

MOBILE COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Minutes of April 8, 2021

Commissioners Attending:

Cynthia Coleman
Chris McLean

Glenn Hodge

Stephen Bowden

Staff Attending:

Charlie McNichol, Director
Hayley Clough, Recording Secretary
Ruben Robinson, IT Director

Jeffery Hartley, Attorney
Ashley Carlisle, Comptroller
Katrina Brewer, Communications Center Manager

The REGULAR board meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on April 8, 2021 at the Mobile County Communications Center.

Call to Order – Commissioner Bowden called the meeting to order at 8:09 A.M.

Approval of Minutes – Commissioner G. Hodge made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2021 meeting, seconded by Commissioner McLean, all approved.

Treasurer Report – Commissioner Coleman made a motion to approve the March claims list, seconded by Commissioner G. Hodge, all approved.

Commissioner McLean made a motion to approve the MCCD Budget-To-Actual, seconded by Commissioner G. Hodge, all approved.

Personnel – Commissioner McLean brought up the topic of a Deputy Director position. Director McNichol stated that the topic was brought up at last month's meeting and he asked for some time to think it over. He has already started on a job description and the duties this person will have. Possibly by the May meeting, he can present the board with his ideas and put out a job listing over the summer.

Planning – Director McNichol will also be working with Commissioner G. Hodge on the Deputy Director position and planning for the future.

Communications – The Hobson tower site in Washington County is well underway. The prep work is completed, and the road is cleared. The project should be functional by the end of summer.

The Oak Hill tower site is also still underway. Chairman R. Hodge spoke with Councilman Richardson and we are having a rendering created to present to the city council.

Emergency Medical – No Report.

Building/Configuration – No Report

Board Attorney – Mr. Hartley stated that there is discussion of the case being refiled and MCCD may be left out of the mix this time if so. The courts are still not accepting trials and this case is not high on the priority list. He will keep the board updated.

Director – Director McNichol presented to the board a payment Priority Dispatch. Commissioner McLean made a motion to approve the payment, seconded by Commissioner Coleman, all approved.

Director McNichol presented to the board a payment Harris. Commissioner McLean made a motion to approve the payment, seconded by Commissioner Coleman, all approved.

Director McNichol presented to the board the quarterly 9-1-1 call report.

Director McNichol presented to the board the agreement with LandSea Wireless. The topic was brought up back in February from the MOWA Indian Tribe. The tribe requested that MCCC allow a service provider to put an antenna on the tower site to improve wireless coverage in the area. Mr. Hartley stated that it is a detailed agreement as this is a unique situation. The contract is written to reflect who the tribe is and their lack of resources. Commissioner McLean asked if this opens MCCC up to other businesses to come to which Mr. Hartley responded yes, it does, and he understands that is a concern. He has used language in the contract specially for this situation. Commissioner McLean then asked if other 9-1-1 districts around the state are renting out tower space to which Director McNichol responded yes, plenty of other districts are doing this. Mr. Hartley also stated that he has written the contract in such a way to protect MCCC's position. Director McNichol stated that the MOWA Indian tribe has not yet seen this contract but they will also have to approve it when we are ready. Commissioner McLean stated that as a commissioner on the board, he personally does not want 9-1-1 to go in this direction. Commissioner Bowden requested that the issue be tabled until Mr. Hartley can tighten up the language and bring more comfort.

Director McNichol spoke on the leadership series that is happening over the next 4 months. The first session was on Tuesday and it went well.

Director McNichol stated that we have a new video conferencing system at MCCC.

Old Business – No Report

New Business – No Report

Announcement – Next board meeting to be held May 13, 2021.

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

Respectfully Submitted:



Roy Hodge, Chairman



Hayley Clough, Recording Secretary