



## MINUTES

April 19, 2021

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](http://www.tc911.org).

A meeting of the Tarrant County 9-1-1 District Board of Managers was held at 12:00 PM, Monday, April 19, 2021, at Tarrant County 9-1-1, 2600 Airport Freeway, Fort Worth, Texas. Don Crowson presided.

### **Board Members Present:**

Don Crowson, City of Arlington - Chair  
Rick Brunson, Tarrant County - Vice Chair  
Jim Davis, City of Fort Worth  
Aubry Insko, City of Grand Prairie - Treasurer \*teleconference  
Brian Johnson, City of Kennedale \*arrived at 12:17 PM  
Jeff Spivey, City of Irving  
Robert Brooks, AT&T - Secretary

### **Staff Members Present:**

Shinar Haynes, Executive Director  
Aniel Austin, Finance Manager  
Kevin Kleck, Director of Technical Services  
Levi Larkin, Implementation Specialist  
Monte Cockrum, Technology & Network Support Manager  
Phillip Rohrbough, GIS Manager  
Renee Boeglin, Executive Assistant  
Shantelle Oliver, Director of Support Services  
Travis Trevino, Interoperability Coordinator

### **Others Present:**

Wayne Olson, TOASE  
Cara White, TOASE  
Bill Paxton, The Eppstein Group

### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **AGENDA ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Shinar Haynes reviewed changes to the agenda packet.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Approve Minutes - March 15, 2021, and Accept Monthly & Quarterly Financials and Report of Payments over \$5,000  
Shinar Haynes stated the two changes mentioned in the announcements are included in the consent agenda. The first addresses an explanation for the change and the investment amounts reflecting a \$6 million loss. A note was added to explain the timing of when the month closed and when the funds were reinvested. The second change includes a breakdown of revenue received reflecting the new fees.

**Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Rick Brunson and seconded by Chief Spivey. Motion passed unanimously.**

### **ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

#### A. PSAP Assistance

P21-075 – Fort Worth FD Fire Alarm Office Video Wall - \$76,850.26

**Motion to approve PSAP Assistance Program application for the City of Fort Worth Fire Department to purchase and install a fire alarm office video wall was made by Chief Spivey and seconded by Rick Brunson. Chief Davis abstained from voting. Motion passed 4-0-1.**

#### B. Radio Interoperability

R21-017 – City of Euless SUA2 - \$28,287.15

**Motion to approve Radio Interoperability Assistance Program application for the City of Euless for SUA2 was made by Aubry Insko and seconded by Chief Davis. Motion passed unanimously.**

## **PURCHASES OVER \$25,000**

- A. RN21-016 – NETCO Nokia Routers - \$44,518.00  
Travis Trevino stated the District presented purchasing the NETCO routers to the RICC as requested at the last board meeting. The RICC voted to approve the purchase and present it to the board.  
**Motion to approve the purchase of Nokia routers for the NETCO consortium was made by Rick Brunson and seconded by Chief Spivey. Motion passed unanimously.**
- B. RN21-017 – Chairs for RBU-South - \$26,446.38  
**Motion to approve the purchase of new chairs for RBU-South was made by Chief Spivey and seconded by Rick Brunson. Motion passed unanimously.**
- C. RN21-018 – PSAP Network Equipment Refresh – Switches - \$191,775.32
- D. RN21-019 – PSAP Network Equipment Refresh – Routers - \$595,369.22
- E. RN21-020 – PSAP Network Equipment Refresh – Wireless - \$36,436.00
- F. RN21-021 – PSAP Network Equipment Refresh – Installation and Support - \$406,045.04  
Monte Cockrum presented the request of RN21-018 through RN21-021 as part of the PSAP network equipment refresh. This request is part of the \$1.8 million budget presented to the board last year to take the network off the SONET ring.  
**Motion to approve the PSAP Network Equipment Refresh purchases was made by Rick Brunson and seconded by Aubry Insko. Motion passed unanimously.**
- G. RN21-022 – VESTA Workstations for Training Room - \$29,109.96  
**Motion to approve the purchase of a VESTA workstation for the District's training room was made by Chief Spivey and seconded by Aubry Insko. Motion passed unanimously.**
- H. RN21-023 – Additional VESTA Workstations Fort Worth PD - \$174,659.76  
**Motion to approve the purchase of six VESTA workstations for the Fort Worth Police Department dispatch floor was made by Rick Brunson and seconded by Chief Spivey. Chief Davis abstained from voting. Motion passed 4-0-1.**

## **PUBLIC POWER POOL (P3)**

Aniel Austin reported that it was advised to keep paying the new electrical bill charges at the last technical committee meeting and continue pressing on the dispute. P3 will provide additional information on the dispute letter. Rick Brunson encouraged the District to reinforce with P3 to be aggressive because one of the value statements they gave us before signing up was that they have nationally known experts.

## **FY 2020 ANNUAL REPORT**

Shinar Haynes reported the FY 2020 Annual Report had been uploaded to the District's website.

## **PRESENTATIONS/UPDATES**

- A. Regional Interoperable Communication Committee (RICC) Update  
Shinar Haynes reported that the District advised the RICC committee that it will go back to the group's original intent, regional interoperability, and focus less on radios at the last meeting.
- B. DFW/TCFA-Everman/Fort Worth Console, I3 Logger Update  
Levi Larkin reported DFW was cutover to their primary site last week. Their old primary site is now their backup site. The District has been meeting with Everman and TCFA about a possible consolidation. They are working on construction to build an equipment room between the fire station and police department. The Fort Worth Police Department is getting new consoles installed. The District is working with Irving on their new recorder project. The new recorders will allow live 9-1-1 calls to be sent out to the field.
- C. Interoperability Installations Update  
Travis Trevino reported River Oaks and Crowley sites are complete MCC 7500. Everman and TCFA are on hold while they go through construction, but there are radios for them once they are built. Sansom Park is waiting for circuits to be installed. Backup sites, Northeast, Northwest, and South, are very close to being completed and will start testing circuits within the next month. They should be complete in the next 3-4 months.
- D. GIS – Image Updates  
Phillip Rohrbough reviewed sample images using Pictometry imagery from EagleView.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Shinar Haynes reported that the next board meeting is the budget meeting on May 17 and will be held in the training room.

**BRIEFINGS**

Bill Paxton reported the legislative has been working on COVID funding and the fallout with ERCOT and the PUC. Redistricting is not in play now; the census numbers were delayed from the pandemic and will not be in until fall. There are six weeks left in the session. The biggest issue for 9-1-1 has been the wireless fee legislation. Two and half weeks ago, Representative James White, Chairman of Homeland Safety Committee, held a hearing on HB 2911. It was a good hearing and was left pending in the committee. \$1.25 will not be in play, and \$1.00 more than likely will not be in play; it will most likely be \$0.75. Representative White had a meeting last week with representatives from AT&T, the Alliance, and staff from other members on the committee. They are working on language to make the fee \$0.75 across the state with a reevaluation in two years. Should not have trouble getting this bill out of committee. Greater Harris County is excluded - \$0.75 is too much. The latest plan is to increase 10% next year and 10% the following year, then reevaluate it. HB 788 has overwhelming support and is currently in the senate.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chief Crowson adjourned the meeting into Executive Session at 12:45 PM pursuant to Sections 551.071, 551.074, and 418.183(f) of the Texas Government Code.

**OPEN SESSION ACT FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chief Crowson reconvened the Regular Meeting in open session at 1:25 PM.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 1:27 PM.

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Don Crowson  
Chair, Board of Managers

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Robert Brooks  
Secretary, Board of Managers