



BLOUNT COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT

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

September 18, 2025

A Regular Meeting of the Blount County Communications District Board of Directors was held on September 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, and the Alabama Secretary of State Website one week prior to the meeting.

Board Member Present: Chairman Charles Parsons, Chief Scott Payne, Chief Steve Pass, Sheriff Mark Moon, Donnie Adams, Chief Clay Jones, Donnie Adams (Councilman)

Board Members Absent: Chief Tyler Seehusen

Guests and Delegations Present: Derrick Walker (Executive Director), James Divis (Ops Manager), Kala Turney (Administrative Assistant), Alex Smith (Blount County Communications District Attorney), Chief James Chapmen (Hayden PD Chief), Commissioner Bradley Harvey, Billy Irvin (Blountsville Councilman), Gary Burns (Ops Manager Lifeguard), Robert Syden (GMR AMR), Tim Fryes Senior (Ricetown Assistant Chief Fire Department), Tim Fryes Jr. (Ricetown Chief Fire Department), Shane Wilson (MHVFD)

1) **Call to Order**

- Chairman Charles Parsons called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. CT. and Kala Turney 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:** Sheriff Mark Moon said the Invocation.
- **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Charles Parsons.

3) Approval of the Minutes

- Motion, made by Chief Scott Payne “Approve the minutes.” – August 21, 2025 Meeting Minutes.
 - Seconded by Chief Clay Jones
 - Motion passed unanimously.

4) Approval of the Financial Reports

- a Executive Director Walker gave full update on financial report.
- b CRI Update – FY 24/25 Unpaid Invoices
 - Outstanding Town of Blountsville 10/01/24: \$46,608.76
 - Outstanding invoice for Lifeguard LTE PTT: \$408.00
- c Cash Summary
 - General Funds Balance: \$213,454.52
 - Motorola Escrow Balance: \$587,290.86
 - Savings/Depreciation Balance: \$765,964.18
- Motion, made by Chief Scott Payne “we approve” - Financial Report for FY 24/25.
 - Seconded by Chief Steve Pass.
 - Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion made by Chief Clay Jones “to amend the agenda to add in a budget discussion and a possible budget amendment.”

- Seconded by Chief Steve Pass.
- Motion passed unanimously.
- General discussion held.
- Motion made by Chief Clay Jones “to reduce the FTE from 18 to 16” – For the 25/26 FY approved budget.
 - Seconded by Sheriff Mark Moon.
 - General discussion held.
 - Motion passed unanimously.

5) Old Business

a Countywide Ambulance RFP.

- Motion, made by Chief Clay Jones “move the ambulance contract to executive session.”
 - Motion failed.

b Director Employment Contract Agreement

- Motion, made by Sheriff Mark Moon “move to post executive session.”
 - Seconded by Chief Scott Payne.
 - Motion passed unanimously.

c Pending HRM Invoices (May and June)

- Pending resolution from Attorney Alex Smith.

6) Approval of Invoices

a Gilchrist Electrical Invoice

- Motion, made by Chief Scott Payne “to pay it” \$6,310.00.

- Seconded by Chief Clay Jones.

- Motion passed unanimously.

b Alex Smith September Retainer Fees

c Alex Smith Countywide Ambulance RFP Legal Fees

d Alex Smith Motorola Lawsuit Close Out

- Motion, made by Chief Clay Jones “to approve legal fees b, c and d” -Motorola
Close Out Invoice \$9,337.50; Countywide Ambulance RFP \$2,756.25;
September Retainer Fee \$2,000.

- Seconded by Sheriff Mark Moon.

- Motion passed unanimously.

7) BC Fire Dispatch – VHF 2 Tone Alerting

- Tim Fryes Chief Ricetown FD speaking on the matter.
- General Discussion Held.

8) Executive Director Updates

a Staffing Levels

- Certified Dispatchers: 11
- Trainees: 3
- Offers Made: 1

b GIS/Addressing:

- New Address Request last month: 27
- Address Verifications last month: 23

c Calls for Services:

- Admin Calls TOTAL YTD +/-: -1%
- 911 Calls TOTAL YTD +/-: -4.77%
- CFS TOTAL YTD +/-: -10.63%

d Southern Linc/ Catalyst Consoles

9) Motorola Update

- General Discussion Held.
- Motion made by Chief Clay Jones, “to purchase lapel mics for law enforcement as requested and do as you see fit” - Not to exceed 149 total.
 - Seconded by Sheriff Mark Moon.
 - Motion passed unanimously.

10) Executive Session

- a Contract negotiation and Name and Character.
- b Ambulance Contract and Employment Contract for Executive Director Walker.
 - Motion made by Chief Clay Jones “to include Alex Smith and Brandley Harvey for part of the item 5a and 5b.”
 - Seconded by Chief Scott Payne.
 - Motion passed unanimously.
 - Motion made by Sheriff Mark Moon “to start Executive Session at 10:30 AM”
 - Seconded by Chief Scott Payne.
 - Motion passed unanimously.
 - Motion made by Chief Scott Payne “to end Executive Session at 12:51 pm”
 - Seconded by Chief Clay Jones

- Motion passed unanimously.

11) Additional Business

a General Discussion Held.

- Motion made by Chief Clay Jones “I motion to give Tyler Seehusen the authority to negotiate the subsidize with the four ambulance companies that responded to the RFP”
 - Seconded by Chief Scott Payne
 - Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion made by Scott Payne “table the contract for executive director until the special call meeting.” – To execute final contract.
 - Seconded by Chief Clay Jones
 - Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion made by Chief Clay Jones “to start live streaming the Board meetings”
 - Seconded by Chief Scott Payne.
 - General discussion held.
 - Vote: 0 Ya Votes and 6 Na Votes.
 - Motion failed.
- General discussion held.
- Motion made by Chief Scott Payne “to dispone running warrants as of 12/31/2025 at midnight” – Removing the agency from all warrant work including warrant entry, validations, maintenance, and monitoring at the Blount County Communications District.

- Seconded by Chief Clay Jones.
- Motion passed unanimously.
- Sheriff Mark Moon abstained.
- Motion made by Chief Scott Payne “that the board authorize the board attorney to the Town of Blountsville that they need to make up there passed due debts or they will be cut off by 10/15/2025.”
 - Seconded by Chief Clay Jones.
 - Motion passed unanimously.

12) Adjourn

- Motion, made by Chief Scott Payne “to adjourn meeting at 1:59 pm.”
 - Seconded by Chief Clay Jones.
 - Motion passed unanimously.

 9-16-25

Chairman Charles Parsons

Date