



# BLOUNT COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT

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## Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Blount County Communications District Board

June 18, 2025

A Regular Meeting of the Blount County Communications District Board was held on June 18, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at the Blount County Communications District Center in Oneonta, AL. An announcement of the meeting was posted on the board in the lobby of the Blount County Communications District Center, Blount County Courthouse, Blount County Communications District Facebook page and Alabama Secretary of State Website one week prior to the meeting.

**Board Members Present:** Charles Parsons, Scott Payne, Bradley Harvey and Steve Pass, Tyler Seehusen, Clay Jones, Mark Moon

**Board Members Absent:** N/A

**Guests and Delegations Present:**

Alexander Smith (BCCD Attorney), Nick Lyles (CRI), Don Roybal (Director Blount EMA), David Morgan (Principal), David Horton (Deputy Director Blount EMA), Derrick Walker (Director BCCD), Daliagery Avila (Deputy Director BCCD), James Divis (Operations Manager), Kala Turney (Administrative Assistant), Mitch Hastings (Federal Trials Attorney with Alexander Smith)

**1. Call to Order**

Charles Parsons called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. CT. and Kala Turney 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 Charles Parsons.

### **3. Amended Agenda Items**

- ❖ Agenda items needing to be added for discussion.
  - Motion was made by Mark Moon "To amend the agenda to add in election for Chairman, Vice Chairman and Treasurer after financials section 4."
    - Seconded by Scott Payne,
    - Motion passed unanimously.
  - Motion was made by Tyler Seehusen too, "To add the Ambulance Advisory Committee report to the agenda".
    - Seconded by Scott Payne,
    - Motion passed unanimously.

### **4. Approval of Minutes**

- ❖ Minutes for meeting in May 2025.
  - Motion was made by Scott Payne, to approve meeting minutes.
    - Seconded by Bradley Harvey,
    - Motion passed unanimously.

### **5. Approval of the Financial Report**

- ❖ Nick Lyles from CRI presented the financial reports for June.
- ❖ CRI Update – 24/25 Outstanding Invoices
  - Susan Moore - \$3,196
  - Town of Blountsville - \$46,608
- Motion made by Clay Jones, to approve the financial report.
  - Seconded by Bradley Harvey,
  - Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion was made by Bradley Harvey, to move \$117,996.79 from the General Fund and into the Savings Depreciation account.
  - Seconded, by Clay Jones,
  - Motion passed unanimously.

### **6. Election of Officers**

- ❖ Board to elect Chairman, Vice Chairman and Treasurer.

- Motion was made by Mark Moon, "To elect Chuck Parsons as the Chairman."
  - Seconded by Tyler Seehusen,
  - Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion was made by Mark Moon, "To elect Scott Payne as the Vice Chairman."
  - Seconded by Clay Jones,
  - Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion was made by Mark Moon, "To elect Tyler Seehusen as the Treasurer."
  - Seconded by Bradley Harvey,
  - Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion was made by Mark Moon, "For Director Walker to update credit card information"
  - Seconded by Bradley Harvey,
  - Motion passed unanimously.

#### **7. Ambulance Advisory Committee**

- ❖ General discussion held.

#### **8. Old Business**

- ❖ Annual Review of Bylaws
  - General discussion held
  - Chairman Parson appointed a Bylaws committee of Scott Payne, Clay Jones, Scott Kon and Tyler Seehusen. The committee will provide a newly crafted bylaws document back to the Board in September for them to be reviewed and edited in October and voted on in November.

#### **9. PTO/Vacation Accruals**

- ❖ Director Walker provided the Board with a memorandum requesting an update to the vacation accruals.
  - Motion made by Scott Payne, to change the accruals for new employees after 6/18/2025 to be what exhibit B says of the memorandum.
    - Seconded by Clay Jones,
    - Motion passed unanimously.

#### **10. FY 24/25 Draft Budget Review**

- ❖ General discussion held.

- Motion made by Clay Jones, "For you (Executive Director Walker) disseminate the draft budget and we have a special call meeting after a two-hour break before next meeting on July 11, 2025."
  - Seconded by Scott Payne,
  - Motion passed unanimously.

#### **11. BCCD Communication Towers**

- ❖ General discussion held.
  - Motion was made by Bradley Harvey, "For you (Executive Director Walker) to change out all the locks"
    - Seconded by Tyler Seehusen,
    - Motion passed unanimously.

#### **12. Human Resources Update**

- ❖ Operations Manager Dalia Avila provided an update on staffing.
  - Current dispatch staffing is at 11 telecommunicators.
  - Four new employees start on Monday. Additional 2 for July 14<sup>th</sup>.

#### **13. Operations Update**

- ❖ No statistics provided.
  - Executive Director Walker introduced James Divis as our new Operations Manager.
  - Executive Director Walker introduced Kala Turney as our new Administrative Assistant.

#### **14. Additional Business**

- ❖ Executive Director Walker requesting approval of payment on Auxiliary Power System and MCA invoices.
  - Motion was made by Bradley Harvey, to approve payment for Auxiliary Power System and MCA invoices.
    - Seconded by Scott Payne,
    - Motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ Director Walker informed the Board of a power outage over the weekend that exposed reoccurring electrical concerns. After discussion, the Board requested Director Walker to obtain an estimate for repairs.

- ❖ LTE Carrier Selection Radio Device
  - Tabled until after Executive Session.

#### **15. Executive Session**

- ❖ Possible Litigations
- ❖ Discussion: Motorola; Name and Character.
  - Motion was made by Bradley Harvey, to begin the executive session at 11:07 am.
    - Seconded by Scott Payne,
    - Motion passed unanimously.
  - Motion was made by Bradley Harvey, to end the executive session at 1:55 pm.
    - Seconded by Tyler Seehusen,
    - Motion passed unanimously.

#### **16. Additional Business Continued**

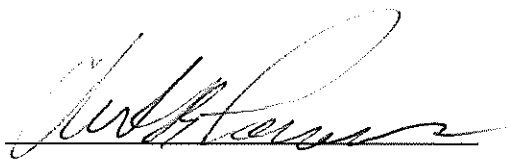
- Motion made by Scott Payne, "Ambulance Advisory Committee (AAC) along with Alex Smith meet with Lifeguard Ambulance to discuss contract violation in regard to response to the Comer Fire Department."
  - Seconded by Clay Jones.
  - Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion made by Clay Jones, "The Board authorizes Director Walker to respond with Randy Johnson on Motorola."
  - Seconded by Scott Payne
  - Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion made by Tyler Seehusen, "Moving forward the Chairman of the 911 Board signs off on any future ambulance provider contracts with input of the Board and ambulance committee."
  - Seconded by Bradley Harvey,
  - Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion made by Scott Pyane, giving Alexander Smith the authority to respond to the latest motion from Motorola.

- Seconded by Clay Jones,
- Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion made by Bradley Harvey, "Follow the recommendation of the of the county wide carrier communication committee to include Southern Linc."
  - Seconded by Mark Moon,
  - Motion passed unanimously.

**17. Adjourn**

- Motion made by Scott Payne, to adjourn board meeting at 2:05pm.
  - Seconded by Bradley Harvey,
  - Motion passed unanimously.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 11, 2025, at 9:00 am at the Blount County Communications District Center.



Chairman