

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE 9-1-1 BOARD HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 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 3:00 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  
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  
Sharon Hicks, City Attorney  
Bob Putnam, Fire Chief  
Cindy Steele, Southwestern Bell  
Greg Brown, GIS Manager  
Dave Perry, Mayor of Buffalo Gap  
Sarah Hannah, Management Assistant  
Stan Egger, County Commissioner

President Newman called the meeting to order and welcomed David Perry, Mayor of Buffalo Gap, and other visitors and guests. President Newman stated this is a special called meeting with one item on the agenda, and asked for a motion to remove from the table the item concerning upgrading the 911 equipment for the Sheriff's office.

Mrs. Moore made a motion to remove from the table the item concerning upgrading the 911 equipment for the Sheriff's office. Mr. McDaniel seconded the motion and the motion carried.

President Newman stated this item was tabled at the last meeting due to the board not having sufficient information to make a decision, and called on Chief Putnam to present the current information.

Chief Putnam restated the two questions needing answers from the previous meeting: 1) whether the equipment Southwestern Bell is proposing would be compatible

with the CAD software the Sheriff's office is hoping to install next year. Chief Putnam stated it was determined that the equipment would be compatible; and 2) pricing of the Southwestern Bell equipment.

In reference to the pricing question, Cindy Steele of Southwestern Bell stated the previously submitted information was correct, but the figures were in a different order and the wording varied some from the information originally submitted to Chief Putnam.

Mr. McDaniel stated the important issue is whether this equipment will do what the Sheriff wants it to do.

Ms. Steele stated that Carol Taylor of the Sheriff's office was concerned with spending the money for new equipment with the possibility that it may not be compatible with the CAD they wanted purchase, but after researching the issue, Ms. Taylor determined that it would be compatible.

Ms. Taylor stated she talked to the software group and some actual site locations that have 911 equipment and they are compatible. Sheriff Dieken stated he is satisfied that the equipment is compatible.

Ms. Steele stated this equipment will already have a built-in upgrade, allowing it to go through Phase I and she doesn't expect anything new would need to be added to it until Phase II unless the Sheriff's office wants to put in another application, which might require an additional interface. Ms. Steele further stated that when Phase II is implemented, there will have to be some things added which would probably be just a matter of a software upgrade, not a total redo on the existing equipment.

President Newman asked what the monthly charges are for, and Ms. Steele replied that there would be a charge to have it installed, and then it would be based on a monthly lease.

President Newman verified with Ms. Steele that as long as the equipment is functional, Southwestern Bell will maintain it and they will have 24 hours a day service available.

Ms. Steele explained that the equipment that currently is in the Sheriff's office is leased from Southwestern Bell.

Board members and staff discussed the need to update the backup communication system. Mr. McDaniel stated the City of Abilene is in the process of redoing the entire basement of City Hall for an Emergency Operations Center and a backup 911 system.

Chief Putnam noted the Central Fire Station will be vacated and a new station will be built.

Mr. Young asked about the 911 board being required to follow a competitive bid process.

Sharon Hicks, City Attorney, responded that 911 is authorized to utilize a different mechanism under the purchase of such items as high tech equipment.

Further board discussion included cost involved in the payment options with it being noted that Option 1 payment plan would be for approximately 40 months, the expected life of the equipment, the changes in technology, and the benefits of staying with Southwestern Bell.

Chief Putnam recommended awarding the upgrade to Southwestern Bell under the submitted Option 1 payment plan.

Mr. McDaniel made a motion to approve the Option 1 Proposal, awarding the upgrade of the 911 equipment in the Sheriff's office to Southwestern Bell per the attached Exhibit A. Mr. Young seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ms. Steele stated that 60-90 days is the expected installation time on the equipment.

President Newman restated the motion and second on the floor to approve the Option 1 Proposal awarding the upgrading of the 911 equipment in the Sheriff's Office to Southwestern Bell, and called for a vote. The motion carried.

There being no further business, Mr. Young moved to adjourn. Mr. McDaniel seconded the motion, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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Jo Moore, Secretary

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George Newman, President