



MINUTES

December 6, 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.

The Tarrant County 9-1-1 District Board of Managers held the regular meeting at 12:00 PM, Monday, December 6, 2021, in the Training Room 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 (Zoom)
Aubry Insko, City of Grand Prairie
Ray Richardson, Mayors Council
Darren Steele, City of Irving
Robert Brooks, AT&T

Board Members Absent:

Jeff Spivey, City of Irving
Julie Swearingin, City of Fort Worth

Others Present:

Wayne Olson, TOASE
Bill Paxton, The Eppstein Group
Dixie Purselley, HUB International
Elaine Williams, HUB International
Mark Grace, HUB International
Alan Girton, City of Fort Worth

Staff Members Present:

Aniel Austin, Finance Manager
Renee Boeglin, Executive Assistant
Monte Cockrum, Technology & Network Support Manager
Kevin Kleck, Director of Technical Services
Stephanie Lang, Human Resources Administrator
Levi Larkin, Interoperability Coordinator
Shantelle Oliver, Director of Support Services
Phillip Rohrbough, GIS Manager
Sherry Decker, Executive Director

CALL TO ORDER

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

AGENDA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sherry Decker requested agenda item RN22-008 – 2022 Healthcare Benefits moved up on the agenda before the Executive Director Report.

BOARD OF MANAGERS UPDATE

Frost Bank signature card signed by confirmed board members present.
Chief Crowson announced Chief Spivey is retiring in January, and Irving Interim Chief Steele will serve on the Board.
Attorney Wayne Olson confirmed Chief Steele is authorized to vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

Rick Brunson motioned to approve the Consent Agenda items. The motion, seconded by Aubry Insko, passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

A. First 30 Days Report & NG9-1-1 Update

Sherry Decker reported she met her first 30-day Goals and is currently working on her 60-day expectations. Decker informed members of the Texas 9-1-1 Alliance meetings in Dallas and Houston, where Districts received information about the \$101 million federal funding CSEC will oversee. In the first survey provided to the Alliance last May, the District asked for \$16 million. If approved, Districts receive funding via CSEC by December 31, 2022. Federal funding will not pay for all needed expenditures for Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) Core Services and recurring fees. The District has two years to save for NG9-1-1 Core Services to meet the 2025 deadline mandate. To begin saving today, the District will provide the Board with a 90-day review of the current budget. To ensure TC9-1-1 follows grant guidelines, Aniel Austin, TC9-1-1 Finance Manager, is the Grant Coordinator. Director Kevin Kleck is advertising for a Technical Support Manager to fill the NG9-1-1 Manager position. Lastly, TC9-1-1 secured Mission Critical Partners to conduct an NG9-1-1 program assessment and proposal for grant support.

B. RN22-009 – Requested the Board of Managers authorize the District to recognize June 19, Juneteenth National Independence Day, as a District holiday.

Rick Brunson motioned to approve June 19, Juneteenth National Independence Day, as a District holiday. The motion, seconded by Mayor Richardson, passed unanimously.

C. RN22-010 – Requested the Board of Managers authorize and direct the District's Executive Director to submit a grant request for \$2,000,000 to Tarrant County Government. If approved, all proceeds will be utilized to contribute to the City of Fort Worth's initiative to install and bring online a new radio tower in Northwest Tarrant County.

Sherry Decker acknowledged that the District approved \$1 million years ago; however, the radio tower project funding failed. Rick Brunson stated the Regional Interoperable Communications Committee (RICC) has been working on this for two years, and if the tower is not built, the Interoperability Assistance Program is dead.

Rick Brunson motioned to endorse the application for \$2 million as long as it does not prevent the District from applying for funds for NG9-1-1. The motion, seconded by Mayor Richardson, passed unanimously.

ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

A. PSAP Assistance Presentation – Levi Larkin

In 2001, there was a surplus of funds due to AT&T not billing the District for Phase I wireless. As a result, \$1 million was provided for reimbursement to member entities on a one-time basis. The Emergency Communication Center (ECC) Assistance (created in 2010) and Interoperability Assistance (created in 2014) Programs originated on available funds (based on population). In 2021 expenditures – 46% non-Strikeforce approved items and 23% training/conferences – TC911 provides training. Recommendation to shelf the Assistance Programs until FY2025 to plan, implement, and evaluate reoccurring costs of NG9-1-1. Re-evaluate the availability of funds in 2025 and modify the programs.

Rick Brunson requested an evaluation of the Interoperability Assistance Program.

Chief Crowson stated the Board represents the cities and can only modify the program, not make a unilateral decision that changes the program's scope. Rick Brunson noted all of the Board's decisions are based on what is best for the District. The public hearing is in 90 days, and if individual cities think the Assistance Programs are more important than NG9-1-1, they can show up and state their concerns. Mr. Brunson stated no City representative other than Board members have appeared at a hearing to state why the funds are needed. Chief Crowson stated that was the way the Radio Assistance Program materialized, and Mr. Brunson stated he would respectfully disagree. Chief Davis stated that if the Assistance Programs are going to be put on hold, then the cities should have time to prepare for it, and it should not affect the current budget year. He also mentioned the need for a regionalization/consolidation study.

Aubry Insko motioned to review the Assistance Program funding for appropriate and inappropriate expenses and make necessary adjustments, and the amount of the assistance funds can be reviewed for the next fiscal year. The motion, seconded by Chief Steele, passed unanimously.

1. 2021 PSAP Assistance Expenditures
Aubry Insko requested a list of items purchased.

B. PSAP Assistance

1. P22-009 – Fort Worth PD Xybix PIC Remodel
Aubry Insko motioned to approve \$53,074.50 for the Fort Worth Police Department to remodel the Personal Information Center (PIC). The motion, seconded by Rick Brunson, passed 5-0-1. Chief Davis abstained from voting.
2. P22-015 – NRH CAD System Annual Maintenance
Aubry Insko motioned to approve \$57,296.00 for the North Richland Hills Police Department to pay for CAD system annual maintenance. The motion, seconded by Mayor Richardson, passed unanimously.
3. P22-021 – Euless Radio System Support
Aubry Insko motioned to approve \$43,013.90 for the Euless Police Department to pay for their portion of the Motorola Radio System cost. The motion, seconded by Mayor Richardson, passed unanimously.

C. Interoperability Assistance

1. NRH Dispatch/Consoles Maintenance
Aubry Insko motioned to approve \$47,274.94 for the North Richland Hills Police Department to pay for the annual Motorola dispatch/consoles service maintenance agreement. The motion, seconded by Chief Steele, passed unanimously.
2. Fort Worth PD P25 Radio Maintenance
Aubry Insko motioned to approve \$673,374.00 for the Fort Worth Police Department to pay for the P25 annual maintenance contract. The motion, seconded by Rick Brunson, passed 5-0-1. Chief Davis abstained from voting.
3. Haltom City PD Fort Worth Radio Access
Chief Steele motioned to approve \$32,872.00 for the Haltom City Police Department to pay for the Fort Worth Radio System access. The motion, seconded Aubry Insko, passed unanimously.

PURCHASE OVER \$50,000

- A. RN22-007 – Heads-Up Display for Medstar
Kevin Kleck reported Medstar is moving towards an automatic distribution and part of that is a reader board for \$51,318.57. Rick Brunson questioned the impact on operations for Medstar and asked what the benchmarks are today. They need benchmarks to compare it to in the future.
Rick Brunson motioned to postpone the \$51,318.57 request to purchase equipment needed for a Heads-Up Display until Medstar provides benchmarks. The motion, seconded by Mayor Richardson, passed unanimously.
- B. RN22-008 – 2022 Healthcare Benefits
HUB International representatives presented an overview of the 2022 medical coverage. Stephanie Lang stated there are no changes to the District's other healthcare coverage.
Rick Brunson motioned to approve the 2022 healthcare benefits for \$740,000. The motion, seconded by Aubry Insko, passed unanimously.

BRIEFINGS

Bill Paxton provided a legislative update regarding the upcoming elections and how they affect fee increases.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chief Crowson adjourned the meeting into Executive Session at 1:35 PM pursuant to Sections 551.071, 551.074, and 418.183(f) of the Texas Government Code.

RECONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chief Crowson reconvened the Regular Meeting in open session at 2:06 PM.

Rick Brunson motioned to authorize staff to cancel the previously approved 9-1-1 Telecommunicators event and renegotiate the band contract to mitigate the cost and authorize another effort budgeted at \$40,000 to show recognition to District Telecommunicators. The motion, seconded by Chief Steele, passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:08 PM.

Don Crowson
Chair

Robert Brooks
Secretary