

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE 9-1-1 BOARD HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2000, 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 4:00 p.m. in the Basement Conference Room of City Hall.

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**Board Members Present:**

Roy McDaniel, Cities Representative  
Jo Moore, Cities Representative  
George Newman, County Representative  
Don Russom, County Representative  
Gary Young, Volunteer Firefighter Rep.  
Dennis Gloyna, Southwestern Bell

**Others Present:**

Debbie Hurley, Secretary II  
Donna Jones, Police 9-1-1 Supervisor  
Linda Gallion, Fire 9-1-1 Database Supervisor  
Ronnie Kidd, City Information Technology Manager  
Jack Dieken, Taylor County Sheriff  
Carol Taylor, Taylor County Sheriff's Office  
Chuck Statler, County Commissioner  
John Bogart, Big Country Firefighters Association  
Ed Dye, Abilene Police Department  
Michael Morrison, Assistant City Manager  
Rose Teachout, Central Appraisal District  
Richard Petree, Central Appraisal District  
Sharon Hicks, City Attorney  
Bob Putnam, Fire Chief  
Susan McAndrews, Central Appraisal District  
Melvin Martin, Abilene Police Department  
Cindy Steele, Southwestern Bell  
Greg Brown, GIS Manager

President Gary Young called the meeting to order.

Mrs. Moore moved to approve the appointment of George Newman as made by the County Commissioners, and reappointments of Roy McDaniel and Jo Moore as made by the Cities, with terms expiring 2/2002. Mr. Russom seconded the motion and the motion carried. Mrs. Hurley then administered oaths of office to Mr. Newman, Mr. McDaniel and Mrs. Moore.

Mrs. Moore made a motion to appoint George Newman as President, Roy McDaniel as Vice President, and herself as Secretary of the 911 Board. Mr. McDaniel seconded the motion and the motion carried, with Mr. Russom voting against the motion.

Mr. Young moved to approve the minutes of August 5, 1999. Mr. Russom seconded the motion and the motion carried.

President Newman opened discussion concerning scheduling regular meetings of the 9-1-1 Board. Mr. Young moved to set meetings for the third Wednesdays in August and March at 3:00 p.m., with the board reserving the right to call a meeting whenever necessary. The next meetings would be August 16, 2000 and March 21, 2001 at 3:00 p.m. Mrs. Moore seconded the motion and the motion carried.

President Newman opened discussion concerning upgrading the Sheriff's Office 9-1-1 equipment. Fire Chief Bob Putnam introduced Donna Jones, Director of Communications for the Police Department. Chief Putnam then briefed the Board on the equipment, stating it was installed in 1989 and is obsolete and parts are very difficult to acquire. The system is not compliant with the current FCC ruling and not capable of performing some functions that the Sheriff's Office would like to perform. Chief Putnam further noted the Police Department equipment was upgraded in the mid 1990s.

Chief Putnam distributed updated cost information on the proposed equipment, then briefed the Board on an FCC ruling that states, "By April first, 1998, Cellular telephone and PCS service specialized mobile radio operators must relay the telephone number of the originator of the 911 call and the location of the cell site or base station receiving a 911 call from any mobile handset or text telephone device as a designated public safety answering form." Chief Putnam stated apparently we are not currently capable of complying with that ruling, then reviewed how the wireless telephone call would operate once the capability of performing the FCC Phase 1 is implemented. In Phase I, the PSAP (the screen that the call takers are looking at) will have a cell phone number that they can call back if there is an emergency and their line is cut for some reason. Chief Putnam further stated in this phase the location is still not detected, that would be implemented in Phase II which might not occur until 2004. Chief Putnam stated our primary concern is Phase I, and recommended staying with Southwestern Bell equipment, which has been used since the District was created.

Following a discussion concerning the difference between the original and current price quotes and the compatibility of Phase II with Phase I, Mr. McDaniel moved in order to expedite upgrading the Sheriff's Department equipment to approve the quote of up to \$58,000 in Option 1 and to allow Chief Putnam and Southwestern Bell to determine if an error in pricing exists and if so, to correct it as needed. The motion died for lack of a second.

Following discussion regarding CAD integration and compatibility of Southwestern Bell equipment, Mr. Young moved to table the upgrading of the 911 equipment for the Sheriff's Office until further information on equipment cost and compatibility has been received. The motion died for lack of a second.

Carol Taylor, Sheriff's Office, questioned having to use Southwestern Bell equipment versus other equipment that might work better.

Chief Putnam noted for the record if the Sheriff's Office prefers using equipment other than Southwestern Bell, that it be noted that it was their choice in the event maintenance services and equipment replacement parts are hard to obtain.

Mr. Gloyna stated Southwestern Bell buys reliable equipment, so there is a good chance it will be interfaceable.

Mr. McDaniel moved to table the item until May 17 at 3:00 p.m., assuming the requested information has been received. The board requested the information be submitted to them in ample time to be reviewed prior to the meeting. Mr. Young seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Richard Petree, Chief Appraiser, briefly addressed the Geographic Information System (GIS), noting the help that has been provided by the new GIS manager, Greg Brown.

Mr. McDaniel introduced Greg Brown & Ronnie Kidd, of the Abilene City staff. Mr. Brown briefed the board on his evaluation of the 911 system, the steps that have been taken to date, and future plans for the system.

Mr. McDaniel stated for the board's information, he believes the County Commissioners approved earlier this week a joint contract with the City of Abilene and the Central Appraisal District for GIS support. The City will provide the staff and the funding will be jointly shared. Mr. McDaniel also stated the 911 board will be asked to share in that cost at budget time with approximately \$10,000.

There being no further business, Mr. McDaniel moved to adjourn, the motion was seconded by Mr. Young, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Jo Moore, Secretary

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George Newman, President