



BLOUNT COUNTY 911

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Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Blount County 911 Board

October 22, 2024

A Regular Meeting of the Blount County 911 Board was held on October 22, 2024, 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, Steve Pass, Commissioner Bradley Harvey, Sheriff Mark Moon

Board Members Absent:

Guests and Delegations Present:

Derrick Walker (Director), Amanda Connell (Admin), Alex Smith (BCCD Attorney), Mitchell Hastings (Attorney), Matt Taylor (CRI), Scott Kon (Highland Lake), Sam Pearson (Highland Lake), Lindsey Hyde (City of Blountsville), Danny Baker (City of Blountsville), Shane Best (City of Blountsville), Ray Baxley (Blountsville Council Member), Gary Burns (Lifeguard)

1. Call to Order

Chairman Brandon Horton called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Amanda Connell 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: Sheriff Mark Moon 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 Scott Payne to, "Approve."
- Seconded by Commissioner Bradley Harvey.
- Motion passed unanimously.

4. August Financial Report

- General Discussion Held.
- Matt Taylor from CRI gave a brief overview of the September Financials.
 - Closing Balances as of September 30, 2024.
 - General Fund - \$477,051.99
 - Cash on Hand, minus Grant Money - \$270,518.14
 - Motorola Escrow - \$285,522.21
 - Savings/Depreciation - \$355,418.12
- Motion was made by Scott Payne, "Approve the September Financial Statement".
- Seconded by James Chapman.
- Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion was made by Commissioner Bradley Harvey to, "Move \$115,886.29 from the General Fund Cash to Savings Depreciation."
- Seconded by Scott Payne.
- Motion passed unanimously.

5. Old Business

- Cost of Living Raise
 - Motion made by James Chapman to, "Give a cost-of-living increase of 3% starting January 1, 2025."
 - Seconded by Commissioner Bradley Harvey.
 - Motion passed unanimously.
- FirstNet LTE Communication Option
 - General Discussion Held.
 - Gary Burns with Lifeguard spoke on his and his crew's usage of FirstNet radios and the success they are having with the radio usage.

- Address Request Online Payment
 - General Discussion Held.
 - Amanda explained it would be a monthly fee of \$17.49 and a one-time fee of approximately \$225.00 (\$75/hour) to have address requests moved online with the help of DataCrumbs.
 - Chairman Brandon Horton made a recommendation for the legal team to research to confirm a fee can be charge and bring it back to the board to establish a set fee.
- PSAAware Licenses Decision
 - General Discussion Held.
 - Motion made by Commissioner Bradley Harvey to, "Invoice users with 30-day grace period for payment."
 - Seconded by Scott Payne.
 - Motion passed unanimously.

6. Election of Officers

- Secretary/Treasurer
 - Motion made by James Chapman to, "Nominate Commissioner Bradley Harvey."
 - Seconded by Scott Payne.
 - Motion passed unanimously.
- Vice-Chairman
 - Motion made by Scott Payne to, "Nominate Charles Parsons."
 - Seconded by Steve Pass.
 - Motion passed unanimously.
- Chairman
 - Motion made by James Chapman to, "Nominate Brandon Horton."
 - Seconded by Scott Payne.
 - Motion pass unanimously.

7. 24/25 Legal Services Retainer Agreement

- General Discussion Held.
- Table until next scheduled board meeting.

8. 24/25 City of Oneonta Dispatch Agreement

- General Discussion Held.
- Motion made by James Chapman to, "Allow amended contract for bi-annual payments October 31, 2024, and February 28, 2025."
- Seconded by Commissioner Bradley Harvey.
- Motion passed unanimously.

9. Town of Blountsville

- General Discussion Held.

10. 24/25 Dispatch Contract Update/Payments

- General Discussion Held.
- Town of Cleveland and City of Hayden have returned fully executed contracts and full payments for FY 24/25.

11. Quote for Light Package (Ford Explorer)

- General Discussion Held.
- Motion made by Chairman Brandon Horton to "Table."

12. Office/HR Update

- Amanda provided a recruiting update via Slideshow.
 - Dispatcher Trainee
 - 0 Dispatcher Trainee Applications Received
 - 1 CritiCall Tests Scheduled
 - 4 Interviews Scheduled
 - 0 Offers Made
 - Operations Manager
 - 1 Application Received
 - 0 Interviews Scheduled
 - 0 Offers Made

13. Operations Manager Update

- Amanda provided an update on Operations via Slideshow.
 - Admin Calls Inbound – 5,003

- Admin Calls Outbound- 2,672
- 911 Calls Inbound- 2,185
- Total Phone Traffic- 10,490
- Total Calls for Service- 6,422 / 12% Increase

14. Motorola Pending Litigation

- Discussed in Executive Session.

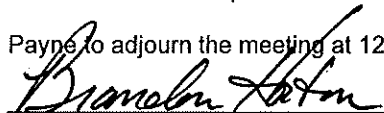
15. Executive Session

- Motion made by Scott Payne to "enter Executive Session" at 10:54 a.m.
- Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bradley Harvey.
- Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion made by Scott Payne to "exit executive session" at 11:27 am.
- Motion seconded by James Chapman.
- Motion passed unanimously.

16. Additional Business

- Motion made by Scott Payne to, "Authorize Mitch Hastings and attorneys to enter into mediation with Motorola."
- Seconded by Commissioner Bradley Harvey.
- Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion made by Commissioner Bradley Harvey to "Authorize expenditure of \$15,500 for VHF reprogram."
- Seconded by James Chapman.
- Motion passed unanimously.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 9:00 am at the Blount County 911 Center. With no public comments, a motion was made by James Chapman and seconded by Scott Payne to adjourn the meeting at 12:27 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.



Chairman