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Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Blount County 911 Board

May 22, 2025

A Regular Meeting of the Blount County 911 Board was held on May 22, 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, James Chapman, Bradley Harvey, Mark Moon, Scott Payne, and Steve Pass.

Board Members Absent:

None

Guests and Delegations Present:

Tyler Seehusen (Chief Oneonta FD), Alex Smith (BCCD Attorney), Nick Lyles (CRI), Clay Jones (Blount County FEMSA Chairman), Ritesh Desai (Southern Linc Engineering Manager), Connie Stinnett (Southern Linc SR Marketing Sales Executive), Leslie Benton (Southern Linc PS Sales Manager), Scott Barrentine (Southern Linc Market Area Sales Manager), Peter Rogers, (FirstNet), Chad Trammell (Blount County Commissioner), Chase Moore (Blount County Commissioner), Allen Armstrong (Blount County Commissioner), Charles Wilkinson (HRM Director), Barbara Forrest (HRM SR HR Consultant), Scott Kon (HLPD Chief), M. Roberts (Snead PD Asst. Chief), Nick Washburn (Blount County Commissioner) and David Morgan (Shadow Telecommunications).

1. Call to Order

Interim Chairman Charles Parsons called the meeting to order at 9:03 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 Interim Chairman Charles Parsons.

3. Approval of the Minutes

- Motion was made by James Chapman to, "approve the April 17th minutes".

Seconded by Bradley Harvey.

Motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of the Financial Report

Nick Lyles from CRI presented the financial reports for April.

a) CRI Update – 24/25 Outstanding Invoices

General discussion was held.

- Motion was made by James Chapman, to "approve the financials for April".

Seconded by Scott Payne.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Catalyst Console – SouthernLinc/FirstNet

Director Walker summarized the 3 options presented. General discussion was held.

- Bradley Harvey made a motion to "go with Option A: \$284,619.63 along with monthly reoccurring SouthernLinc payment of \$372.00 and a one-time expenditure to FirstNet for \$7,500.00"; amended to "cover monthly subscription cost for 325 MCPTT device subscriptions for 1 year for agencies".

Seconded by James Chapman.

Roll call vote was held. James Chapman voted "yay", Bradley Harvey voted "yay", Mark Moon voted "yay", Scott Payne voted "yay", Steve Pass voted "yay" and Charles Parsons voted "yay" for a unanimous decision.

- James Chapman made a motion to "appoint a 3-member committee to choose the devices for all agencies: 1 person representing the Board, 1 representing Law Enforcement and 1 representing Fire Department".

Selected members are: Tyler Seehusen representing the Board, Clay Jones representing Fire Services and Scott Kon representing Law Enforcement.

Seconded by Scott Payne.

Motion passed unanimously.

6. Old Business

a) VHF Fire 1 Update

Director Walker gave an update. Requested remove from agenda.

b) Annual Review of Bylaws

Director Walker gave an update. Tabled for next month.

c) Televate County-Wide 2-way Radio Needs Assessment Report

Director Walker summarized the update, and the decision was made to remove from future agendas.

d) HVAC Replacement

Director Walker stated the system was replaced after obtaining the required 3 additional quotes:

- Motion was made by James Chapman "to pay the Houston's Heating & Cooling invoice \$22,600.00".

Seconded by Scott Payne.

Motion passed unanimously.

7. Organization Realignment and Pay Plan Update

Director Walker summarized the Approval to Restructure Org Chart/Administrative Positions and Salary

Revisions to the Exempt/Administrative Pay Scale Memorandum. General discussion was held.

Interim Chairman Charles Parsons asked to readdress at the end of the meeting during Additional Business.

8. VFIS Property/Casualty Insurance

Director Walker gave an update. General discussion was held.

- Bradley Harvey made a motion to "pay the \$52,600 invoice from VFIS".

Seconded by James Chapman.

Motion passed unanimously.

9. Human Resources Update

Operations Manager Dalia Avila gave an update on the current staffing numbers and hiring status. General discussion was held.

10. Operations Update

a) Call statistics

Operations Manager Dalia Avila provided an update on Operations via PowerPoint slideshow presentation. General discussion was held.

Admin Calls Inbound	5,559
Admin Calls Outbound	2,673
911 Calls Inbound	2,688
Calls for Service	6,191 / -8.36% decrease

11. Motorola Update

Tabled for discussion during Executive Session.

12. Executive Session

- Motion was made by Scott Payne, to "go into Executive Session" at 10:53 a.m.

Seconded by James Chapman.

Motion passed unanimously.

- Motion was made by Bradley Harvey to, "exit executive session" at 11:37 a.m.

Seconded by James Chapman.

Motion passed unanimously.

13. Additional Business

a) Readdress Organization Realignment and Pay Plan Update

- Bradley Harvey made a motion to "adopt the proposed realignment as presented within Memorandum with the exception of changing the Administrative Assistant pay to start at \$18.00 per hour instead of

\$15.00 per hour". Amended to "add the effective date of May 27, 2025."

Seconded by Scott Payne.

Motion passed unanimously.

b) Time Worked Memorandum

Director Walker summarized the Memorandum, stating the need for changes to the employee handbook.

- Scott Payne made the motion to "adopt the Memorandum to correct the employee handbook".

Seconded by Bradley Harvey.

Motion passed unanimously.

c) HRM Invoices

General discussion was held.

- Scott Payne made a motion to "approve payment of the 2 HRM invoices"; amended to "remove the travel expense".

Seconded by Bradley Harvey.

Motion passed unanimously.

d) A discussion was held to move the next board meeting due to the holiday.

14. Adjourn

With no public comments, a motion was made by Scott Payne and seconded by James Chapman to adjourn the meeting at 12:32 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

The next board meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at 9:00 am at the Blount County 911 Center.



Chairman