

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE 9-1-1 BOARD HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1998, IN THE BASEMENT 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 Basement Conference Room of City Hall.

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**Board Members**

**Present:**

Roy McDaniel, City Representative  
Jo Moore, City Representative  
Mitch McLain, County Representative  
Don Russom, County Representative  
Gary Young, President, Volunteer Firefighter Rep.

**Others Present:**

Bob Putnam, Fire Chief  
Debbie Hurley, Senior Secretary  
Melvin Martin, Police Chief  
Ed Dye, Deputy Police Chief  
Donna Spohn, Police 9-1-1 Supervisor  
Linda Gallion, Fire 9-1-1 Database Supervisor  
Mindy Whisenhunt, Asst. Director of Finance  
Dennis Gloyna, Southwestern Bell Representative  
Sharon Hicks, City Attorney  
Jack Dieken, Taylor County Sheriff  
Carol Taylor, Taylor County Sheriff's Office  
Stan Egger, County Commissioner

President Gary Young called the meeting to order.

Don Russom made a motion to remove from the table the Proposed FY 98/99 budget. Mitch McLain seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mr. Young asked Sheriff Jack Dieken to make his presentation concerning his request for funding for dispatchers. Sheriff Dieken presented his proposal for two additional 9-1-1 dispatchers for Taylor County Sheriff's Office with base salaries of \$17,408.02, benefits of \$5,806.98, for a total of \$23,215.00 per position. Sheriff Dieken stated the number of 9-1-1 calls the Sheriff's Department responds to, which is currently 273 for the period of January 1, 1998 – August 31, 1998 could increase to approximately 2,000 calls per year and that all 9-1-1 calls would still go to the Abilene Police Department who would then send Taylor County calls outside the city limits to the Sheriff's Office, who would then dispatch the call. Sheriff Dieken further stated it just came to his attention last week that he could request funding from the 9-1-1 Board for dispatchers. Sheriff Dieken has visited with the Chiefs of Police of Merkel and Tye and he stated they are more than enthusiastic and feel their City Councils will approve sharing the cost of funding one dispatcher.

Following further board discussion concerning 9-1-1 cell phone routing problems and consolidating the Police and Sheriff Department dispatching, Mr. McDaniel moved to approve the 1998-99 budget as presented without Sheriff Dieken's request, but to continue to study the request, looking closely at combining the Abilene Police Department and Taylor County Sheriff's Office dispatching. Mr. McDaniel noted after a thorough study of the request if the Board decides to fund the two positions, the budget can be amended. Mrs. Moore seconded the motion. The motion failed with Mr. McDaniel and Mrs. Moore voting for the motion and Mr. Young, Mr. Russom, and Mr. McLain voting against the motion.

Mr. McDaniel addressed board member questions concerning the 9-1-1 revenue from Southwestern Bell, earned interest on the 9-1-1 account and the General Services charge, which are funds transferred to the City of Abilene for reimbursement of administrative and cost allocation expenses.

Mr. Young addressed the expenditure for adding the block number ranges to the 9-1-1 maps by Sheppard Surveying. Linda Gallion, 9-1-1 Database Supervisor, stated concern about the accuracy of the maps, noting that no one had verified their accuracy. Ms. Gallion further stated clarification on expected accuracy should be made prior to an agreement being executed with Sheppard Surveying.

Chief Putnam stated authorization could be given for Mr. Sheppard to continue with the mapping provided certain criteria is met. Board consensus was that the maps are to be approved by Chief Putnam.

Following further board discussion concerning the 9-1-1 dispatcher request for the Sheriff's Department and a briefing by City Attorney Sharon Hicks on the 9-1-1 Board functions and responsibilities, Mr. McLain moved to approve the FY 98-99 budget including funding for two dispatchers for the Taylor County Sheriff's Office. Mr. Russom seconded the motion and the motion carried with Mr. McLain, Young and Russom voting for the motion and Mr. McDaniel and Mrs. Moore voting against the motion.

Mr. Young briefed the board on his request to sponsor a joint meeting of area emergency care providers. Mr. McDaniel asked how many were expected, and Mr. Young replied 25-30. A meeting location was discussed, and Deputy Police Chief Dye suggested the Law Enforcement Center conference room.

Mr. McDaniel moved to hold the meeting at the Law Enforcement Center conference room September 17 at 3:30 p.m., Mr. McLain seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mr. Russom moved to adjourn, Mr. McLain seconded the motion and the motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Jo Moore, Secretary

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Gary Young, President