

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE 9-1-1 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT BOARD OF MANAGERS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2001, 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: George Newman, President, County Representative
Roy McDaniel, Vice President, Cities Representative
Jo Moore, Secretary, Cities Representative
Don Russom, County Representative
Gary Young, Volunteer Fire Department Rep.

Others Present: Bob Putnam, Fire Chief
Michael Morrison, Assistant City Manager
Debbie Hurley, Secretary II
Melvin Martin, Police Chief
Sharon Hicks, City Attorney
Stan Egger, County Commissioner
Greg Brown, GIS
Otis Davis, City of Trent
Mike Saxton, 911 Coordinator
Ronnie Kidd, City Technology Manager
Cindy Steele, Southwestern Bell
Randy Teakell, Southwestern Bell
Amanda Cokonougher, APD 911

President George Newman called the meeting to order.

Mr. McDaniel made a motion to approve as appointed by the district's volunteer fire department members and by the Taylor County Commissioners Gary Young as the Volunteer Firefighter Representative and Don Russom as the Taylor County Representative, respectively, terms expiring 2/2003. President Newman seconded the motion and the motion carried. Mrs. Hurley then administered oaths of office to Mr. Russom and Mr. Young.

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. Young seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mr. McDaniel made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2000 meeting as printed. Mrs. Moore seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Chief Putnam introduced 9-1-1 Coordinator Mike Saxton and Southwestern Bell External Affairs officer Randy Teakell.

Chief Putnam gave an update on the Phase I Wireless situation, with a reminder that Phase I wireless will allow the dispatchers to see the wireless telephone call numbers on the screen when they come in to dispatch and Phase II (still several years from implementation), will give their location. Chief Putnam stated back in October, staff met with the wireless providers operating in Taylor County with the exception of Cellular One to inform them that they had opted to go with Southwestern Bell hybrid solutions for wireless. After the meeting, the providers sent the necessary paperwork to get them started on ordering the trunks with Southwestern Bell. Chief Putnam stated that now all cellular calls are still coming into the Police Department, but when Phase II is implemented, County calls will then go into the Sheriff's office, so an Emergency Service Number was created for cellular numbers to distinguish County calls from City calls in the future. Chief Putnam concluded his report by stating that all carriers are in various stages of Phase I compliance.

Following the distribution of a 911 mapping status memo, GIS Manager Greg Brown, reported on the geographic data layers and database status. Mr. Brown stated maps have been dispersed to all cities to locate fire hydrants and to volunteer fire departments to locate the potential barriers. Mr. Brown also stated once the information is received they will be mapped immediately and incorporated into the existing mapping project. Maps for the volunteer fire departments were given to Mr. Young & Mr. Russom for distribution at a big country volunteer firefighter's meeting the following Monday.

Otis Davis, Fire Chief from Trent, addressed the need for all volunteer departments to know where the fire hydrants are, and locations of pressure valves on the fire hydrants.

Stan Egger, County Commissioner, voiced his confidence in Mike Saxton's knowledge and willingness to assist the County, and appreciation for the work Greg Brown has done. Mr. Egger stated the Commissioners received a map last week and are going to have a workshop in a couple of weeks to review it. Mr. Egger encouraged anyone to let Mike Saxton know if there's something not on the map or a problem is noted.

Discussion among board members and other present included: landmarks, roads on the map that weren't labeled, instructions on how to proceed with mapping input from cities and volunteer fire departments, and contacting Mike Saxton directly if there are any problems or questions.

Chief Putnam gave an update on the new equipment that was installed in the Sheriff's office shortly after the August, 2000 meeting stating everything went well, and noted the purchase of equipment for the volunteer fire departments to alleviate radio interface and dispatching problems had been made.

Further discussion among board members, and those in attendance included the three new pumper trucks received by the Trent, Lawn, and Buffalo Gap volunteer fire departments, and the budget session scheduled for Wednesday, August 15, 2001 at 3:00 p.m. in the Basement Conference Room of City Hall.

Mr. McDaniel made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Young seconded the motion and the motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Jo Moore, Secretary

George Newman, President