

MINUTES FOR BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE BRAZOS COUNTY
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT (9-1-1)
THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2016, AT 11:30 A.M.
BRAZOS COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
101 REGENT AVENUE, SUITE 300, BRYAN, TEXAS

Call to order.

Meeting was called to order at 11:30 am with the following members present:

Lloyd Wassermann
Sammy Catalena
Eric Buske
Eric Hurt

Others in attendance:

Chief Randy McGregor, Bryan Fire Department
Chief Chuck Fleegeer, College Station Police Department
Deputy John Pollock, Brazos County Sheriff's Office
Patrick Corley, 9-1-1 District
Laura Blackburn, 9-1-1 District
Greta Norton, 9-1-1 District
Kris Fox, 9-1-1 District
Kathi Koppenhaver, 9-1-1 District

1. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held March 17, 2016.

Minutes were approved on motion and second from Commissioner Catalena and Chief Hurt, respectively.

2. Discussion / Action FY 2016 Investment report.

A TexPool summary report was presented with monthly interest accrual increasing over earlier budget predictions. Chief Buske moved to accept the report with a second from Commissioner Catalena. Motion carried.

3. Discussion / Action on FY 2017 preliminary budget.

Mr. Corley presented the preliminary budget along with the statistics used to support the methodology for splitting the costs between entities. A three year average was used so that situational spikes are not skewing the numbers. He also explained the full inclusion of Blinn this year which will affect the numbers for both the City and the County. Chief Buske questioned Blinn's buy in to this plan and Mr. Corley noted that he had met with them several times with further meetings in the works.

There was also some discussion on the new Emergency Fire Dispatch protocol budgeted for FY 2017 and cost shared between the City and County. Mr. Corley asked for approval to proceed with presenting this budget to the City of Bryan, Brazos County and Blinn. Approval was granted on motion and second from Chief Buske and Chief Hurt, respectively.

4. Discussion / Action on the implementation of 9-1-1 Texting.

Texting is moving forward but with the acquisition of Verizon by Frontier, the process is moving slower than anticipated. The text control center contract has been signed and the software is scheduled to be upgraded. Airbus is in the process of re-engineering the 9-1-1 hardware to accommodate texting. Mr. Corley will continue to update the Board on the progress.

5. Discussion / Action on Director's Report of Expenditures for March and April 2016.

The expenditure reports were approved on motion and second from Commissioner Catalena and Chief Hurt, respectively.

6. Director's report and Board concerns including a discussion of current staffing levels, MLTS Direct Access Bill (Kari's Law), 9-1-1 smart phone applications and the District Depository contract.

Mr. Corley reported that the current staff numbers are three over the budgeted number however the new hires should be completing training around the same time as several anticipated openings occur. The MLTS direct access regulations are being implemented with a link on the District's website for information and a universal waiver form for businesses to use if necessary. Mr. Corley also reminded the Board that the District is required to go through the Bank Depository Bid process every two years and will be reporting the results to the Board at the July meeting.

7. Hear public comments.

Mr. Corley took the opportunity to congratulate Chief Hurt on his impending retirement and reminded him that his appointment to the 9-1-1 Board is not attached to his tenure as College Station Fire Chief and he could finish out his term through December 2016.

8. Adjournment.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:25 pm.

Lloyd Wassermann
Chairman

ATTEST:

Greta Norton
Recording Secretary