

MINUTES
Tarrant County 9-1-1 District
July 20, 2020

According to Section 551.021 of the Government Code, minutes of a meeting must state the subject of each deliberation and indicate each vote, order, decision, or other action taken. These minutes do not include a summary of the discussion but only reflect the action taken by the body. A complete audio recording of this meeting is available on the District's website www.tc911.org.

A meeting of the 9-1-1 Board of Managers was held at 12:00 PM, Monday, July 20, 2020, in the Training Room of Tarrant County 9-1-1, 2600 Airport Freeway, Fort Worth, TX 76111.

Don Crowson presided.

Board Members present:

Don Crowson, Chair
Rick Brunson, Vice Chair
Robert Brooks, Secretary
Douglas Hooten
Jeff Spivey
Jim Davis

Board Members absent:

Aubry Insko, Treasurer
Brian Johnson

Others present:

Wayne Olson, Attorney
Lindsey Hale, Attorney
Bill Paxton, The Paxton Firm

Staff Members present:

Shinar Haynes, Executive Director
Aniel Austin, Finance Manager
Renee Boeglin, Executive Assistant
Phillip Rohrbough, GIS Manager
Sarah Sellers, Systems Support Manager
Monte Cockrum, Technology & Network Support Manager
Danny Willars, Security Analyst
Travis Trevino, Interoperability Coordinator
Robbie McCormick, Training & Development Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

Don Crowson called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM.

AGENDA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Shinar Haynes noted the Legislative Update and Executive Session would be moved before the Executive Director Report.

No action taken.

BOARD OF MANAGERS UPDATE

Don Crowson stated there are no manager updates.

No action taken.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Motion to approve the consent agenda items was made by Rick Brunson and seconded by Doug Hooten. Motion passed unanimously.

ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

A. R20-033 – City of Mansfield WAVE Advanced Desktop Communicator
Travis Trevino presented the City of Mansfield's request of \$39,904.72 to purchase WAVE Advanced Desktop Communicator applications to be used at their backup sites.

Motion to approve Radio Interoperability Assistance Program application for the City of Mansfield to purchase WAVE Advanced Desktop Communicator applications (\$39,904.72) was made by Jeff Spivey and seconded by Doug Hooten. Motion was passed unanimously.

- B. R20-035 – City of Bedford SUA II and Tower Fees
Travis Trevino presented the City of Bedford’s request of \$28,116.32 for their SUA and local maintenance.
Motion to approve Radio Interoperability Assistance Program application for the City of Bedford for their SUA and local maintenance fees (\$28,116.32) was made by Jeff Spivey and seconded by Doug Hooten. Motion was passed unanimously.

- C. R20-042 – City of Burleson Alternate Emergency Communications Center Radio Equipment
Travis Trevino presented the City of Burleson’s request of \$25,441.31 to purchase alternate emergency communication center radio equipment.
Motion to approve Radio Interoperability Assistance Program application for the City of Burleson to purchase emergency communications center radio equipment (\$25,441.31) was made by Jeff Spivey and seconded by Doug Hooten. Motion was passed unanimously.

- D. P20-169 – City of Fort Worth Dispatch Break Area
Travis Trevino presented the City of Fort Worth’s PSAP Assistance request of \$36,000.00 for their break area.
Motion to approve PSAP Assistance Program application for the City of Fort Worth for their break area (\$36,000.00) was made by Rick Brunson and seconded by Jeff Spivey. Jim Davis abstained from voting. Motion passed 4-0-1.

PURCHASES OVER \$25,000

- A. RN20-021 – Tarrant County 9-1-1 Request for HaloFogger Equipment
Travis Trevino presented the District’s request of \$31,232.38 to purchase two HaloFoggers that can be used to disinfect the District office or any PSAP that becomes contaminated. The machines use a hydrogen peroxide mist that is safe for technology.
Motion to approve the District to purchase two HaloFoggers (\$31,232.38) was made by Jim Davis and seconded by Rick Brunson. Motion was passed unanimously.

- B. RN20-022 – MCC 7500E’s for RBU South, Everman, and Sansom Park
Travis Trevino presented the District’s request of \$1,526,881.00 for the RBU buildout and also includes the Cities of Everman and Sansom Park. Includes six MCC 7500 radios, the consolettes, install, storage of equipment until the install, for a total of ten MCC 7500E’s, which would finish the RBU buildout.
Motion to approve the District’s request to purchase MCC 7500E’s (\$1,526,881.00) for RBU South and the Cities of Everman and Sansom Park was made by Jeff Spivey and seconded by Doug Hooten. Motion was passed unanimously.

- C. Discuss and consider approval: RN20-024 –Training Room Furniture
Robbie McCormick presented the District’s training department request of \$25,764.78 to purchase new tables, chairs, and podium for the training room.
Motion to approve the District’s request to purchase new training room furniture (\$25,764.78) was made by Jeff Spivey and seconded by Jim Davis. Motion was passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

- A. Construction Update – Shinar Haynes reported the construction is almost complete. The furniture will be delivered Tuesday and the last two monitors will be delivered Friday. Will take the Board on a walkthrough at the next meeting.
No action taken.

