

#### **ALABAMA 9-1-1 BOARD MEETING**

# 1 Commerce Street Montgomery, AL 36104 Special Called Board Meeting

Minutes of 8/2/2018

Prior notice of this special called meeting of the Alabama 9-1-1 Board was given in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act. The minutes were recorded by Mrs. Dana Grubbs, Program Coordinator.

A quorum was established. Mr. Alan Campbell, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

The roll was called as follows by Mr. Larry Fisher, Secretary/Treasurer of the Board:

Alan Campbell, Chair	☑Present □Absent
Evelyn Causey, Vice Chair	☑Present □Absent
Melissa Dove	☑Present □Absent
Larry Fisher, Secretary/Treasurer	☑Present □Absent
Chris Heger	☑Present □Absent
Wayne Hutchens	□Present ☑Absent
Fred Johnson	☑Present □Absent
John Nettles	☑Present □Absent
Betty Sanders	□Present ☑Absent
Robert Smith	□Present ☑Absent
Tim Webb	☑Present □Absent
Jeremy Williams	☑Present □Absent
Vacant	□Present □Absent

Mr. Campbell called for unanimous consent for the approval of the agenda. There were no objections; therefore, adoption of the agenda was so ordered.

Mr. Campbell asked for guest introductions. Following the introductions, Mr. Campbell turned the floor over to Mrs. Leah Missildine, Executive Director.

Mrs. Missildine began with a review of two different banking option proposals. Proposals from Servis 1<sup>st</sup> Bank and Synovus were reviewed.

Mr. Larry Fisher added that the Finance Committee had reviewed these proposals and is recommending banking services for the Board be changed to Servis 1<sup>st</sup> Bank.

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Mrs. Melissa Dove made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to change banking services to Servis 1<sup>st</sup>; Mrs. Chris Heger seconded. There were no objections; therefore, the motion was carried.

Mrs. Missildine continued the meeting by presenting a District consolidation approval request that has been received at the request of Blount County and the City of Leeds. She reported that the consolidation process has been in action and all parties involved are in agreement, including the appropriate appointing authorities and local boards from both Districts, and have executed all the proper resolutions. Mrs. Missildine also reported that by statutory requirement, as stated in 11-98-6, the Board must approve the consolidation for the process to continue. The expected date of effectiveness is January 1, 2019.

Mrs. Chris Heger made a motion to approve the consolidation; Mrs. Melissa Dove seconded.

Discussion followed and began by a request from the audience. Mr. Howard Summerford, Director of Jefferson County Emergency Communications District, requested permission to address the Board; permission was granted by Mr. Alan Campbell. Mr. Summerford expressed his concerns about the consolidation between Blount County and the City of Leeds.

Mr. Scott Barnett, representative of the City of Leeds, also addressed the Board and ensured the Board that the City of Leeds considered multiple Districts while exploring their consolidation options. He also stated their technological or operational concerns surrounding the consolidation had been satisfied.

Mrs. Missildine added that there had been a great deal of time invested and considerations made for all technical issues that might arise in the transition.

Mr. Barnett also reported that the City of Leeds and Blount County had performed multiple site visits at both locations along with professional evaluations regarding technology and operations.

Mr. Campbell questioned Mr. Jim Sasser, General Counsel to the Board, about the current citizens of Leeds and how the statute affected them. Mr. Sasser stated the service to the citizens would be absorbed by the Blount County Emergency Communications District upon the consolidation. Mr. Campbell also addressed Mr. Barnett to verify that all parties involved were aware that after the consolidation has occurred there is no provision in the current statute that allows for an Emergency Communications District to be created; therefore, should this agreement not work out they could not create a new District. Mr. Barnett acknowledged his understanding of the statute.

Mrs. Chris Heger stated that if the consolidation is beneficial to both Districts and they have presented unanimous support for the consolidation and completed all the required resolutions, this Board should support their request.

Mr. John Nettles questioned Mr. Sasser about the Board's liability in following the statute to approve this request. Mr. Sasser replied that this action does not impose any liability on the Board and is required by the statute.

Mr. Fred Johnson addressed Mrs. Missildine and asked if there were any concerns about the use or misue of 9-1-1 funding for the purposes of this consolidation. Her response being there were no concerns. Mr. Johnson also asked Mr. Sasser if both Districts had complied with all the requirements of the State law for consolidation, to which Mr. Sasser responded in the affirmative.

Mr. Jeremy Williams expressed his concerns about the distance between the Districts and the precedence that is being set. Mrs. Evelyn Causey stated that if both Districts have exercised due diligence in this process that the Board should not have any requirement or responsibility to override the request.

Mrs. Chris Heger also expressed her support to move forward and approve the original motion.

