

COLBERT COUNTY 9-1-1 BOARD MEETING

May 13, 2014

4:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chief Dewey King
Chief Ken Blackstock
Mr. Garey Austin
Mrs. Dessie Evans
Ms. Ronda Hood
Mr. Harold Kimbrough

OTHERS:

Mr. Mike Melton
Mr. Michael Smith

- I. **Call to order:**
 - a. The Colbert County 9-1-1 Board Meeting was called to order by Chief King at approximately 4:03 p.m.

- II. **Roll Call:**
 - a. All Board Members were present with the exception of Mr. Jones. A quorum was established.

- III. **Comments from the public:**
 - a. None.

- IV. **Minutes:**
 - a. A motion was made by Mrs. Evans and seconded by Chief Blackstock to accept the minutes for April 2014. All board members voted in favor.

- V. **Financial Report:**
 - a. A motion was made by Ms. Hood and seconded by Chief Blackstock to approve the financial reports for April 2014 as presented. All Board members voted in favor.

- VI. **Director's Comments:**
 - a. Sheffield Prom Promise
 - i. Colbert 911 participated in the Sheffield High School Prom Promise exercise in April. We received a letter of thanks from the Sheffield Police Department School Resource Officer.

 - b. Site Monitoring Success Story
 - i. Mr. Smith shared a success story with the Board regarding the recently installed Site Monitoring equipment.
 - ii. Dispatch had received an alarm for an issue at the Cherokee Fire repeater site. Upon further investigation, The Radio Shop found a burned wired that could have possibly damaged the repeater if it had not been found. The site monitoring equipment was able to

catch the issue and not only keep the repeater from being down, but save costly repairs later.

- c. Leighton PD / Littleville PD update
 - i. Mr. Melton informed the Board that the law enforcement dispatching for Leighton and Littleville PD was going well. We have had nothing but good feedback from both agencies.
 - ii. Chief King asked if Cherokee PD would be coming, also. As of now, we have not had any talks with Cherokee PD.
 - iii. Chief King asked about the call volume increase since adding these agencies. Mr. Melton advised the call volume had not gone up too much. All employees are embracing the new task and charging ahead full steam. After meeting with the agencies prior to dispatching, we beefed up personnel on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights, but so far there has not been a great increase in the call volume.
 - iv. Chief King questioned how the warrants were processed. Mr. Melton described the process that we use to enter and clear warrants and other entries. The research we did ahead of time helped our transition go smoothly.

- d. Street Sign Cutter
 - i. Mr. Melton informed the Board that we had received \$5000 in grant funds for the new Street Sign Cutter. However, we are still short approximately \$3000.
 - ii. Mr. Austin made a motion to pay the difference from 9-1-1 Funds and to apply for another grant to try and recoup that \$3000. Mr. Kimbrough seconded the motion. All were in favor.

- e. Full Time Employees
 - i. Mr. Melton reported that Mr. Graybryan from Lauderdale 9-1-1 had reported that in August our per-line rates were going up from \$1.60 per line to \$1.75 per line. Mr. Melton also reported that our BCBS Health Insurance Premiums were going down by approximately \$1000 per month.
 - ii. With this extra funding, the savings from insurance, and the addition of Law Enforcement duties, Mr. Melton asked for approval to hire two more full-time employees from the current part-time pool.
 - iii. Ms. Hood questioned if the new slots would be adding extra hours. Mr. Melton passed out a spreadsheet that shows a breakdown of the extra costs to convert a part-time employee to full-time. Mr. Smith advised the eligible employees are already working the hours, and we would basically just be giving them benefits and a more steady schedule.

- iv. Mr. Melton advised that we were looking at making the new slots a 10-hour shift, from 4:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m., which would help cover the peak times for law enforcement. We would then cover the day shift hours with part-time employees.
- v. Chief King stated that he feels that if Sheffield PD does come to 9-1-1, then the City will likely pick up the salary of a dispatcher.
- vi. Chief Blackstock made a motion to hire two additional full-time employees from the part-time pool. Mr. Austin seconded the motion. All were in favor. Further discussion was held on the new income rates and the insurance premium decrease.

f. Broadband Initiative

- i. Mr. Kimbrough questioned the status of the Broadband Initiative project. Mr. Melton stated that Johnny Mack Morrow is writing legislation that would allow Colbert County to provide broadband internet to all areas of Colbert County. There will be planning meetings in the meantime until that legislation is passed. Roger Creekmore asked if the 9-1-1 Board would be willing to head up the project, and Mr. Melton stated he took that as a compliment that the County Commission would have such faith in the 9-1-1 Board. Further discussion ensued on how the initiative would work.

VII. **Next Meeting:** Next regular meeting will be Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

VIII. **Adjournment:** At 4:40 p.m., and with no further business to discuss, Chief Blackstock made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Evans seconded the motion. All Board Members voted in favor.

Chief Dewey King, Chairperson	absent Mr. Kirk Jones, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Garey Austin, Board Member	Chief Ken Blackstock, Board Member
Ms. Ronda Hood, Secretary	Mrs. Dessie Evans, Board Member
Mr. Harold Kimbrough, Board Member	