

MOBILE COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Minutes of May 13, 2021

Commissioners Attending:

Roy Hodge
Stephen Bowden
Chris McLean

Cynthia Coleman
Jeff Reeves

Glenn Hodge
Robert Adams

Staff Attending:

Charlie McNichol, Director
Hayley Clough, Recording Secretary
Katrina Brewer, Communications Center Manager

Jeffery Hartley, Attorney
Ashley Carlisle, Comptroller

The REGULAR board meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on May 13, 2021 at the Mobile County Communications Center.

Call to Order – Chairman R. Hodge called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M.

Approval of Minutes – Commissioner Coleman made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2021 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Reeves, all approved.

Treasurer Report – Commissioner Reeves made a motion to approve the April claims list, seconded by Commissioner McLean, all approved.

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

Personnel – Director McNichol stated that he is still working on a job description for the new position and will be coming to the board in June with a recommendation.

Planning – No Report

Communications – The Hobson tower site in Washington County is cleared most of the way. We are currently working on licenses and progress is about to pick up on the project. The connection gateway is complete with Birmingham and we are currently working on the gateway with Baldwin and Montgomery.

The Oak Hill tower site is also still underway. We had an engineering rendering completed and we are working with the City to make sure to location is suitable.

Emergency Medical – No Report.

Building/Configuration – Commissioner Adams stated he had been coordinating with Director McNichol and the University of South Alabama about emergency vehicles.

Director McNichol stated that the geo and earth work has been completed and we should have a building in a few months.

Board Attorney – Mr. Hartley reported that he has added language to the contact with the MOWA tribe that stated how the tribe is underserved. It is highly unlikely for any other group to ask for this type of scenario. The tower site is on MOWA property and the contract is written to give the board security. Commissioner McLean stated that he is concerned this will happen at the new Hobson tower site to which Mr. Hartley stated that the property owner does not have the right to lease the tower space because MCCD owns it. Commissioner Reeves stated that he feels like we are doing a community service because it will increase the internet to the police department in that area. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the agreement, seconded by Commissioner Reeves, all approved.

Director – Director McNichol presented to the board an agreement with OTM Cybersecurity. He stated that the board had dialogue a few days ago regarding the cybersecurity company and the agreement. He stated that he feels good about this contract and the price has come down since February from around \$80,000 to around \$48,000. He also stated that we have an insurance policy for cybersecurity and ransom already. MCCD will be as protected as possible. We will also be getting back-up equipment from Dell that is similar to what the hospitals use to protect themselves. Commissioner McLean asked if they offered training to our employees to which Director McNichol stated yes, they will be coming onsite to train and they have 24/7 monitoring. Andrew Slaughter stated that we will be immediately working with them on quarterly phishing campaigns. Director McNichol stated that this is a 3-year contract. Commissioner McLean made a motion to approve the contract, seconded by Commissioner Reeves, all approved.

Director McNichol presented to the board payments to ProLogic ITS, BCM Moring Company, Harris, and Communications International. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve all the payments, seconded by Commissioner Reeves, all approved.

Director McNichol stated that in our line of work we deal with a lot of mentally ill people. In June, we will have an in-service training on how to deal with mentally ill callers with a mental health expert.

Director McNichol spoke on the leadership series MCCD is hosting. We have completed 2 out of the 4 classes with Troy University.

Director McNichol stated that we have the MCCD annual meetings happening this week.

Director McNichol reported that the Pursuit Alert, now called Digital Siren, is installed in all of the Mobile Police Department's vehicles and we are halfway through the install with Mobile County Sheriff's Office.

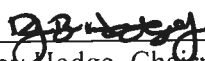
Old Business – No Report

New Business – No Report

Announcement – Next board meeting to be held June 10, 2021.

Adjournment – Commissioner Reeves made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Coleman. Meeting adjourned by 8:28 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted:



Roy Hodge, Chairman



Hayley Clough, Recording Secretary