



MINUTES
TARRANT COUNTY 9-1-1 DISTRICT
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING
March 15, 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.

A meeting of the Tarrant County 9-1-1 District Board of Managers was held at 12:00 PM, Monday, March 15, 2021, via Webex. 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
Brian Johnson, City of Kennedale
Jeff Spivey, City of Irving
Robert Brooks, AT&T – Secretary

Staff Members Present:

Shinar Haynes, Executive Director
Aniel Austin, Finance Manager
Gail Wicks, Telephony Analyst
Kevin Kleck, Director of Technical Services
Levi Larkin, Implementation Specialist
Phillip Rohrbough, GIS Manager
Renee Boeglin, Executive Assistant
Travis Trevino, Interoperability Coordinator

Others Present:

Wayne Olson, TOASE

CALL TO ORDER

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve Minutes – February 22, 2021; Accept Monthly Financials; Accept Report of Payments over \$5,000

Motion to approve the consent agenda items was made by Mayor Johnson and seconded by Chief Davis. Motion passed unanimously.

ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

R21-015 – City of Grapevine SUA2- \$28,287.15

Motion to approve Radio Interoperability Assistance Program application for the City of Grapevine for SUA2 was made by Aubry Insko and seconded by Rick Brunson. Motion passed unanimously.

PURCHASES OVER \$25,000

RN21-016 – NETCO Nokia Routers - \$44,518.00

Travis Trevino presented a request from NETCO to purchase new routers for the upcoming upgrade taking everyone off the legacy T1 circuits and moving them to fiber. The request includes seven routers that need to be installed and the programming. Once the routers are paid for, the city will be responsible for the monthly fees. The District currently spends approximately \$51,000/year paying for the T1 circuits. Once the routers are installed, the T1s will go away, saving the District \$6700 that year and \$51,000 the following years. Rick Brunson recommended since the original T1 discussion went through the RICC, this should too. Shinar Haynes stated it could be presented at the April 8 RICC meeting.

Motion to table the purchase of the NETCO Nokia routers until the next meeting, after it is presented at the April 8 RICC meeting, was made by Chief Davis and seconded by Rick Brunson. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC POWER POOL (P3)

Cavallo Energy of Texas March Invoice

Shinar Haynes reported the District was charged \$5,572.04 for the losses incurred during the snowstorm in February. She stated P3 advised the recipients of the bills send a notification to the provider that we are disputing the charges for Transmission and Distribution Losses and UFE during February 2021. Wayne Olson stated he agrees with P3's suggestion to file a good faith dispute which would then allow it to go to mediation. He advised the District to follow P3's recommendation and send a notice disputing the charges.

Motion to approve TOASE, on behalf of the District, to file a dispute with Cavallo was made by Mayor Johnson and seconded by Aubry Insko. Motion passed unanimously.

CARES ACT/FFCRA: RN21-012

The current extension of the provisions ends on March 31. Shinar Haynes is requesting the Board extend the policy one of two ways:

1. Extension of provisions through June 1 - \$285,818.10
2. Allowance for up to 40 hours of leave for COVID-19 vaccinations and potential side effects - \$37,149.05

Motion to approve the extension of the provisions previously afforded in the FFCRA CARES Act through June 1, 2021, was made by Aubry Insko and seconded by Mayor Johnson. Rick Brunson opposed. Motion passed 5-1. Request for leave for vaccinations and possible side effects denied.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Shinar Haynes reported that the PSAP side has been working on the new DFW 9-1-1 Center, which will be the primary center, and the current primary center will become the backup center. The training department has over 300 people enrolled for the first quarter. Masks are still required, and the TCSO is used for larger classes to allow for more social distancing. She stated Sarah Sellers resigned after ten years of service, and next week is her last week. Sarah's previous position as a system support analyst will be filled.

BRIEFINGS

Shinar Haynes reported that on March 5, House Bill 2911 was submitted by Representative James White, Chairman of Homeland Security & Public Safety Committee. This is the bill we tried to get introduced in the 2019 session that focused on Hurricane Harvey, and it didn't get much traction. It was reintroduced this year, and it has received positive traction and feedback. The bill submitted states that by no later than September 30 of each odd year, each Emergency Communications District has the ability to choose the monthly 9-1-1 wireless fee at either \$0.75, \$1.00, or \$1.25. Once the fee is established, it should remain in effect for the next two calendar years. The bill has not been set for hearing yet.

On March 12, there have been 5,000 bills filed in the House and over 2,000 bills filed in the Senate. The 12th was the last day for members to file other than emergency items or local bills. It is also the 60th day of the legislative session, which means members cannot change bills that are not deemed an emergency item by the governor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

NEXT BOARD MEETING – April 19, 2021 – 12:00 PM

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 12:38 PM.

Don Crowson
Vice Chair, Board of Managers

Robert Brooks
Secretary, Board of Managers