

CMRSB Minutes
October 19, 2022

PRESENT:

MELISSA BRYANT
JENNIFER KNIGHT
TREBIA RODGERS
THOMAS GANDY
PATSY BOYD

SOUTHERN COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
GRENADA COUNTY, E-911 DIRECTOR
INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVE
AT LARGE

NOT PRESENT:

LEE MCDIVITT
PAUL MOSLEY
MARK RIGNEY

LAW ENFORCEMENT
MS ASSOCIATION OF SUPERVISORS
INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVE

VISITORS:

EDWARD WIGGINS
EMILY CARPENTER
STEFANIE GRANT
JENNIFER DOWNS

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE
HORNE, LLP
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SR. ACCOUNT EXEC – AT&T – 911 APP SPECIALIST
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The meeting was called to order by Melissa Bryant at 10:03 A.M. All quorum members were present at HORNE, LLP and via Zoom teleconference.

The Board reviewed minutes of the September 21, 2022, meeting. A motion to accept the September 2022 minutes was made by Jennifer Knight & seconded by Trebia Rodgers. The motion passed unanimously.

Emily Carpenter presented HORNE's financial reports for the month of September 2022. A total of \$354,884.46 in invoices and expenses was emailed and approved for payment. Melissa Bryant submitted a travel reimbursement in the amount of \$474.50. Paul Mosley submitted a travel reimbursement in the amount of \$2,756.02. And Jennifer Knight submitted a travel reimbursement in the amount of \$328.75. Thomas Gandy asked about the status of investing additional funds in area banks. Lee McDivitt has a contact at Bank of Yazoo and will reach out to them. HORNE does not have a contact at Community Bank, but we will research other area banks and report at the November meeting. A motion to accept reports and pay September 2022 invoices, within limits, and expenses, was made by Thomas Gandy seconded by Patsy Boyd. The motion passed unanimously.

Attorney General's Office Report – Edward Wiggins has some outstanding questions about the Agreed Upon Procedures letter, sent to wireless carriers. Once he receives the information, he will send the letter to the Board for review. He also stated the Board has insurance coverage under the Tort Claims Act but is unsure of the limits. He reached out to his contact, but he is on medical leave. He emailed the State Risk Manager and is waiting for a response. Melissa Bryant asked about the Economic Impact Statement. Edward Wiggins stated the document should be updated since the last revisions were made in 1999. He said the changes should be made while working on the revisions to the Board Rules and Regulations.

Technical Committee – No report.

Floor Items – Melissa Bryant stated both she and Joel Bobo signed the engagement letters from Haddox Reid for preparation of the audits for years ended 6.30.21 and 6.30.22. Stefanie Grant emailed the letters to Todd Rhodus at Haddox Reid. Stefanie Grant stated the HORNE engagement letter was emailed to in house counsel Mary Clay Morgan and Assurance Manager, Ken McDonald for review of changes requested by the Board. The

requested changes were approved, and Stefanie Grant will revise the engagement letter and email to the Board for final review. The Board will discuss at the November meeting. Thomas Gandy requested two (2) potential banks make a presentation at a future Board meeting.

Stefanie Grant stated that Joel Bobo had spoken with Douglas Reeves at Verizon, and he said they do not perform Agreed Upon Procedures as it does not fit in with their scope of work. Douglas Reeves stated the Board will need to engage with an outside accounting firm to perform the Agreed Upon Procedures. Joel Bobo will call T-Mobile concerning the status of the requested Agreed Upon Procedures. Stefanie Grant called Jason Erdmann at Dish Wireless and he stated KPMG had already performed their annual audit and they would not be able to perform the requested Agreed Upon Procedures. Joel Bobo will contact Jason Erdmann for further discussion about the request. Edward Wiggins stated the Board has the authority to request an Agreed Upon Procedure from the carriers.

Guest, Jennifer Downs, AT&T, Senior Account Executive/911 Application Specialist for Mississippi stated many states have organized Boards and subcommittees to assist with E911 services. And she has contacts within the southeast to provide consulting services to the Board. Melissa Bryant discussed possibly inviting a consultant to attend a meeting to assist the Board with formulating a plan to strengthen services for E911 assistance.

Melissa Bryant asked Edward Wiggins if her appointment to the Board of the MS Chapter of NENA would be a conflict of interest. Edward Wiggins stated that would be a question for the Ethics Commission in Tom Hood's office. Melissa Bryant stated both she and Jennifer Knight were slated to be appointed to the MS Chapter of NENA.

Melissa Bryant stated she sent a copy of the Rules and Regulations to all members back in September and the Board must revise the Rules and Regulations so they can be published and added to the website. The Board will review and bring recommendations to the November meeting.

The next Board meeting will be on Tuesday November 29, 2022, at 1:00 P.M. at the office of HORNE LLP, 661 Sunnybrook Road, Suite 100, Ridgeland, MS 39157. The in-person meeting will be at the discretion of each Board member but the option to meet via Zoom will also be available.

Being no further business, at 11:20 A.M., a motion to adjourn was made by Thomas Gandy and seconded by Jennifer Knight. The motion passed unanimously.