

El Paso – Teller County E9-1-1 Authority

February 24, 2010

Meeting Minutes

Authority Members Present: Sue Autry, Darin Anstine, Keith Buckmiller, Ron Gibson, Michael Gower, Jim Grayson, Ken Moore and Bud Silloway

Authority Members Absent: Marcus Woodward

Vacancies: None

Other Personnel Present: James Anderson, System Manager and Christy Davis, Administrative Assistant

1) