

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE 9-1-1 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT BOARD OF MANAGERS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2005 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL, 555 WALNUT, ABILENE, TEXAS.

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Public notice having been duly given, the 9-1-1 Board met at 3:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

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Board Members

Present:

Dr. Alan Stafford, President, County Representative
John Bogart, Vice President, Volunteer Fire Department Representative
Jo Moore, Secretary, Cities Representative
Don Russom, County Representative

Board Member

Absent:

Jeff Wyatt, Cities Representative

President Alan Stafford called the meeting to order and noted for the record that all board members were present with the exception of Cities Representative Jeff Wyatt.

The Board acknowledged the reappointment of Don Russom, Taylor County Representative, to the 9-1-1 Board, term 2005-2007.

Pat Harris, Human Resource Specialist administered the oath of office to Don Russom, Taylor County Representative.

Mr. Russom made a motion to elect Dr. Alan Stafford as President of the 9-1-1 Board. Ms. Moore seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Russom made a motion to elect Jeff Wyatt as Vice President of the 9-1-1 Board. Mr. Bogart seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Russom made a motion to elect Jo Moore as Secretary of the 911 Board. Mr. Bogart seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The Board considered the minutes of the August 25, 2004 meeting. Mr. Bogart made a motion to approve the minutes as printed. Mr. Russom seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The Board considered the minutes of the September 29, 2004 meeting. Mr. Bogart made a motion to approve the minutes as printed. Mr. Russom seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mike Saxton, 9-1-1 Coordinator introduced Mr. Randy Rogers, Southwestern Bell's replacement representative for Cindy Steele. Present with Mr. Rogers was Southwestern Bell employee Ms. Katherine Malone.

Mr. Saxton briefed the Board on the legislative and regulatory update noting that the Enhanced 9-1-1 Act of 2004 established a national 9-1-1 program office. Mr. Saxton explained the purpose, functions and benefits of the new office. Mr. Saxton briefed the Board on the recent FCC rulings including the ruling that Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) is a federal issue and not a state regulated

industry. Mr. Saxton informed the Board of the FCC newly established nation wide call number 8-1-1 that is utilized for utility clearance and marking purposes. Mr. Saxton noted the establishment of the FCC Network Reliability and Interoperability Council and explained the issues the newly mandated council deals with. Mr. Saxton also explained from the industry side what the Alliance for Telecommunication Industry Solutions group has accomplished to date and what is being implemented. Mr. Saxton reviewed multi-line phone system issues and addressed the fact that funding issues are still being addressed at the state and national level. Mr. Saxton briefed the Board on the status of various bills that have been filed that would directly or indirectly effect 9-1-1.

No Board action was required.

Greg Brown, GIS Manager briefed the Board on the addressing update. Mr. Brown stated the GIS office has been working in conjunction with the 9-1-1 Office to correct the inaccurate address assignments that exist in Taylor County. Mr. Brown reviewed with the Board two maps of County Road 650 showing the address dispersement before and after the reassignment project. Mr. Brown noted that two other areas were readdressed using the same method of assigning private road names and different building numbers along the road. Mr. Brown further noted that this project will assist in eliminating some of the confusion for emergency response crews when responding to calls and that there are several other areas targeted for readdressing that will be completed this year.

No Board action was required.

Carol Taylor from the Taylor County Sheriff's office distributed to the Board a chart reflecting the Taylor County Sheriff's Department Communications Division Five 8 Hour Shifts schedule. Ms. Taylor then briefed the Board on the County PSAP Staffing update and stated appreciation to the Board for funding two extra positions and to GIS staff for the addressing and keeping the 9-1-1 mapping updated.

No Board action was required.

Mike Saxton presented the budget update to the Board. Mr. Saxton explained the situation with cost recovery and noted that all cost recovery negotiations have been put on hold until the mergers with wireless companies are approved and implemented. Mr. Saxton then distributed to and reviewed with the Board graphs reflecting the FY05 (Oct-04 through Sep-05) projected and actual wireless and wireline revenue and expenses. Mr. Saxton noted the difference in wireline revenue projected and actual is a partial result of the surcharge increase from 3% to 4 ½ % not going into effect until Dec. '04 and the graph reflects revenue coming in under the old rate for the first few months. Mr. Saxton stated he would provide the Board by e-mail attachment a monthly revenue and expense report.

No Board action was required.

Ronnie Kidd, 9-1-1 District and Administrative Services Director, distributed to and reviewed with the Board the Public Safety Communications Systems Replacement Project Status Report. Mr. Kidd stated RFP responses were received in November 2004 from 3 radio vendors, Motorola, MA/COM Open Sky, and Daley Wells EDACS and from 7 CAD/RMS/MDS vendors, InterAct, Intergraph, Motorola, New World Systems, Positron, Sunguard OSSI and Tiburon. Mr. Kidd further stated staff and RCC are currently evaluating responses. Radio vendors presentations of Project Team occurred February 8 and 9 and staff is currently waiting for the best and final offers from the vendors.

The top 4 responses have been identified for CAD/RMS/MDS vendors and presentations will occur the week of April 4th. Mr. Kidd noted that staff is hopeful that contracts will be negotiated with selected vendors within the next 60 days. Mr. Kidd further noted the RFP's are pending release for E 9-1-1 core operating system upgrade and dispatch center consoles and that the Design Firm (architect) has been hired for the dispatch center construction project, with Council having approved the contract at their last meeting. Mr. Kidd stated when final cost for the Public Safety Communications Systems Replacement Project are known a special meeting of the Board would be requested.

The Board discussed setting a future meeting date and the general consensus was to set the date for August 10, 2005 at 3:30 p.m.

Mr. Kidd noted, as a matter of information, that April 11-15 is National Telecommunicators Week and in recognition of 9-1-1 dispatchers that Donna Littlefield had asked him if the District would provide t-shirts for the police and sheriff office dispatchers. Mr. Kidd stated he does recommend that the District provide the t-shirts at a cost of approximately \$350.00 which is an appropriate expenditure under the current budget and would not require separate Board action. The Board voiced no opposition to the request.

No Board action was required.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

Jo Moore, Secretary

Alan Stafford, President