

The Board of Directors of the Emergency Communications District (ECD) of Nashville and Davidson County met in regular session at the Metro Emergency Communications Center, 2060 15th Avenue South. Chairman Cleo Duckworth called the meeting to order at 3:07p.m. and presided over the meeting with the following members present: Susan Mattson, Wayne Tucker, Buford Tune, William Johnson, Joe Sweat, Eliud Trevino, and James Robertson. Others present included: Mark Lynam (ECD Admin); Duane Phillips, Rickey McWright, Bruce Sanschargin, Michele Peterson, Amanda Sluss, and Dwayne Vance (ECC), Pat Nolan (Dye, Van Mol & Lawrence), Senator Joe Haynes (Legal Counsel), Mike Evans (Motorola), Nancy Whittemore (General Services), and Richard Riebeling (Finance).

Minutes

Mr. Johnson made a motion for the Board to accept the minutes from the January 15, 2009 meeting. Mr. Robertson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by voice vote.

ECC Training Requests

Mr. Sanschargin presented the following items for the board's approval.

Training Materials

4418.03	Police Dispatch Manuals (6 copies printed)	\$ 60.00
	APCO Manuals (35 @ \$70 each)	\$ 2,450.00
	APCO Instructor Manuals (1 @ \$70)	\$ 70.00
	Sub Total	\$ 2,580.00

Conferences

NAED Navigator

Las Vegas, NV April 29 – May 1

4418.06	Registration (7 attendees)	\$ 3,175.00
4418.07	Airfare	\$ 1,557.10
	Hotel	\$ 2,805.66
	Per Diem	\$ 2,028.00
	Sub Total	\$ 9,565.76

Grand Total \$12,145.76

Mr. Tune made a motion for the Board to approve the training requests. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by voice vote.

800MHz Radio System Upgrade

Ms. Nancy Whittemore and Mr. Richard Riebeling discussed Metro's need to upgrade its 800MHz radio system. They thanked the Board for its previous support in funding the public safety side of the radio system and hoped that we could work together again on funding the upgrade. They pointed out that the "data" side of the current system is maxed out and is driving the need for the upgrade. They estimated that the cost to upgrade the public safety side of the radio system will be about \$18 million. They expect to make this project part of Metro's capital funding plan and hope to have it approved by the end of this fiscal year.

ECC Director Duane Phillips pointed out that the mobile data computers in police cars (MDC's) and the automatic vehicle locators (AVL's) are both heavy users of the "data" side of the radio system. He also noted that the forthcoming Next Generation 911 (NG911) will depend heavily on the "data" side of the system.

Mr. Riebeling indicated that Metro could be flexible in structuring a debt repayment schedule that would fit the ECD's budget. ECD Board members asked him to prepare debt repayment schedules showing what it will cost to retire the debt over both a 5 year period and a 10 year period. Ms. Whittemore will ask her staff to give a presentation on what the upgrade will provide at the March ECD Board meeting.

Public Awareness Update

Mr. Nolan updated the Board on the following items:

- Call analysis for January 2009
- Rescue Rex schedule for March 2009
- Rescue Rex report showing number of shows and number of children that we expect to reach for the period from September 08 – April 09. Will probably match or exceed last year's numbers.
- Budget time is nearing so the Public Awareness Subcommittee needs to convene and plan next year's public awareness budget.

Transfer of ECC Expenses in 2010

The ECC Department has been asked to reduce its budget by 10% in 2010. Mr. Dwayne Vance went over the items that the ECD could take over in 2010. They are:

Refuse Disposal	\$ 3,400
Pre-employment Checks	35,000
Internet Services	2,400
Postage	2,000
Advertising	2,000
Repair & Maint	600
Drug Test Fee	<u>2,200</u>
Total	\$47,600

Ms. Mattson made a motion for the Board to accept these costs as part of the ECD operating budget for 2010. Mr. Tune seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by voice vote.

Pending Bill in Tennessee Legislature HB204/SB208

Mr. Lynam made the Board aware of a bill that is pending in the State Legislature that would increase the monthly cell phone service fee from \$1.00 to \$1.50. It would also reallocate the distribution of this service charge from the TECB to the local ECD's from 25% to 65%. An additional 5% of the revenue generated would be distributed to the 50 lowest populated counties.

Senator Haynes indicated that TENA has not yet taken a stance on this nor had the TECB. At this time Board members felt that they could not take a position on this issue without having more information.

All Inclusive Update

Mr. Duane Phillips updated the Board on the following items:

- The minister who received assistance from the ECC on getting his airway cleared after a car wreck may speak at our employee appreciation banquet.
- Amanda Sloss has two stories involving ECC employees saving a life that will be published on ECC's website.
- The new fuel tank is in place and the concrete wall was put up around it.
- In preparation for NG911, Voice over Internet Protocol (Vo/IP) phones are being installed at both the Compton and Harding 911 centers.
- An orientation will be held on February 19 for candidates applying for 911 call-taker positions. We hope to hire 13 people from this group.
- Metro has given approval for the ECC Dept to permanently fill one of the Assistant Director vacancies and two of the manager vacancies.

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Public Hearing Location

During budget hearings last year Councilman Ryman suggested that the ECD should hold its public hearing somewhere other than a secured 911 facility. For our June meeting ECD board members recommended that we try to reserve one of the conference rooms at the Metro Southeast Facility, 1417 Murfreesboro Road, for this purpose. Mr. Lynam will follow up on this.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:00pm.

Minutes submitted by Mark Lynam