



BLOUNT COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT

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

November 20, 2025

A Regular Meeting of the Blount County Communications District Board of Directors was held on November 20, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. CST 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, and the Alabama Secretary of State Website one week prior to the meeting.

Board Member Present: Charles Parsons (Chairman), Chief Scott Payne (Vice- Chairman), Tyler Seehusen (Secretary/Treasurer), Mark Moon, Steve Pass, Clay Jones, and Donnie Adams.

Board Members Absent: None.

Guests and Delegations Present: Derrick Walker (Executive Director), Daliagery Polinsky (Deputy Director), Alex Smith (Blount County Communications District Attorney), Benjamin Cain (911 Operations Manager), Nick Lyles (CRI Accountant), Sam Pearson (Highland Lake, Public Safety), Zoe Blair (WVTM 13 Reporter), Adam Watts (WVTM 13 Photographer), Gary Burns (Lifeguard Operations Manager), Ethan Gray (AmeriPro EMS Director), Robert Snyder (Lifeguard/GMR BP Director), Billy Irvin (Town of Blountsville Council Member), and Ryan Alexander (Ambulance Advisory Committee Member).

1) Call to Order

Chairman Charles Parsons called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and Daliagery Polinsky recorded the minutes. A quorum of members was present, and the meeting, having been fully convened, was ready to proceed with business.

2) Invocation and Pledge

- **Invocation:** Mark Moon said the Invocation.

- **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Charles Parsons.

3) Approval of the Minutes

- Motion, made by Scott Payne to approve the minutes. – October 16, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes and October 27, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes.
 - Seconded by Mark Moon.
 - Motion passed unanimously.

4) Approval of the Financial Reports

a CPA Nick Lyles gave full update on financial reports to the Board of Directors.

- Cash Summary
 - General Funds Balance: - \$51,523.64
 - Motorola Escrow Balance: \$194,710.21
 - Savings/Depreciation Balance: \$342,893.93
- Motion, made by Tyler Seehusen to “approve the Financial Report”.
 - Seconded by Scott Payne.
 - Motion passed unanimously.
- Executive Director Walker made a request to transfer \$35,056.02 from Savings/Depreciation #3311 to the General Fund #1798 for:
 - \$2,200.00 to cover the cost of a natural gas leak to Dallas Plumbing.
 - \$11,113.50 to cover the cost of a bad Control Station Combiner (Motorola Solutions)
 - \$4,148.00 to cover cost 800MHz antennas ran due to failure of Control Station Combiner.
 - \$17,594.52 to cover LGHIB BCBS Agency’s cost share health insurance increase.
- Motion, made by Steve Pass to” approve the transfer from Savings/Depreciation #3311 to the General Fund #1798:
 - \$2,200.00 to cover the cost of a natural gas leak to Dallas Plumbing.
 - \$11,113.50 to cover the cost of a bad Control Station Combiner (Motorola Solutions)

- \$4,148.00 to cover cost 800MHz antennas ran due to failure of Control Station Combiner.
- \$17,594.52 to cover LGHIB BCBS Agency's cost share health insurance increase.
- **Total Transfer \$35,056.02"**
- Seconded by Scott Payne.
- Motion passed unanimously.
- Executive Director Walker made a request to transfer \$156,715.92 from Motorola Escrow #3927 to the General Fund #1798 for:
 - \$30,600.00 to cover the cost of the refund of Motorola APX900 radios to the Town of Snead, Town of Highland Lakes, Town of Hayden, Town of Cleveland and Blount County EMA.
 - \$126,115.92 to cover the cost of one (1) year of Sothern Linc MCPTT service for 342 Sonim SP5+ radios devices.
- Motion, made by Scott Payne to "approve the transfer from Motorola Escrow #3927 to the General Fund #1798:
 - \$30,600.00 to cover the cost of the refund of Motorola APX900 radios to the Town of Snead, Town of Highland Lakes, Town of Hayden, Town of Cleveland and Blount County EMA.
 - \$126,115.92 to cover the cost of one (1) year of Sothern Linc MCPTT service for 342 Sonim SP5+ radios devices.
 - **Total Transfer \$156,715.92"**
 - Seconded by Tyler Seehusen.
 - General discussion held.
 - Motion passed unanimously.
- Executive Director Walker made a recommendation to:
 - amend the FY 25/26 budget to Telephone Expense (6010) for Southern Linc 342 MCPTT users totaling \$126,115.92 annually, and
 - amend the FY 25/26 budget to Health Insurance (5050) for LGHIB BCBS Agency Cost increase totaling \$17,594.52 annually.