- B. 911 Appreciation Update – Shinar Haynes stated the 911 Appreciation event was canceled due to the stipulations and concerns.
No action taken.

C. Inclusion to BuyBoard Cooperative (RN20-023) – Shinar Haynes reported Enviromatic Services, the company replacing our AC units, stated they are part of the BuyBoard Cooperative, and we can go through them to receive a discount. Wayne Olson reviewed and approved the BuyBoard Cooperative agreement. Shinar is asking the Board to allow the District to join to not only benefit for HVAC but for whatever else may be part of the Cooperative.

Motion to approve the District’s request to join the BuyBoard Cooperative was made by Rick Brunson and seconded by Doug Hooten. Motion was passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Rick Brunson inquired if we’ve heard from P³ as to when they’re going out to market. Shinar Haynes said she would reach out to their representative. She said they sent a letter stating they’re going out to market in January, but they have not sent back any information on what was agreed on.

No action taken.

BRIEFINGS

Legislative Update – Bill Paxton reported that Texas Comptroller Hegar announced Texas is facing a \$4.6 billion deficit heading into the next session. The primary runoff elections were last week – we’re going to have at least 15 new state reps and at least two new senators. A lot of institutional knowledge is gone as we head into a tight budget session. Don’t expect a lot of legislation to pass, think they’ll go in solely focused on the budget and redistricting, and try to get out with little damage as possible. The house only needs eight members to flip, and that can very well happen. It’s very close for the house to flip to the democratic side. May get more democratic senators, but it will still be controlled by Republicans, Dan Patrick will still be the Lieutenant Governor.

At the last 911 Alliance Board meeting, they came up with three options. The first is to raise the wireless fee across the board to \$1.25 with Greater Harris County carved out of it. Greater Harris County wants to file their own Bill, do their own thing. The second option is to create two levels, one that would raise the rate to \$0.75 or \$1.25, the Districts choosing one or the other. The third option is to let the Districts decide what if any fee increase they want to do, and that would be capped at \$1.25. The Alliance decided to send language to Legislative Council to get three Bills drafted reflecting these changes and taking these options to key members in the legislature to get their input and figure out what they recommend to go forward. Should have more information after the next Alliance meeting next month. At one of the last Board meetings, Rick Brunson asked about adding language to one of the Alliance Bills that would reflect the modernization of our language in the Health & Safety Code. Bill Paxton recommends filing a separate standalone bill that would be a Local Bill. It has an easier chance of passing and is much less controversial and can have amendments. Don Crowson requested copies of the three Alliance Board proposals. Wayne Olson stated two years ago they were proposing \$1.50 increase, and now it’s \$1.25 max. Bill Paxton confirmed it’s capped at \$1.25, and that’s one of the reasons Harris County has opted out of it.

No action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, the Board of Managers reserves the right to convene in Executive Session(s) from time to time as deemed necessary during this meeting for the following matters:

Section 551.071

Consultation with the District’s Attorney pertaining to any matter in which the duty of the attorney under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct may conflict with the Open Meetings Act, including seeking advice on any item posted on the agenda and consultation regarding emergency service fees.

- Emergency Service Fees

Section 551.074

Deliberation regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal or to hear a complaint or charge against a public officer or employee.

Section 418.183(f): Texas Disaster Act

To deliberate information for the purpose of preventing, detecting, responding to, or investigating an act of terrorism or related criminal activity as it relates to (1) staffing, tactical plans, or telephonic contact information; (2) to the vulnerability of persons or property, including critical infrastructure; (3) to information used to assist in the construction, assembly or location of an explosive weapon or a chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear weapon of mass destruction, or unpublished information pertaining to potential vaccines or a device that detects biological agents or toxins; (4) to the details of the encryption codes or security keys for a public communication system; (5) to a terrorism-related report to an agency of the United States; (6) documents that identify technical details of particular vulnerabilities of critical infrastructure to an act of terrorism; or (7) any information pertaining to a security system used to protect public or private property from an act of terrorism.

- 2020 Security Assessment Review
- Cyber Security Awareness

OPEN SESSION ACT FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting was reconvened into regular session.

Don Crowson reported after clarification from attorney, Wayne Olson, the Board would conduct a vote for the BuyBoard. Wayne Olson stated if the Board is in favor of agenda item 7.C. participation in the BuyBoard agreement, need to approve by motion a second in vote, approve the resolution for participating in it.

Motion to approve the District’s request to join the BuyBoard Cooperative was made by Rick Brunson and seconded by Doug Hooten. Motion was passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Don Crowson requested District staff to start wearing masks while at work and institute a mask policy.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:38 PM.

***** NEXT BOARD MEETING: Monday, August 17, 2020, at 12:00 PM in the Conference Room of Tarrant County 9-1-1 District, 2600 Airport Freeway, Fort Worth, TX 76111. *****

Don Crowson, Chair
Tarrant County 9-1-1

ATTEST: Robert Brooks
Tarrant County 9-1-1
