

**MOBILE COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
Minutes of September 8, 2022

***Commissioners Attending:***

Roy Hodge  
Glenn Hodge

Jeff Reeves  
Chris McLean

Cynthia Coleman  
Stephen Bowden

***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

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The ANNUAL board meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on September 8, 2022, at the Mobile County Communications Center.

**Call to Order** – Chairman R. Hodge called the meeting to order at 8:02 A.M.

**Approval of Minutes** – Commissioner G. Hodge made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 11, 2022, meeting, seconded by Commissioner Bowden, all approved.

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

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

**Personnel** – No Report

**Planning** – No Report

**Communications** – Commissioner Reeves reported that the radio department is working on repairing radios for the agencies, doing the quarterly preventative maintenance on the tower sites, and removing the EDACS equipment. Robert Jackson attended a meeting in Montgomery last week to discuss the movement towards a statewide P-25 radio system. While there, Director McNichol received a message from another Director commending Robert on doing such a good job. The move towards statewide operability is a huge deal and Mobile is a key player.

**Emergency Medical** – Commissioner Bowden informed the board that when a hospital goes on diversion, there are a lot of moving parts including contacting every agency and hospital to inform them. The list is about 20 contacts long and the process was done manually by telephone until now. MCCD has adapted the Rave Alert system to be able to push notifications out to the agencies and hospitals at one time. This is in the beginning stages, but testing is being conducted. Mark Turner with Mobile County EMS commented on how much more reliable this will be for transfer units in our County.

Commissioner Bowden spoke on a request from Mobile County EMS. The request is for MCCD to give MCEMS \$300,000 annually to pay for the dispatchers who dispatch the volunteer fire departments in the County. There was much discussion among the board members and several questions asked of Director Mark Turner. In addition to board members, others involved in the discussion were Jeffery Hartley, Kristi Stamnes, Desiree Easley, and Director McNichol. Commissioner Coleman made a motion to table the request in order for more information to be gathered, seconded by Commissioner G. Hodge, all approved.

**Building/Configuration** – No Report

**Board Attorney** – No Report

**Director** – In 2020, the Board passed a resolution to provide COVID leave to MCCD employees. Director McNichol reported that the mandates have been lifted by the government and he has already stopped the COVID paid leave, but he would like the board to rescind the resolution. Commissioner Reeves made a motion to rescind resolution 2020-01, seconded by Commissioner Bowden, all approved.

Director McNichol would like to recognize two MCCD employees for 5 outstanding years of service. Nikki Dunn is one of our call takers and she is good at what she does. She's always pleasant, a hard worker, and very professional. Robert Jackson is our Radio System Administrator, and he does not leave any work left undone. He is also a very hard worker and runs an awesome team in the radio department. Nikki and Robert both received pins in honor of their 5 years of service.

Director McNichol asked the board to consider the 2022-2023 Holiday Schedule. Commissioner G. Hodge made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Bowden, all approved.

Director McNichol asked the board to consider moving the October board meeting date. The usual second Thursday of the month is October 13<sup>th</sup> and many of MCCD's personnel will be at the Alabama NENA Conference in Orange Beach. Commissioner G. Hodge made a motion to move the meeting to October 20, 2022, seconded by Commissioner Bowden.

Director McNichol recommended adoption of the FY 2022-23 budget as presented in the August board meeting. Commissioner Bowden made a motion to approve the budget, seconded by Commissioner G. Hodge, All approved.

**Old Business** –No Report

**New Business** – Dirk Young attended the meeting and informed the board that the Harris User's Conference will be in Mobile this year. He will be showcasing the radio system at the conference and would like to have attendees visit the center. Director McNichol stated that owning and operating the radio system is a big deal and this board should be proud.

Director McNichol stated that technically the September meeting is the annual meeting, but we will hold elections for officers at the October meeting.

**Announcement** – Next board meeting to be held October 20, 2022.

**Adjournment** – Commissioner R. Hodge made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Reeves. Meeting adjourned by 8:44 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
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Roy Hodge, Chairman

  
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Hayley Clough, Recording Secretary