

MOBILE COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Minutes of March 11, 2021

Commissioners Attending:

Roy Hodge	Glenn Hodge	Jeff Reeves
Chris McLean	Robert Adams	

Staff Attending:

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

The REGULAR board meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on March 11, 2021 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 McLean made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2021 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Adams, all approved.

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

Personnel – No Report

Planning – No Report

Communications – No Report

Emergency Medical – No Report.

Building/Configuration – Director McNichol stated that the warehouse property has been cleared and the project is progressing. The geo-work should be completed next week. The warehouse will be a 75 x 45 enclosed building to store our mobile command truck and other equipment and it will withstand 175 mph winds.

Board Attorney – Mr. Hartley stated that there is a pre-trial tomorrow on the Newman’s case. There are discussions going on behind the scenes to possibly have a resolution. The trial is set for next week, but we will know more tomorrow.

Director – Director McNichol recommended that the board declare two 2010 Ford Explorers as surplus property and allow MCCD to list them for sale on GovDeals. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the vehicles as surplus property and to authorize the Director to place them on GovDeals, seconded by Commissioner McLean, all approved.

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

Director McNichol presented to the board a payment to PursuitAlert, LLC. Commissioner G. Hodge made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Adams, all approved. Director McNichol stated that the devices have been received and MPD has started the installation process. Within 60 days the whole county should be outfitted with PursuitAlert. When activated, the alert will reach the public within a 2-mile radius. Once the installation with MPD is completed, we will be ready to announce it to the public. We will hold a press conference to announce the launch when the time comes. Chairman R. Hodge stated that the devices are only going in patrol cars that MCCD has supplied the MDT for.

Director McNichol stated that the Oak Hill tower site project is moving forward. We originally had some other properties in mind for the tower site, but they fell through. We are now looking at a plot of land owned by the city for the project. Chairman R. Hodge has spearheaded the conversations between MCCD and the City of Mobile. Councilman Richardson and Chief Battiste had both given the thumbs up on the project. Chairman R. Hodge stated that they met yesterday, and the tower site is looking to be in the Northwest corner of Tricentennial Park.

Director McNichol reported that we are working with Metro Jail on getting P-25 inside the jail. The project will require a BDA to be placed inside the jail to enhance the signal. The project should be completed by the next board meeting.

Director McNichol stated the MDT project is still underway. Citronelle and Satsuma are completed, Bayou la Batre is about 80% completed and then Chickasaw is next on the list. We have obtained a new quote for MCSO and have reduced the cost of the project. The purchase order should be issued for that soon. The total of MDT's for MCSO is about 175. They will continue to use the same air cards they currently are and that saves us money as well.

Old Business – Commissioner McLean asked how the equipment audit was going to which Director McNichol responded that there has been no pushback. The audit hasn't actually started yet but the agencies have been notified and the audit will start soon.

New Business – Commissioner McLean stated that we have had an assistant Director at times, and he has spoken with Director McNichol about possibly having one in the future. Director McNichol stated that he thinks a GIS Manager would be a better suit for MCCD. We must keep up with technology and GIS and mapping is the future of 9-1-1. We have a couple of people here that do GIS but as you look around the state and country, GIS is becoming more popular and ever growing. The State 9-1-1 Board now has a GIS Manager as well and they are going through 9-1-1 centers across the state to clean up their GIS database. The GIS Manager would be in the Deputy Director salary range and would have similar duties. Director McNichol stated he would like a little more time to think about the position for this person and their duties.

Announcement – Next board meeting to be held April 8, 2021.

Adjournment – Commissioner Adams made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McLean. Meeting adjourned by 8:41 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted:



Roy Hodge, Chairman



Hayley Clough, Recording Secretary