



**TARRANT COUNTY 9-1-1 EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE DISTRICT
BOARD OF MANAGERS SPECIAL MEETING
2600 Airport Freeway, Fort Worth, Texas**

MINUTES

Members of the Board Present:

Don Crowson – Chair, City of Arlington
Rick Brunson – Vice-Chair, Commissioners Court
Jim Davis –City of Fort Worth
Aubry Insko –City of Grand Prairie
Ray Richardson – Mayors’ Council
Darren Steele – City of Irving
Julie Swearingin –City of Fort Worth
Robert Brooks – Secretary, AT&T

Members of the Staff Present:

Sherry Decker – Executive Director
Aniel Austin – Chief Financial Officer
Renee Boeglin – Executive Assistant
Monte Cockrum - Director of Network & Technology
Kevin Kleck – Deputy Director
Stephanie Lang – Chief Human Resources Officer
Shantelle Oliver – Director of Support Services
Phillip Rohrbough – Director of GIS
Sarah Sellers – Director of Technical Operations

Others Present:

Wayne Olson – TOASE

CALL TO ORDER

Presiding Officer Don Crowson called the Tarrant County 9-1-1 Emergency Assistance District Board of Managers special meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. on June 9, 2022.

AGENDA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sherry Decker rescinded the Retention Plan from the FY 2023 Strategic Plan Update and Holidays and Leave Time Policy (RN22-021) and Incentive Award Program (RN22-022) from the FY 2023 Budget.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Network Project Update – Monte Cockrum reported the District has successfully removed all PSAPs from the old network. Moving off the SONET Ring will save the District approximately \$1.2 million annually.

Consolidation Study – Sherry Decker reported TC911 already has a consolidation strategy in place, stating anytime two or more agencies consolidate, the District supplies the 9-1-1 equipment, setup, and maintenance. Sherry said there are four types of consolidation studies to consider: Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG911) – (which may qualify for grant reimbursement) handles high-priority calls that smaller PSAPs may not be able to handle; call centers – calls come in and are disseminated to the appropriate dispatch center; colocation center – multiple cities come together and are housed together, but are separate entities; and consolidation center – multiple cities come together as one, and calls are dispatched appropriately. Sherry recommended using the assistance program’s remaining funds to fund a consolidation study.

Aubry Insko motioned for a Request for Proposal (RFP) for an efficiency and consolidation study. The motion, seconded by Chief Davis, passed unanimously.

FY 2023 STRATEGIC PLAN WORKSHOP UPDATE

NG911 Project – Sherry Decker reported that the deadline for the CSEC grant application is June 30. The District will not know if we are awarded the grant until August 31. Aniel Austin presented two versions of the FY 2023 Budget, one includes receiving the grant, and the other is without the grant. The District will use over \$2.5 million of reserves if awarded the grant. If not, the District will use over \$8.5 million of reserves. Aubry Insko stated her concerns regarding being the “donut hole” in the state, where the entities around the District are providing NG911 service. She said her agency already has challenges transferring regular 9-1-1 calls from Grand Prairie to Dallas with the current infrastructure. NG911 technology will solve these types of operational inefficiencies. NG911 technology will

allow the District to provide resources and intelligence that the District needs to provide but currently does not. NG911 will also solve the issue of busying out lines.

Chief Davis motioned that the District apply for the grant and match funds from the reserves. The motion, seconded by Rick Brunson, passed unanimously.

Team Projects – Sherry Decker reported that while visiting Greater Harris County, the District identified FY 2023 projects that may be paid through the grant. Chief Crowson requested the District provide a phased-out approach for the Assistance Program. Chief Davis asked the ED and Chief Crowson to write a letter to the City Managers explaining the project, including notifications of timelines and a financial picture. Chief Davis also recommended working with Bill Paxton on writing a letter to legislators requesting that the state fully fund the NG911 project as part of school security initiatives. Aubry Insko asked for a list of timelines, including what are mandates and recommendations.

Retention Plan – Rescinded by Sherry Decker.

FY 2023 BUDGET

RN22-019 - FY 2023 Budget – Tabled until the District knows the outcome of the grant.

RN22-021 - Holidays & Leave Time Policy – Rescinded by Sherry Decker.

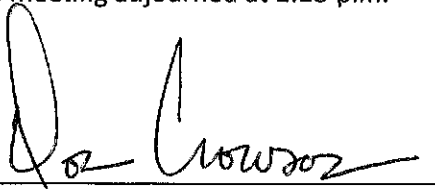
RN22-022 - Incentive Award Program – Rescinded by Sherry Decker.

PUBLIC COMMENT

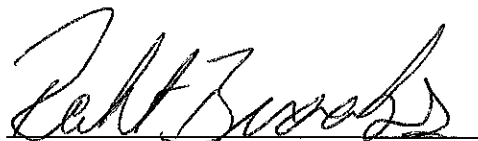
No public comment.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 1:18 p.m.



Don Crowson
Chair



Robert Brooks
Secretary