There was no further discussion.

There were no objections; therefore, the motion was carried.

Mrs. Missildine continued the meeting and brought before the Board the CPI Rule for the purpose of adopting Final Draft Rule 585-X-4-.10.

## 585-X-4-.10 Statewide 9-1-1 Charge Adjustment for the rate of growth in the CPU-U.

- (1) The Alabama 9-1-1 Board hereby adjusts the single, monthly statewide 9-1-1 service charge that shall be imposed on each service connection in Alabama that is technically capable of accessing a 9-1-1 system as declared necessary to administer the 9-1-1 Fund and the monthly statewide 9-1-1 charge authorized by Section 11-98-5 and to distribute revenue in the 9-1-1 Fund in accordance with Section 11-98-4.1.
- (2) No later than October 1, 2018 and each fifth year afterward, the 9-1-1 Board will adjust the 9-1-1 charge to produce an increase in the baseline 9-1-1 revenues sufficient to increase the amount distributed to each Emergency Communication District (ECD) during the immediately preceding fiscal year by an amount equal to the rate of growth, determined as a percentage, in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for such five year period.
  - a. The period's rate of growth is 7.05%, which requires the Board to adjust the 9-1-1 service charge from \$1.75 to \$1.86.

Mrs. Missildine stated the only change that was made to the rule was verbiage that was made to read "from \$1.75 to \$1.86." She also reported that there was a Public Hearing held on July 19, 2018, there were no oral comments made at the hearing and there were no written comments received or filed on this draft rule. She continued with explaining the rule-making process allows 45 days from the filing of the adopted final draft for the rule to become effective, pending no amendments being made. This may result in a need for the Board to take action at the September



Board meeting to authorize staff to notice carriers of the rate change not less than 90 days prior to the effective date. Mr. Fred Johnson made the recommendation to amend the verbiage to adding the rate's effective date.

Mrs. Chris Heger made a motion to approve Final Draft Rule 585-X-4-.10 with the amendment under subtitle a. to read, "The period's rate of growth is 7.05%, which requires the Board to adjust the 9-1-1 service charge from \$1.75 to \$1.86, to be collected by providers beginning January 1, 2019." Mr. Fred Johnson seconded. There were no objections; therefore, the motion was carried.

#### **Executive Session:**

Based on advice from General Counsel, Mr. Campbell called for a motion to convene in Executive Session to discuss ongoing litigation with i-wireless. The Executive Session was estimated to last approximately 10 minutes. Mr. Johnson made the motion, Mrs. Heger seconded. The following roll call vote was taken by Mr. Fisher:

Alan Campbell	
Evelyn Causey	■Yea □Nay □Abstain □Absent
Melissa Dove	■Yea □Nay □Abstain □Absent
Larry Fisher	■Yea □Nay □Abstain □Absent
Chris Heger	☑Yea □Nay □Abstain □Absent
Wayne Hutchens	□Yea □Nay □Abstain ☑Absent
Fred Johnson	ĭ¥Yea □Nay □Abstain □Absent
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Vacant	□Yea □Nay □Abstain ☑Absent

There were no objections and the Board meeting moved into Executive Session at 10:43 a.m. and was estimated to last approximately 10 minutes.

The Board meeting reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

Mrs. Chris Heger made a motion to settle litigation with i-wireless and authorize General Counsel to coordinate settlement agreement; Mr. Tim Webb seconded.



Mr. Campbell addressed the audience and explained that we had received a settlement offer from i-wireless and that the Board felt it appropriate to accept.

There were no objections; therefore, the motion was carried.

This concluded the intended purpose of this meeting.

#### **Public Comments:**

Mr. Roger Humphrey, Cullman County, expressed his concern regarding the consolidation between Blount County and the City of Leeds and the distance between the two Districts.

Mr. Summerford expressed his appreciation to the Board for allowing him to speak on his position.

Mr. Campbell expressed that speaking only on his behalf, he did not feel the position of the Board should be to dictate which providers or service Districts choose.

Mrs. Chris Heger stated that even though the consolidation seems strange in evolvement, she continues to stand by her Board members to support the decision.

Mr. Ernie Blair asked about how the funding will be affected due to one District being eliminated. Mr. Sasser answered the population funding will be absorbed by Blount County.

Mrs. Chris Heger also spoke to the consistent need for funding regardless of what type of consolidation had occurred and that she felt that no District should be made to consolidate unwillingly.

There were no further public comments.

### Adjournment:

The motion was made by Mr. Fred Johnson to adjourn; Mrs. Chris Heger seconded. There were no objections and the adjournment of the meeting was so ordered at 11:01 a.m.

The next scheduled meeting will be September 19, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Approved this 19th day of September, 2018

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