

CMRSB Minutes
September 15, 2021

PRESENT:

MELISSA BRYANT
MARK RIGNEY
JENNIFER KNIGHT
LEE MCDIVITT
PATSY BOYD
PAUL MOSLEY

SOUTHERN COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVE
CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
LAW ENFORCEMENT
AT LARGE
MS ASSOCIATION OF SUPERVISORS

NOT PRESENT:

TANYA FELDER
THOMAS GANDY

TATE COUNTY, E-911 DIRECTOR
INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVE

VISITORS:

EDWARD WIGGINS
JOEL BOBO
DONALD CRABTREE
STEFANIE GRANT
KRISTEN CAMPANELLA
TREBIA RODGERS

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE
HORNE LLP
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MISSISSIPPI 911 COORDINATORS ASSOCIATION
GRENADA COUNTY E911 COORDINATOR

The meeting was called to order by Melissa Bryant at 10:02 A.M. All quorum members were present at HORNE, LLP and via Zoom teleconference.

Board reviewed minutes of the August 18, 2021 meeting. A motion to accept the August 2021 minutes was made by Lee McDivitt and seconded by Jennifer Knight. The motion passed unanimously.

Joel Bobo presented Horne's financial reports for the month of August 2021. A total of \$524,456.16 in invoices and expenses were emailed and approved for payment. Paul Mosley submitted a travel reimbursement in the amount of \$1,909.24 (at the meeting) resulting in a new total of \$526,365.40. A motion to accept reports and pay August 2021 invoices, within limits, and expenses, was made by Paul Mosley seconded by Mark Rigney. The motion passed unanimously.

Attorney General's Office Report – Melissa Bryant will sign the Memorandum of Understanding and email to Stefanie Grant to forward to Edward Wiggins. Marcy Scoggins with DFA emailed stating the Mississippi Legislature now requires all meetings of most state agencies and/or boards to be posted to the MS Transparency website. Joel Bobo & Edward Wiggins suggested 2 representatives, 1 from HORNE and 1 from the Board. Lee McDivitt made a motion seconded by Patsy Boyd to make HORNE the primary contact and a Board member as a secondary on the DFA/MS Transparency website. The Governor extended the State of Emergency (COVID-19) through October 15, 2021 and it may possibly be extended beyond that date.

Technical Committee – No Report

Floor Items –Melissa Bryant discussed status of Board members and their term dates. Stefanie Grant will update the Board Member Term Dates list. Melissa Bryant stated Tanya Felder is no longer with Tate County E911 and her position on the Board will need to be filled. Melissa Bryant & Thomas Gandy's terms are set to expire on June 30, 2022 but both are willing to serve another 4-year term. Stefanie Grant will draft a recommendation letter for Melissa Bryant to George Sholl, President of the MS NENA Chapter, and a recommendation letter for Thomas Gandy to AT&T. Melissa Bryant stated the Board received a letter from Montgomery County EOC concerning an increase in 911 surcharges. She spoke with Allan Pratt and this increase does not pertain to pre and post charges as they are set by the legislature. Stefanie Grant stated she is working on carrier audit letters but is waiting on Thomas Gandy & Mark Rigney to advise on information related to smaller carriers.

The 2018 & 2019 audits have been posted to the website. Joel Bobo emailed Haddox Reid to request a time to begin work on the 2020 (6/30/21) audit. Haddox Reid will begin the audit on November 1, 2021 and the fee is \$14,000. Joel Bobo suggested the Board reach out to other accounting firms (around March 2022) to request a fee for the 2021 (6/30/22) audit. A motion to hire Haddox Reid to conduct the 2020 (6/30/21) audit beginning November 1, 2021 for a fee of \$14,000 audit was made by Jennifer Knight and seconded by Paul Mosley.

Kristen Campanella, MS 911 Coordinators Association, asked for clarification concerning a replacement for Tanya Felder as her term expires on June 30, 2023 and per Edward Wiggins, the Board will need to replace her position for the remainder of the term. The recommendation is for Trebia Rodgers, Grenada E911 Coordinator to complete the term which will expire on June 30, 2023.

The next board meeting will be on Wednesday October 20, 2021 at 10:00 A.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 10:42 A.M., a motion to adjourn was made by Lee McDivitt and seconded by Jennifer Knight. The motion passed unanimously.