MOBILE COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Minutes of May 11, 2023

Commissioners Attending:

Roy Hodge Glenn Hodge Chris McLean
Stephen Bowden

Staff Attending:

Charlie McNichol, Director
Hayley Clough, Recording Secretary
Kristi Stamnes, Operations Manager
Robert Jackson, Radio System Administrator
Jeffery Hartley, Attorney
Ashley Carlisle, Comptroller
Katrina Brewer, Communications Manager

The REGULAR board meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on May 11, 2023, at the Mobile County Communications Center.

Call to Order – Chairman R. Hodge called the meeting to order at 8:01 A.M.

Approval of Minutes – Commissioner McLean made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 13, 2023, meeting, seconded by Commissioner Bowden, all approved.

Treasurer Report – Commissioner McLean made a motion to approve the April claims list, seconded by Commissioner G. Hodge, all approved.

Commissioner McLean made a motion to approve the MCCD Budget-To-Actual, seconded by Commissioner G. Hodge, all approved.

Personnel – No Report

Planning – No Report

Communications – Director McNichol reported that some of the requests for resources were cancelled but the radio department is still deploying to Hydrofest.

Emergency Medical – No Report

Building/Configuration – Director McNichol informed the board that the property currently owned by the County Commission is a very viable property to build a new center on. We are currently waiting for FAA approval to construct a tower site there. If approved, we will continue to pursue it. The Director also reported on the warehouse project. If the property is approved by the FAA, there will be plenty of room to build the warehouse on that property, so the current warehouse project is on hold.

Board Attorney – No Report

Director – Director McNichol recommended that the board reclassify the 9-1-1 operators from grade 12 to grade 14. Not only will this give them a pay increase, but it will also properly classify them for what they do. The job requires more multitasking now than in the past due to advancements in technology. The cost to make this change would be roughly $55,000 for this fiscal year with an estimated annual cost of $130,000 going forward. Commissioner McLean made a motion to approve the reclassification, seconded by Commissioner Bowden, all approved.

Director McNichol presented to the board a payment to Stivers Ford Lincoln for a new vehicle for the radio department. Any amount over $50,000 must be presented to the board for approval. Commissioner McLean made a motion to approve the payment, seconded by Commissioner Bowden, all approved.

Director McNichol updated the board on his search for mental health resources for the operators. He is still looking for a company that offers help 24/7 and is geared specially towards first responders. If the right resource is found, it could be implemented county-wide. Commissioner McLean commented on how needed this is for our operators and encouraged the Director to continue the search.

Director McNichol congratulated Leslie Green for completing one year of service with MCCD. While Leslie was not present at the meeting, she will receive a service pin.

Old Business –No Report

New Business – Director McNichol informed the board that he and Ashley Carlisle have been speaking with financial institutions about investing some of our funds. There is currently a large balance in the operating account due to ongoing projects and the Director would like to take those funds and invest them for short periods of time to accrue interest. Interest rates are increasing right now, and it would be beneficial to invest. Commissioner Bowden made a motion to approve the research of investment options, seconded by Commissioner McLean, all approved.

Dirk Young with Mobile County EMS commended the MCCD technical team for their hard work on fixing some MDT issues and how diligently they worked to improve tracking functionality on their units.

Announcement – Next board meeting to be held June 8, 2023.

Adjournment – Commissioner McLean made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bowden, all approved. Meeting adjourned by 8:16 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

Roy Hodge, Chairman

Hayley Clough, Recording Secretary