

MOBILE COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Minutes of August 11, 2022

Commissioners Attending:

Roy Hodge
Robert Adams

Jeff Reeves
Stephen Bowden

Glenn Hodge

Staff Attending:

Charlie McNichol, Director
Hayley Clough, Recording Secretary
Kristi Stamnes, Operations Manager
Robert Jackson, Radio System Administrator

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

The REGULAR board meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on August 11, 2022 at the Mobile County Communications Center.

Call to Order – Chairman R. Hodge called the meeting to order at 8:04 A.M.

Approval of Minutes – Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 14, 2022 meeting, seconded by Commissioner G. Hodge, all approved.

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

Personnel – No Report

Planning – No Report

Communications – Commissioner Reeves reported that the radio department is still working on the Oak Hill tower site project. He and Robert Jackson attended a meeting in Washington County about getting them started on the P-25 radio system. Some repairs are being done on a few towers sites and they are also working on building codes with Mobile Fire Rescue Department. Director McNichol reported that there were no issues during the World Games in Birmingham and the 9-1-1 Director there complimented them for running seamless communications during the event.

Emergency Medical – No Report.

Building/Configuration – No Report

Board Attorney – No Report

Director – Director McNichol presented the board with the FY 2022-2023 budget draft. In the front of the budget draft booklet, the board saw that Director McNichol is asking for a 5% COLA for all MCCD employees. Also included is a line item for Mobile County Public Works. They approached MCCD several months ago about sharing the costs of road signs associated with a 9-1-1 address. Under consultants and legal, the budget has gone up due to the stipend for Mr. Hartley increasing. Mr. Hartley has been on our board for roughly 7 years and his stipend has never increased. Director McNichol would like to request an increase for him. Further along in the booklet is the costs associated with building a new warehouse to store our assets. Costs are starting to come down and we are ready to build it. Locution is a service currently used by other agencies in Mobile County. We would like to offer the service to the paid fire departments in the County and then maybe offer to volunteer departments in the future. The equipment needed for Locution in the 9-1-1 Center will be the costliest

thing about the service. This should make dispatching for fires more streamlined. The first 2 years of maintenance are included in the initial price.

Director McNichol discussed various positions that we are hiring for. The positions were advertised internally first, and we had several applicants. The interviews have been conducted and we have 3 out of the 4 positions filled. One of the positions is a maintenance/facilities technician. This person will be working with the radio department doing preventative maintenance on equipment, servicing the tower sites, and helping with general maintenance at both the 9-1-1 Center and the tower sites. The second position is an IT technician. This person will be another hand in the IT and GIS departments working on various tasks and equipment. The last position hired for is the GIS Administrator position. This person will oversee all GIS operations.

Old Business – No Report

New Business – Mr. C. W. Sellers was present to discuss an addressing issue with the board. Mr. Sellers has recently purchased a new plot of property and is concerned that first responders will have trouble finding his residence as he and the closest neighbor to him have address numbers that are 18 digits apart. Director McNichol informed the board and the public that in Mobile County, the 9-1-1 District is not responsible for assigning addresses as that falls under County Engineering. Director McNichol spoke on an incident that he personally witnessed regarding an individual's address that was questionable. He spoke with County Engineering at that time and was told that not much could be done about it. Director McNichol stated that he will help in any way that he can to get some understanding for Mr. Sellers. Mark Turner with Mobile County EMS was present in the meeting and stated he would try and help Mr. Sellers as well because it could potentially become a problem for the first responders he oversees. Commissioner G. Hodge asked for Mr. Sellers information so that he may contact him to investigate the issue further as well.


Announcement – Next board meeting to be held September 8, 2022.

Adjournment – Commissioner G. Hodge made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Adams. Meeting adjourned by 8:30 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted:



Roy Hodge, Chairman



Hayley Clough, Recording Secretary