

MOBILE COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Minutes of December 10, 2020

Commissioners Attending:

Roy Hodge	Cynthia Coleman	Jeff Reeves
Chris McLean	Stephen Bowden	Glenn Hodge

Staff Attending:

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

The REGULAR board meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on December 10, 2020 at the Mobile County Communications Center.

Call to Order – Chairman R. Hodge called the meeting to order at 8:05 A.M.

Approval of Minutes – Commissioner Reeves made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 12, 2020 meeting, seconded by Commissioner McLean, all approved.

Commissioner Reeves made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 16, 2020 special called meeting, seconded by Commissioner McLean, all approved.

Treasurer Report – Commissioner Reeves made a motion to approve the November claims list, seconded by Chairman R. Hodge, all approved

Personnel – No Report

Planning – No Report

Communications – Robert Jackson reported on the Harris change order. It is a small change order for \$12,000 to make changes to the shelter and generator. The original shelter was 3 feet too short and the lighting was inadequate, and we made the switch from a Caterpillar generator to a Cummins generator due to manufacturing.

Emergency Medical – No Report.

Building/Configuration – No Report

Board Attorney – No Report

Director – Ruben Robinson presented to the board the lease agreement for the Washington County tower site. Mr. Hartley stated that the 40-year lease agreement is very standard, and the parcel of land should be suitable for a tower site. The lease agreement is \$500 a month. Robert stated that we are ready to move forward with the agreement. Commissioner Reeves made a motion to approve and to authorize Ruben Robinson to assign the agreement, seconded by Commissioner McLean, all approved.

Ruben Robinson presented to the board a payment to CDW. Ashley Carlisle reported that there are 2 payments to CDW in the amounts of \$188,980 and \$97,843 and they are over the \$50,000 limit so we need approval. Commissioner Reeves made a motion to approve the payment, seconded by Commissioner Bowden, all approved.

Ruben Robinson presented to the board a quote from Hiller for upgrades to the fire system. Commissioner Reeves made a motion to approve the quote, seconded by Commissioner McLean, all approved.

Ruben Robinson presented to the board a quote from OTM Cyber Security. Ruben stated now that everything is connected to our network, we need security measures in place to protect it and this will be complete coverage of our network. Commissioner Bowden asked how we selected this vendor to which Ruben responded that they had approached Director McNichol at a conference and did a demonstration for us as well as other 9-1-1 centers use them also. Commissioner McLean asked if there were any insurances if we were to get hacked to which Ruben responded he would look into what types of liabilities they have. Commissioner Reeves suggested we table the quote until Ruben can get some of the questions answered. The quote does not expire until January 28, 2021 so this will give Ruben time to discuss the information and come back to the board at the next meeting.

Ashley Carlisle reported on the Alabama 9-1-1 Board distributing excess cost recovery funds. The amount that will be added to our budget will be \$109,941.98.

Ruben Robinson recommended the purchase of MDT's for the Mobile County Sheriff's Office. Chairman R. Hodge stated that MCSO is in need of MDT's just like everyone else in the County and they submitted a grant request in October for the MDT's, but it was after the FY 2020-2021 budget was completed. Ruben stated that we do have a plan to get MCSO their new MDT's but we are currently working on other agencies and it will probably be the first quarter of 2021 before we can get them. Commissioner Reeves stated he would like for the other agencies to get theirs first and then get MCSO upgraded. Chairman R. Hodge asked Ruben where we were on the project to which Ruben responded that Citronelle and Satsuma were completed, and we are working on Bayou la Batre. We have 7 remote agencies we still need to complete. Commissioner McLean made a motion to get the other agencies completed and then upgrade MCSO, seconded by Commissioner Reeves, all approved.

Old Business – No Report

New Business – Commissioner G. Hodge came to the board on behalf of the County on Alabama Code Section 11-98-6 that states 9-1-1 would purchase and maintain street signs in the county. 9-1-1 would pay for the materials and the county would install the signs. The cost is \$20,000 annually. Ashley Carlisle stated that there is an AG's opinion that states 9-1-1 funds can be used for this. Commissioner Reeves made a motion to authorize 9-1-1 to purchase the street signs for the County, seconded by Commissioner McLean, all approved.


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

Adjournment – Commissioner McLean made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned by 8:33 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted:



Roy Hodge, Chairman



Hayley Clough, Recording Secretary