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Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Blount County 911 Board

February 20, 2025

A Regular Meeting of the Blount County 911 Board was held on February 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, Scott Payne, Bradley Harvey and Steve Pass.

Board Members Absent: Mark Moon

Guests and Delegations Present:

Alex Smith (BCCD Attorney), Casey Hathcock (Chief Snead PD), and Officer Jonathan Dempsey (Oneonta PD/Hayden PD)

1. **Call to Order**

Chairman Brandon Horton called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. CT. Dalia Avila 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: Charles Parsons gave the invocation.

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

3. **Approval of the Minutes**

- Motion was made by Bradley Harvey to, "Approve the January 16th"
- Seconded by Scott Payne.

Motion passed unanimously.

- Motion was made by Scott Payne to approve the February 7th special session for HR minutes.

Seconded by Bradley Harvey.

Motion passed unanimously.

4. Financial Report

CRI presented the financial reports for December.

- Motion was made by Scott Payne, to approve the financials for December.

Seconded by James Chapman.

Motion passed unanimously.

CRI presented the financial reports for January.

- Motion was made by Scott Payne, to approve the financials for January.

Seconded by Bradley Harvey.

Motion passed unanimously.

Director Walker requested a deposit of \$29,4319.93 for debt of SUV and maintenance agreement.

- Motion was made by James Chapman, to deposit the \$29,4319.93.

Seconded by Bradley Harvey.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Old Business

a) VHF Fire 1 Update

General discussion held.

b) 24/25 Dispatch Contract Update/Payments

Director Walker summarized the update 24/25 Dispatch Contract Payments.

- Motion was made by Bradley Harvey, to send a letter to all delinquent agencies.

Seconded by Scott Payne.

Motion passed unanimously.

c) Annual Review of Bylaws

General discussion was held to set up a committee.

d) B&S Aerial Quote

General discussion held.

- Motion was made by Bradley Harvey, to table the B&S Aerial Quote.

Seconded by Scott Payne.

Motion passed unanimously.

e) Personnel Review Committee Update

Discontinued.

f) Review of current policy and procedures, re-evaluation, and implementation Update

General discussion held.

6. **AAC Update**

General discussion held around Jon Head's resignation.

- Motion was made by Scott Payne Harvey to "accept Jon Head's resignation and the County Fire Association's nomination for replacement of Ryan Alexander to the AAC".

Seconded by James Chapman.

Motion passed unanimously.

7. **Office/HR Update**

Director Walker presented the staffing update of a new hire starting next week and at that point being fully staffed.

8. **Operations Manager Update**

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

Admin Calls Inbound	5,498
Admin Calls Outbound	2,110
911 Calls Inbound	2,422
Calls for Service	4,933 / -9.47% decrease

a) Agencies transferring administrative calls directly to Blount911

General discussion held and the Board supports Director Walker to initiate conversations with agencies.

b) Policy 407 Appearance and Uniform

- Motion was made by James Chapman, to approve the implementation of the first version of the policy upon approval by HRM.

Seconded by Scott Payne.

Motion passed unanimously.

c) MOU received from Montgomery State Fire Marshall

General discussion held and the Board asked Director Walker to reach to them as how they want to connect.

d) General discussion held on use of 10-codes after direction from the Board to go to plain language.

- Motion was made by Bradley Harvey, to have Attorney send a letter to all agencies on behalf of the Board for plain language use, as soon as possible.

Seconded by Scott Payne.

Motion passed by Charles Parsons, Brandon Horton, James Chapman, Scott Payne, and Bradley Harvey.

Abstained: Steve Pass

9. **Motorola Update**

General discussion held with no action taken.

10. **Executive Session**

- Motion was made by Scott Payne, to "go into Executive Session" at 11:07 a.m.

Seconded by James Chapman.

Motion passed unanimously.

- Motion was made by Bradley Harvey to, "Exit executive session" at 11:53 p.m.

Seconded by James Chapman.

Motion passed unanimously.

11. **Additional Business**

- Request by Chief Parson regarding how non-injury wrecks are dispatched when it's obvious or reported no one is hurt.
- Director Walker was directed by the Board to file a report saying the records were there and now they are missing. The next conversation would be to explain situation to the Sheriff and let him do a follow-up to see if they return.

12. Adjourn

With no public comments, a motion was made by Bradley Harvey and seconded by Scott Payne to adjourn the meeting at 12:11 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 20, 2025, at 9:00 am at the Blount County 911 Center.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Brandon Heston", is written over a horizontal line.

Chairman