Meeting Minutes

Minutes all look fine so I approve them. You can reach me at either email; I check both frequently, I won't muddy the waters further by adding my gmail.

From: Hayley Clough [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2020 11:09 AM
To: Stephen Bowden [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXT] Board Meeting Minutes

Good Morning!

As you know, we usually have you sign the approved minutes but since we have not met in person, I am emailing to see if you could review the attached approved minutes and acknowledge them?

You can either do this by replying to this email and acknowledging them or you could physically sign them and send them back. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Also, please let me know which email address is the best to reach you at. 😊

Thanks,

Hayley B. Clough
HR Coordinator



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