



# BLOUNT COUNTY 911

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## Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Blount County 911 Board

September 19, 2024

A Regular Meeting of the Blount County 911 Board was held on September 19, 2024, at 1:00 p.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 (by telephone), Steve Pass, Commissioner Bradley Harvey, Sheriff Mark Moon

### **Board Members Absent:**

### **Guests and Delegations Present:**

Derrick Walker (Director), Paige Jagneau (Admin), Amanda Connell (Admin), Allison Hunter (Interim Operations Manager), Alex Smith (BCCD Attorney), Matt Taylor (CRI), Jonathan Dempsey (Oneonta PD Officer), Randy Underwood (FOP President)

### **1. Call to Order**

Chairman Brandon Horton called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.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 Commissioner Bradley Harvey to, "Approve."
- Seconded by James Chapman.
- Motion passed unanimously.

### **4. August Financial Report**

- General Discussion Held.
- Matt Taylor from CRI gave a brief overview of the August Financials.
  - Closing Balances as of August 31, 2024.
    - General Fund - \$365,476.69
      - Cash on Hand, minus Grant Money - \$158,106
    - Motorola Escrow - \$285,086.38
    - Savings/Depreciation - \$353,551.72
- Director Walker discussed we are currently over our \$30,000 cap of legal fees. Amanda discussed the following:
  - We are holding \$7,946.39 in bills to Alex Smith
  - \$5,302.64 is for Motorola.
- Motion was made by Chairman Brandon Horton to, "Pay the pending bills and any excess expenses to September 30."
- Seconded by James Chapman.
- Motion passed unanimously.
- Director Walker discussed a possible COLA for dispatch employees out of the estimated carryover cash of \$134,204.09. A 3% COLA would be roughly \$35,000 of the estimated carryover cash. COLA was tabled to be considered later in meeting.
- Motion was made by Commissioner Bradley Harvey to, "Approve the August Financial Statement".
- Seconded by Steve Pass.
- Motion passed unanimously.

## **5. Old Business**

- FirstNet LTE Communication Option
  - Commissioner Bradley Harvey asked for this to be moved right behind the Executive Session.

## **6. Blount County 911 VHF Systems Discussion**

- General Discussion Held.
- Director Walker explained to the Board that much of the VHF equipment being used is very old and no longer supported by the manufacture. As such, the equipment is beginning to fail and need to be updated/replaced if it is going to be continued to be used for dispatching. Director Walker asked if the Board is interested in him researching a cost to update the Fire 1 and Tac 1 VHF channels.
- No action taken. The Board and Commissioner Bradley Harvey asked Director Walker to find out time, dates and money/cost and come back.

## **7. 24/25 Dispatch Service Contract Update**

- Director Walker advised that currently the City of Hayden has returned their contract, fully signed, and executed. Paige discussed the following:
  - City of Oneonta - Finance is waiting on their budget to pass on Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and will sign and send the contract by Wednesday.
  - Town of Cleveland - will get with admin and call back.
  - Blountsville Town - Clerk is going to check with the chief and call back.
  - County Commission - voicemail was left for County Commissioner.
  - Town of Snead – left voicemail.
  - Susan Moore - Town Clerk stated she gave a changed/edited draft contract to a board member, but she is unaware of who.

## **8. Address Request Online Payment**

- Director Walker requested this to be tabled.

## **9. PSAware License Decision**

- General Discussion Held.
- No decision made.

## **10. Office/HR Update**

- Amanda provided a recruiting update via Slideshow.

- 6 Dispatcher Trainee Applications Received
- 4 CritiCall Tests Scheduled
- 5 Interviews Scheduled
- 1 Offer Made

#### **11. Operations Manager Update**

- Amanda provided an update on Operations via Slideshow.
  - Admin Calls Inbound – 6,255
  - Admin Calls Outbound- 3,123
  - 911 Calls Inbound- 3,188
  - Total Phone Traffic- 12,566
  - Total Calls for Service- 6,135 / 10.88% Increase

#### **12. Motorola Pending Litigation**

- Discussed in Executive Session.

#### **13. Executive Session**

- Motion made by Charles Parsons to “enter Executive Session” at 2:32 PM.
- Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bradley Harvey.
- Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion made by Sheriff Mark Moon to “exit executive session” at 3:07 PM.
- Motion seconded by Steve Pass.
- Motion passed unanimously.

#### **14. 24/25 FY General Counsel Retainer Discussion**

- General Discussion Held.
- Board requested the current legal service work with Director Walker and submit a contract for 24/25 as a retainer for services by the Oct meeting for consideration by the Board.
- No action taken.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 17, 2024, at 9:00 am at the Blount County 911 Center. With no public comments, a motion was made by Commissioner Bradley Harvey and seconded by Charles Parson to adjourn the meeting at 3:36 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

*Brandon Hartm*

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Chairman