

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE 9-1-1 BOARD HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 1997, IN THE ADMINISTRATION CONFERENCE ROOM OF CITY HALL, 555 WALNUT, ABILENE, TEXAS.

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Public notice having been duly given, the 9-1-1 Board met at 2:00 p.m. in the Administration Conference Room of City Hall.

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**Board Members
Present:**

Roy McDaniel, President, City Representative
Jo Moore, Secretary, City Representative
Betty Morrison, Vice President, County Representative
Don Russom, County Representative
Gary Young, Volunteer Firefighter Representative

Others Present:

Bob Putnam, Fire Chief
Debbie Hurley, Senior Secretary
Melvin Martin, Police Chief
Jim Berry, Deputy Police Chief
Donna Spohn, 9-1-1 Supervisor
Linda Gallion, Fire Department 9-1-1 Database Supervisor
Cindy Cullen, Technology Liaison
Scott Moore, Southwestern Bell Representative
Ken Dozier, Fire Department

Roy McDaniel called the meeting to order, and stated the first order of business would be to approve the appointment of the new members. Mrs. Moore stated the County Commissioners appointed Don Russom as County Representative; and the Volunteer Firefighters appointed Gary Young, Volunteer Firefighter representative, terms expiring 2/99.

Mrs. Moore moved to approve the appointment of Don Russom as County Representative and Gary Young as Volunteer Firefighter representative to the Board for the terms noted. The motion was seconded by Mr. McDaniel and the motion carried. Mrs. Moore then administered oaths of office to Mr. Russom and Mr. Young.

Mrs. Morrison moved to appoint Roy McDaniel as President and Jo Moore as secretary, seconded by Mrs. Moore and the motion carried.

Mrs. Moore moved to appoint Betty Morrison as Vice President, seconded by Mr. McDaniel and the motion carried.

Mrs. Moore made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 20, 1996 meeting as printed, Mrs. Morrison seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Chief Putnam reviewed with the board the revised 1996/97 and proposed 1997/98 budgets. Items highlighted were as follows:

- . Item 4459, Merkel's dispatcher, will no longer be funded at the request of the City of Merkel.
- . Item 4503, Communication equipment, is up substantially, due to the fact that new recording equipment is needed. The current equipment is no longer being made, and is wearing out. It would cost \$8,500 to replace the heads on the recorder, with no guarantee on the availability of parts.
- . Item 4341, rural addressing funds for \$16,280 is the original grant amount carried from the 96-97 budget.

Mr. Young recommended selling the used unit to another entity if possible, if we were not able to use it as a trade-in. Mr. McDaniel stated the equipment was purchased with City bond funds, and could be sold in the City auction, but it would probably be at least six months before the recorder would be gotten rid of. A trade-in clause can be written into the bid specifications for the new equipment if the board so desires.

Mrs. Moore moved to approve the revised FY 96-97 and proposed FY 97-98 annual budgets as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Young and the motion carried.

Mr. McDaniel stated the budget will be submitted for approval to the other 9-1-1 entities, and will be presented to the Abilene City Council next week.

Chief Putnam suggested moving the meeting to March or April in order for the budget to be more reflective of the actual revised budget. Chief Putnam stated he had discussed this with the Director of Finance, who has agreed that this would be best.

Mr. McDaniel informed the Board that on September 1, 1997, a State law will take effect in which cellular telephone companies will collect fees for 9-1-1 service. A fee of 50 cents per month will be imposed; the State will figure and deduct their costs and refund the balance to the 9-1-1 districts. It is unknown as to when the State will actually receive this fee or when and how much the State will refund to cities. Mr. McDaniel stated he has talked to Southwestern Bell about their ability to track 9-1-1 calls from cell phones.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

Jo Moore, Secretary

Roy McDaniel, President

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