- Motion, made by Steve Pass to “make a FY25/26 budget amendment to add:
 - 6010 Telephone Expense - Southern Linc 342 MCPTT users for \$126,115.92 annually.
 - 5050 Health Insurance - LGHIB BCBS Agency Cost increase of \$17,594.52 annually”.
 - Seconded by Scott Payne.
 - Motion passed unanimously.
- Executive Director Walker briefed the Board of Directors on the Blount County Commission’s request for radio devices.
- General discussion held.
- Motion, made by Scott Payne, to “provide Blount County Commission with five (5) years of Southern Linc MCPTT service for a total of 20 users and to include 20 Sonim SP5+ devices to fully satisfy Grant/Appropriation Agreement, dated October 27th, 2021, valued at \$412,800.00 provided to the BCCD by the Blount County Commission”; contingent upon Blount County Commission acceptance.
 - Seconded by Tyler Seehusen.
 - Motion passed unanimously.
- Executive Director Walker made a recommendation for a request to transfer \$95,300.33 into a Hometown Bank Certificate of Deposit (CD) for six (6) months term at 3.5% from the Motorola Escrow #3927.
- Motion, made by Scott Payne, to “move \$95,300.33 into a Hometown Bank Certificate of Deposit (CD) for six (6) months term at 3.5% from the Motorola Escrow #3927” – Authorized signers on account: Steve Pass, Charles Parsons, Tyler Seehusen, Clay Jones, and Mark Moon.
 - Seconded by Clay Jones.
 - Motion passed unanimously.
- Executive Director Walker made a request for approval of reimbursement for ten (10) APX900 radios to Town of Snead totaling \$9,000.00 USD.
- Motion, made by Scott Payne, to “approve reimbursement for ten (10) APX900 radios to Town of Snead totaling \$9,000.00”.
 - Seconded by Tyler Seehusen.
 - General discussion held.

- Motion passed unanimously.
- Executive Director Walker made a request for approval to pay invoices for:
 - a natural gas leak to Dallas Plumbing - \$2,200.00,
 - six additional antenna lines installed to Southern Linc - \$4,148.00, and
 - control station combiner Motorola Solutions Combiner - \$11,113.50.
- Motion, made by Scott Payne, to “approve
 - Dallas Plumbing invoice - \$2,200.00
 - Southern Linc invoice - \$4,148.00
 - Motorola Solutions Combiner Quote - \$11,113.50”.
 - Seconded by Clay Jones.
 - General discussion held.
 - Motion passed unanimously.

b Overdue/Past Due Invoices

Executive Director Walker provided an update to the Board of Directors.

- Blount County Commission FY 25/26 - \$154,423.51
- Blount County Commission PSAware FY25/26 - \$121.58
- Blount County Commission EMA PSAware FY25/26 - \$243.16
- Blountsville FY24/25 - \$46,608.76
- Blountsville FY25/26 - \$46,631.76
- Town of Highland Lake FY25/26 - \$2,620.27
- Town of Snead FY25/26 - \$42,863.99

General discussion held.

2) Old Business

a Pending HRM Invoices (May and June)

- Pending resolution from Attorney Alex Smith.

b Forensics Audit Quote

Executive Director Walker provided an update to the Board of Directors of no quotes in writing received to date.

c Warrants Management

Executive Director Walker provided an update to the Board of Directors of progress with continued need to work through the process and come to a resolution.

3) Countywide Ambulance RFP

Tyler Seehusen provided an update on the proposal submissions to the Board of Directors with a recommendation by the Ambulance Advisory Committee for AmeriPro with a two (2) year contract.

- Motion, made by Tyler Seehusen, to “accept AmeriPro’s proposal pending a final contract approval between AmeriPro and the Board for an ambulance contract for two years with the District”.
 - Seconded by Scott Payne.
 - General discussion held.
 - Motion passed unanimously.

4) CJIS Audio/Video smartphone devices

Scott Payne provided an overview of use of phones within dispatch and the CJIS requirements for security compliance.

- Motion, made by Scott Payne, to have “zero-tolerance for allowing dispatchers to having their cell phones” – with 90 days for implementation, approximately March 1, 2026.
 - Seconded by Clay Jones.
 - General discussion held.
 - Motion passed unanimously.

5) Executive Session

- Motion made by Tyler Seehusen, to “go into Executive Session” at 9:44 a.m. – for Board Members and the Director only.
 - Seconded by Mark Moon.
 - Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion made by Mark Moon, to “come out of Executive Session” at 10:23 a.m.
 - Seconded by Tyler Seehusen.
 - Motion passed unanimously.

a Contract negotiation and Name and Character.

6) Legal Counsel

Executive Director Walker made a recommendation to enter into an annually retainer with Whitney Eiland.

- Motion, made by Mark Moon, to enter into an annually retainer with Whitney Eiland starting December 1st, to allow for a 30 day transition.
 - Seconded by Clay Jones.
 - Motion passed unanimously.

7) Executive Director Updates

a Staffing Levels

Certified Dispatchers	14
Trainees	2
Offers Made	0

b GIS/Addressing:

New Address Request last month	28
Address Verifications last month	14

c Calls for Services:

Admin Calls TOTAL YTD +/-	- 4.13%
911 Calls TOTAL YTD +/-	- 0.03%
CFS TOTAL YTD +/-	- 7.56%

d Operations

- Executive Director Walker provided an update on the transition coder with two options and recommendation to revert to FDMA as the safer option.
- Executive Director Walker provided an update on the Catalyst Consoles being fully installed and working through some minor tweaks. The feedback from user agencies is positive.

8) Additional Business

- Town of Blountsville
Council Member Billy Irvin provided an update on the new council taking over on November 3, 2025 with the 911 debt for FY 24/25 and FY 25/26 being on their list.
- Board Member Resignation

- Scott Payne submitted his letter of resignation to the Board of Directors and expressed his appreciation for everybody and what they have done on the radio system.
- General discussion held.

9) Adjourn

- Motion, made by Mark Moon, "to adjourn the meeting" at 10:38 a.m. CST.
 - Seconded by Scott Payne.
 - Motion passed unanimously.



Chairman Charles Parsons

12-18-25

Date