

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

***Commissioners Attending:***

Roy Hodge

Stephen Bowden

Cynthia Coleman

Robert Adams

Glenn Hodge

Chris McLean

***Staff Attending:***

Charlie McNichol, Director

Hayley Clough, Recording Secretary

Ruben Robinson, IT Director

Jeffery Hartley, Attorney

Ashley Carlisle, Comptroller

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The REGULAR board meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on July 8, 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 McLean made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 10, 2021 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Coleman, all approved.

**Treasurer Report** – Commissioner McLean made a motion to approve the June 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. Chairman R. Hodge commended Director McNichol and Ashley on the handling of the budget.

**Personnel** – Commissioner McLean stated that the job listing has been posted for the Operations Manager position. Director McNichol stated that it has been listed on AL.com, the NENA website, the MCCD Facebook page and MCCD website. We are receiving steady resumes for the position. The listing is open until August 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Planning** – No Report

**Communications** – No Report

**Emergency Medical** – No Report.

**Building/Configuration** – The warehouse is moving along. The soil work is completed, and the bid packet should go out in August.

Commissioner G. Hodge asked about the dismantling of the County towers to which Director McNichol responded that the bid should open on August 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Board Attorney** – No Report

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

Director McNichol presented to the board bid # 2021-03 for 250 preowned Harris XG75P radios. He stated that when MCCD installed the Metro Jail BDA, it was discovered that the jail had never been on any of the County wide radio systems, so we made the decision to bring them on. Bid # 2021-03 is for radios to equip them with on the Harris P-25 radio system. If purchased from Harris, it would cost between \$600,000-\$700,000. After doing some searching, we found 250 used XG75P radios for around \$100,000. To keep in compliance with the bid law, we put out a bid for the radios and the agency responded. The radios are the same type of radios as the users on our radio system are using now and they are at the same point in their life span. When we do an upgrade of radios in the

future, the metro jail will be included this time around. This option will be cheaper and faster as well. Commissioner R. Hodge asked if the radios have all the features and accessories that our radios have to which Robert Jackson responded that most of them do but we can anticipate some repairs or upgrades. Director McNichol stated that on the high side, the costs could be between \$30,000 -\$40,000 but that is still significantly cheaper than purchasing them all brand new. Commissioner McLean made a motion to award the bid to Nevada Surplus, seconded by Commissioner G. Hodge, all approved.

Director McNichol stated that we have a change order from Harris. They gave a quote for civil work that was between \$88,000-\$89,000 but we are going to have the work done ourselves for around \$35,000. Harris is going to send the change order and we can sign it at the next meeting.

Director McNichol informed the board that the leadership training with Troy has been completed.

Director McNichol stated that we had an in-service training with Alta Pointe on how to deal with mentally ill callers. The training went really well with Dr. Cindy Gipson and she will be coming back out to do the training again with other law enforcement agencies. Commissioner Bowden asked if she spoke about 988 to which Director McNichol responded yes, and that there still needs to be a meeting about it, but they do want to be a partner. 988 is a 3-digit number for a crisis line.

Commissioner McLean asked if we have done any active shooter training with dispatch to which Director McNichol responded yes, but it has been a while. It would be beneficial to have it again.

Director McNichol brought up the janitorial contract MCCD currently has. We have had a lot of issues with our cleaning agencies for the last couple of years and we would like to change directions. We would like to hire a janitorial/handyman employee. The previous contract was \$41,000 annually and the current contract is \$32,000 annually. The salary for this position would be around \$33,000 a year. We are required to give the company a 30 day notice according to the contract. Commissioner McLean made a motion to end the contract with Spencer's Enterprise, seconded by Commissioner Adams, all approved. Commissioner McLean made a motion to create the janitorial position, seconded by Commissioner G. Hodge, all approved.

Director McNichol reported on the actuarial for retiree insurance. The actuarial is going to take a few more months to come back, he will report to the board when it does.

**Old Business** – Chairman R. Hodge spoke on the deployment of DigitalSiren. He stated that this is one of the best things he has seen in law enforcement. Commissioner McLean asked if there was a way to see how many people have downloaded the app to which Director McNichol responded yes, there is a dashboard for you to need that type of information.

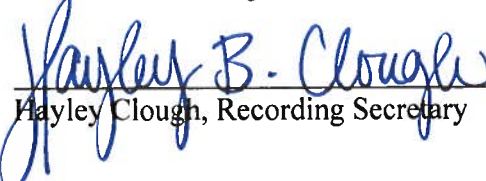
**New Business** – No Report

**Announcement** – Next board meeting to be held August 12, 2021.

**Adjournment** – Commissioner McLean made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Adams. Meeting adjourned by 8:42 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
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Roy Hodge, Chairman

  
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Hayley Clough, Recording Secretary