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Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Blount County 911 Board

March 20, 2025

A Regular Meeting of the Blount County 911 Board was held on March 20, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at the Blount County 911 Center in Oneonta. An announcement of the meeting was posted on the board in the lobby of the Blount County 911 Center, Blount County Courthouse, Blount County 911 Facebook page and Alabama Secretary of State Website one week prior to the meeting.

Board Members Present: Charles Parsons, Brandon Horton, James Chapman, Mark Moon, Scott Payne, Bradley Harvey and Steve Pass.

Board Members Absent: None

Guests and Delegations Present:

Alex Smith (BCCD Attorney), Nick Lyles (CRI), Casey Hathcock (Chief Snead PD), M. Roberts (Assistant Chief Snead PD), Tim Kent (Snead Mayor), Clay Jones (Chief West Blount FD), Grant McGill (Firefighter West Blount), Tyler Seeshusen (Chief Oneonta FD), Charles Wilkinson (HRM CEO) and Candace Connell (HRM HR Consultant).

1. Call to Order

Chairman Brandon Horton called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. CT. Lori Goodwin recorded the minutes. A quorum of members was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: Mark Moon gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Brandon Horton.

- Motion was made by James Chapman to, "Set aside the rules and amend the agenda to add new a new business item."

Seconded by Scott Payne.

3. **Approval of the Minutes**

- Motion was made by Scott Payne to, "Approve the February 20th"

Seconded by Bradley Harvey.

Motion passed unanimously.

- Motion was made by Scott Payne to "Amend attorney present and approve the February 27th special session for HR minutes."

Seconded by Bradley Harvey.

Motion passed unanimously.

4. **Financial Report**

Nick Lyles from CRI presented the financial reports for February.

General discussion was held about the need to collect payments from the different municipalities.

- Motion was made by Steve Pass, to approve the financials for February.

Seconded by James Chapman.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. **Old Business**

- VHF Fire 1 Update

Director Walker stated the project is on hold for now. General discussion held.

- 24/25 Dispatch Contract Update/Payments

Director Walker summarized the update 24/25 Dispatch Contract Payments. James Chapman stated he will address further in the new business added to the agenda.

- Annual Review of Bylaws

Chairman Brandon Horton updated that the committee hoped to have recommendations next month.

- B&S Aerial Quote

Director Walker stated that he would like to table discussion pending the HRM assessment that should be completed within the next week or two.

- AAC Update

Tyler Seehusen gave update. General discussion was held about request moving away from 911 Board, clarifying language in contract and collection of Lifeguard penalties. Alex Smith stated he would like to set up a trust account and to remit payments from there to the fire association. Chairman asked that the attorney's letter sent to Gary Burns at Lifeguard be copied and sent to the Birmingham Regional Director.

6. **Board Member Request to add two additional FTE Telecommunicators**

Director Walker discussed currently being "under recommended staffing" and ask to hire 2 more FTE for a total of 18 FTE.

- Motion to table for a later date was made by Scott Payne.

Seconded by Chairman Brandon Horton.

Motion passed unanimously.

7. **Telestate County-Wide 2-way Radio Needs Assessment Report**

- Chairman Brandon Horton tabled for later date.

8. **Blount County Alabama 3 Year MA and SUA Agreement and 1 Year SUA Upgrade Agreement**

Chairman Brandon Horton gave updated status. General discussion held.

Tabled for new business.

9. **Office/HR Update**

Introduction of HRM staff, Charles Wilkinson, Candace Connell and Lori Goodwin. Candace Connell gave update on HR assessment and upcoming plans to make improvements.

- a) Policy 407 Appearance and Uniform

General discussion was held. Candace Connell recommended to table for a later date.

10. **Operations Manager Update**

Operations Manager Dalia Avila provided an update on Operations via PowerPoint Slideshow Presentation.

Admin Calls Inbound	4,912
Admin Calls Outbound	2,508
911 Calls Inbound	2,572
Calls for Service	5,048 / -7.35% decrease

11. **Motorola Update**

Alex Smith summarized the update and stated that the judge has been assigned . Ask to table for further discussion during the executive session.

12. **Amended Agenda – New Business**

James Chapman discussed the issue of using plain language. Suggested using a hybrid of minimal ALEA ten codes and plain language. Discussion of contractual agreements for Calls for Service. Director Walker was asked to research CAD and Southern Software capabilities.

- Motion was made by James Chapman “to make uniform use of minimal ALEA ten codes and plain language and present draft to Board for approval”.

Seconded by Mark Moon.

Motion passed unanimously.

13. **Executive Session**

- Motion was made by Scott Payne, to “go into Executive Session” at 10:47 a.m.

Seconded by Bradley Harvey.

Motion passed unanimously.

- Motion was made by Bradley Harvey to, “Exit executive session” at 11:35 a.m.

Seconded by James Chapman.

Motion passed unanimously.

14. **Additional Business**

- Mark Moon asked for clarification on February 20th meeting's additional business regarding missing files. Chairman Brandon Horton clarified.

- Motion was made by Bradley Harvey for “legal counsel to negotiate settlement with Motorola”.

Seconded by Scott Payne.

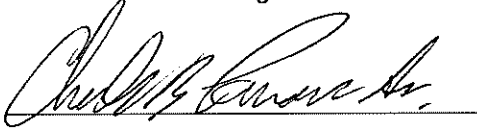
Motion passed unanimously.

- James Chapman asked Director Walker to generate a complaint form for user agency issues.
- Scott Payne asked for approval for Sky Ball Tower site to be cleaned up by Blount County Ham Group.
Discussion of need to repair fence and signs.
Chairman stated the board approval of clean up and need to look at fence repair.
- Director Walker discussed meeting with Cleveland Mayor and questioning trailer parked at BCCD.

15. **Adjourn**

With no public comments, a motion was made by Mark Moon and seconded by Bradley Harvey to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m. Motion passed unanimously.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 17, 2025, at 9:00 am at the Blount County 911 Center.



Chairman