

Robertson County Emergency Communications District

Board Minutes – June 25, 2013

2013-06-01 Call to Order

Roll Call

Board Members Present: R.L. Douglas, Ron Gallagher, Russell Gupton, Bill Holt, Gwen Martin, Kathy Spears, David Thompson.

Board Members Absent: Bruce Dean, Nancy Johnson, excused

Others Present: Joe Palmer, Michael Van Dyke, Jerry Herman, Pat Brady, Kelly Long, Rachel Tomlin, Lee Ann Smith, Jimmy Hamill, Elvis Wilson, Paul Nutting, Jason Pentecost, Clyde Richert arrived at 9:07 a.m.....

2013-06-02 Review Meeting Agenda

2013-06-03 Welcome Visitors

2013-06-04 Minutes

The minutes for June 12, 2013 were presented to be reviewed. Motion was made by Russell Gupton to accept the minutes as read. Motion seconded by Gwen Martin.

Roll Call Vote: (7) Yes (2) Absent (1) Excused

2013-06-05 Reports from Committees

Kathy Spears observing that Clyde was not here at this time to give a summary of all the past meetings. David Thompson asked if he could summarize up the past meetings. Kathy Spears asked David Thompson to go right ahead. David Thompson gave a summary to the 911 Board. Clyde Richert arrived at 9:07 a.m. David Thompson asked Clyde for any corrections that might need to be made to his summary. Paul Nutting stated that a communications agreement, and the hiring of the new 911 Director for the 911 Center must be in place before the City of Springfield and City of White House dispatchers come under the 911 District. Kathy Spears mentioned that the summarizations brought a lot of major points to be discussed this morning. Kathy mentioned that the county commission voted to give the 911 District \$130,000.00 to help with dispatcher salaries and benefits. Kathy Spears asked Cathy Lowe to give a update to the board on some of the insurance questions that had been asked at the last 911 board meeting. Cathy Lowe reported that the city insurance will cut off as of June 30, 2013 and the county insurance will pick up July 01, 2013. The dispatchers will receive their payroll stub on Friday instead of Wednesday. The first check they receive will only have insurance deductions. Finance Director, Jody Stewart left a message with the County's Payroll Consultant, after it was suggested by the county's budget committee to see if she could help with Job Description for the new RCECD-911 Director position. Jody received an e-mail from her stating that she would be available to work on this around August 2013. Jody also stated that her fee was \$300.00 an hour. She would charge us the same as she charged the county government, a rate of \$150.00 an hour.

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Bill Holt made the motion to have Clyde Richert get in touch with Pam Bagwell to help with the process of the 911 Director's job description and the fees would not exceed \$1,000.00. The motion was seconded by David Thompson.

Roll Call Vote: (7) Yes (2) Absent (1) Excused (Nancy Johnson)

Bill Holt stated that since the split has taken place with the cities and the county, and since the county dispatchers are now under the RCECD 911- District, he would like to make the motion, Jason Pentecost as temporary acting Director over the county and to oversee the building and all PSAP equipment, and to compensate him with \$1,000.00 a month, just as the 911 Board did for Elvis Wilson over the past (2) years. Motion was second by Gwen Martin.

Discussion: by David Thompson, I feel we need to continue with Elvis Wilson supervising the cities of Springfield and White House and Jason Pentecost supervise the county. We are working presently on getting the job descriptions for the Director's position.

Bill Holt stated a short summary of how the county commission was going to adopt the funding formula next year and also pay for all the other entities involved. It does not make any difference where money is coming from as long as the formula is followed. This was agreed on by David Thompson and Paul Nutting as well. **Jerry Herman** stated that he was not opposed to the county paying the portion for all other entities, but that some of the larger cities could pay their portion or even that the county should pay the entire dispatchers cost including Springfield and White House.

Paul Nutting recommended that Elvis stay where he is for the remainder of his time before retiring.

Discussion: **David Thompson** stated he would speak on Elvis Wilson's behalf. He has done a great job in this position as Director for the past 3 years. I feel we need to keep everything doing the same until the new director is hired. **R.L. Douglas** spoke and asked why would we get rid of Elvis and put Jason in his place. **Kathy Spears** explained that Elvis is a city employee, and Jason now is a 911 District employee.

Kathy Spears asked if anymore discussion. Kathy asked for a roll call vote for the motion and a second.

Roll Call Vote: (5) Yes (2) No (2) Absent (1) Excused (Nancy Johnson)

David Thompson suggested that MTAS & CTAS be involved with the hiring process of the new director. Motion was made by David Thompson to authorize Clyde Richert, Atty. to contact CTAS & MTAS to see if they could assist with the hiring of the new Director's position. Motion was seconded by Bill Holt.

Roll Call Vote: (7) Yes (2) Absent (1) Excused (Nancy Johnson)

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David Thompson also mentioned that we needed to get started with the Communications Agreement (language) and get brought before the RCECD-911 Board. Motion was seconded by Bill Holt.

Roll Call Vote: (7) Yes (2) Absent (1) Excused (Nancy Johnson)

David Thompson presenting the cost of separating the phone lines for all departments. Elvis Wilson, Jason Pentecost and David Thompson had met and discussed on how this could be done. David Thompson stated that the 615.384.4911 would be answered by the county. The cell phone calls would go to the city lines. The approximate cost to do this would be around \$4,500.00. Motion was made by David Thompson to have the 911 Board pay the separation cost of \$4,500.00. Motion was seconded by Russell Gupton.

Roll Call Vote: (7) Yes (2) Absent (1) Excused (Nancy Johnson)

2013-06-06 Old Business
N/A

2013-06-07 New Business
N/A

Kathy Spear asked if there were any questions about any business discussed here today. Joe Palmer, White House Fire Chief asked about the cell towers being triangular how is going to affect the White House towers. Jason Pentecost spoke concerning the fact that we have not had any updates from Sumner since 2011. Joe Palmer stated all calls go to Sumner first. It is an ESN issue. Sumner Co. will not give us the ESN for the Sumner portion of the City of White House. Jerry Herman spoke that we have tried and the City would not approve to give up the ESN. Bill Holt suggested getting Homeland Security involved in this issue.

Jerry Herman thanked all the people involved in getting all the dispatcher issues on the right course.

Kathy Spears asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn by Gwen Martin. Motion seconded by Russell Gupton.....

Gwen Martin, Secretary

Kathy Spears, Chairman

Cathy C. Lowe, 911- Coordinator