

**MOBILE COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Minutes of September 10, 2020– Virtual

***Commissioners Attending:***

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

***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 September 10, 2020 at the Mobile County Communications Center.

**Call to Order** – Chairman Bowden called the meeting to order at 8:02 A.M.

**Approval of Minutes** – Commissioner Coleman made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 13, 2020 meeting, seconded by Commissioner R. Hodge, all approved.

**Treasurer Report** – Chairman Bowden asked to discuss the FY 2020-21 Budget. Director McNichol stated that this budget year will be a heavy capital projects year. Equipment for the IT department, the new warehouse, and MDT's and air cards for the municipalities are all included in the budget this year. We will keep the capital projects line item in the budget, but it will decrease next year. Director McNichol suggested that maybe next year, the board start a building plan to begin saving for a new 9-1-1 Center. He also stated that a cost of living adjustment is included as well.

**Personnel** – Director McNichol reported to the board that we have hired Gary Hand as the new Assistant Radio System Administrator. He has been in the radio business for about 40 years and had previously worked with Hurricane Electronics on our own P-25 radio system. He is very knowledgeable and a huge asset to MCCD.

**Planning** – No Report

**Communications** – Director McNichol stated that the board just approved two new things in the communications department. One of them being a new smaller tower site on Springhill by the hospitals to improve coverage and the second will be another new mini tower site on Dauphin Island.

**Emergency Medical** – No Report

**Building/Configuration** – Director McNichol stated we have received our temporary Certificate of Occupancy and the radio guys have moved into their offices. The official Certificate of Occupancy should be issued in the next few weeks and once the bunks come in, Director McNichol would like the board to come take a tour.

**Board Attorney** – No Report

**Director** – Director McNichol presented to the board a payment to CDW. Commissioner McLean made a motion to approve the payment, seconded by Commissioner Adams, all approved.

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Director McNichol presented to the board a payment to Communications International. Commissioner McLean made a motion to approve the payment, seconded by Commissioner Adams, all approved.

Director McNichol informed the board that he has received a quote from Pursuit Alert. Commissioner McLean has previously asked if this affected the Do Not Disturb feature on cell phones to which Director McNichol stated they do not interfere with each other due to Pursuit Alert runs in the background. Director McNichol stated that we will need roughly 600 units to supply the entire county. Commissioner Coleman asked who would engage the alert to which Commissioner R. Hodge responded that the officer would engage it. Director McNichol stated that the operator could also issue an alert in various other situations as well. Commissioner McLean stated that this really is a service for the public more than law enforcement. Commissioner R. Hodge stated that the Pursuit Alert is an extension of lights and sirens on police car. Commissioner McLean wants to ensure we do a lot of marketing for the Pursuit Alert app because without citizens downloading the app, they will not be notified. Mr. Hartley stated that he does believe this falls into the statute of limitations as this is a type of communication. Commissioner R. Hodge stated that pursuit policy is standard for all police departments and if Pursuit Alert is approved, they will add it to the Mobile Police Department will add it to the policy. The board held good discussion on Pursuit Alert about various liability, policies, and the technology involved. Chairman Bowden suggested we try it for 2 years and see what type of participation we get and how well it works. Commissioner R. Hodge made a motion to approve the proposal for 2 years, seconded by Commissioner McLean, all approved.

Director McNichol suggested to the board that we reject all of the bids for the warehouse and re-bid once the land is clear. The bids all came in higher because of the land clearing and we could save roughly \$100,000 if we clear the land separately/. Commissioner R. Hodge made a motion to reject all the bid for the warehouse, seconded by Commissioner McLean, all approved.

**Old Business** – No Report

**New Business** – No Report

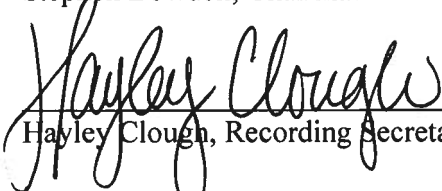
**Announcement** – Next board meeting to be held October 8, 2020.

**Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 8:47 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Stephen Bowden, Chairman

  
Hayley Clough, Recording Secretary

## Hayley Clough

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**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.

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**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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