

## COLBERT COUNTY 9-1-1 BOARD MEETING

March 12, 2013

4:00 p.m.

### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Kirk Jones  
Chief Ken Blackstock  
Mr. Garey Austin  
Mrs. Dessie Evans  
Ms. Ronda Hood

### OTHERS:

Mr. Mike Melton  
Mr. Michael Smith  
Mr. Bruce Carson (Keller EMS)

- I. **Call to order:** The Colbert County 9-1-1 Board Meeting was called to order by Mr. Jones at approximately 4:00 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call:** All Board Members were present with the exception of Chief King and Chief McMullins.
- III. **Comments from the public:** None.
- IV. **Minutes:**
  - a. A motion was made by Chief Blackstock and seconded by Mrs. Evans to accept the minutes for February 2013. All board members voted in favor.
- V. **Financial Report:**
  - a. A motion was made by Ms. Hood and seconded by Mrs. Evans to approve the financial reports for February 2013 as presented. All Board members voted in favor.
- VI. **Director's Comments:**
  - a. Integrity Monitoring System Update:
    - i. Mr. Melton asked Mr. Jones to update the Board on the status of the Integrity Monitoring System.
    - ii. Mr. Jones advised the Board that the equipment supplier had found a glitch in the radio interface and was having to build a new interface to make the radios work with their equipment. There is a cost increase with this change, but the Radio Shop will be absorbing that cost.
    - iii. Mr. Austin asked Mr. Jones what will happen when we have a problem with the system after installation. Mr. Jones advised that the Radio Shop will be able to maintain the completed system. Mr. Austin expressed his concerns with the amount of time it has taken for this project to be completed and stated that it had been drug out too long. He was also concerned with the reliability of the product. Mr. Jones agreed that it has been a problem, but also stated he could only install the equipment after the supplier sent the equipment.

- iv. Mr. Austin asked Mr. Melton if he could verify that the Lauderdale County system installed by Sharp Communications was operational. Mr. Melton advised he only knew that it was installed, but unsure if or how much of it exactly was operational. Mr. Melton stated he and everyone else were very anxious to get the system installed. Mr. Melton discussed a recent power outage at the Sheffield Fire Repeater that could have been known sooner if the system had been installed.
- v. Mr. Austin made a motion to give the Radio Shop 30 days to complete the install or rebid the project. As a point of discussion, Mr. Blackstock asked Mr. Jones if there was anything the Radio Shop could do to expedite the process. Mr. Jones only advised he could try to get an expected delivery date from the equipment supplier. After 3 calls for a second, the motion died for a lack of a second.
- vi. Mr. Jones advised he will have some concrete information by the next meeting or sooner.

b. FY12 Audit Update:

- i. Mr. Melton advised the Board that we have still not received a completed audit for FY12 and he is unsure what is taking so long. He advised the Board that we used the audit to check our work so we can make any corrections needed. However, with this being 6 months into the new fiscal year, it is almost impossible to make any corrections now.
- ii. Mr. Melton stated he hoped to request that next year's audit be completed during the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of the new fiscal year. He also stated he would ask someone from Leigh, King & Associates to come explain to the Board what the delay is, if the audit continues to be delayed.

c. Keller EMS / Bruce Carson:

- i. Mr. Melton advised the Board that he had met with Bruce Carson earlier today and had requested he come back to the meeting tonight and update the Board on the plans for Keller EMS.
- ii. Mr. Carson advised he wanted to share the anticipated changes that will be made as they make the transition back into Colbert County full-time. With the failure to receive the Lauderdale Contract, more resources will be moved back to Colbert and a greater emphasis on the coverage here will be made.
- iii. Mr. Carson stated they will be adding another ALS Truck from noon to midnight, 7 days per week. They will also be extending the BLS Truck to cover the weekends. This will keep the ALS trucks available for emergencies.

- iv. Mr. Melton asked Mr. Carson to please keep 911 updated on any changes that are being made. Mr. Carson stated he will report all changes to the 911 Board prior to the change being made.
- v. Mr. Carson stated they will have 2 trucks fully-stocked and on standby so that another crew can be called in to run the truck if needed. He and Doris Fountain will also be available to get on a truck and run calls, if needed.
- vi. Mr. Melton asked Mr. Carson if he foresaw a Medic shortage. Mr. Carson stated there is an abundance of EMTs, but not a lot of Medics. He states that Keller EMS has identified a group of Medics from the Lauderdale EMS division that may transfer back over to Keller EMS and be able to help quite a bit. Having these Medics will also allow the new 12-hour truck to be a double-medic truck.
- vii. Mr. Carson also discussed a new employee he had hired who has strong dispatch skills and certifications. He stated she could possibly be available to help with the needs of the 911 center, also.
- viii. Mr. Melton discussed the term Critical Care Truck and asked Mr. Carson to explain the difference in a regular truck and a Critical Care Truck. Mr. Carson stated that basically a Critical Care truck was one that had an auxiliary care provider, such as a nurse or respiratory therapist, on board along with the Medic and EMT. Any service offering a Critical Care truck will have to have their protocols specifically approved by the ADPH. Mr. Carson stated larger hospitals such as UAB and Huntsville currently have Critical Care trucks, and he feels that with those trucks and the availability of Air Evac, our area is adequately covered.
- ix. Mr. Melton asked Mr. Carson if he could confirm that MedCall Ambulance was no longer in service. Mr. Carson stated that MedCall was indeed out of business and that a lot of their call volume had shifted to Keller EMS.
- x. Mr. Carson advised the Board of a current project underway that involved placing iPads on each truck. This will provide video capability that would allow the physician in the ER to see the patient and/or scene. Mr. Melton asked Mr. Carson to bring a truck to a future Board Meeting so each Board member could see the technology at work.

d. Air Evac / David Gardner:

- i. Mr. Melton advised the Board that he had a meeting recently with David Gardner regarding some ambulance services and their use of the Trauma Control Center (TCC). No actions were taken in this meeting.

VII. **Next Meeting:** Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 9, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.

VIII. **Adjournment:** At 4:43 p.m., and with no further business to discuss, Ms. Hood made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Evans seconded the motion. All Board Members voted in favor.

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Mr. Dewey King, Chairperson

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Mr. Kirk Jones, Vice-Chairman

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Mr. Garey Austin, Secretary/Treasurer

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Mr. Ken Blackstock, Board Member

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Ms. Ronda Hood, Board Member

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Mrs. Dessie Evans, Board Member

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Mr. Tim McMullins, Board Member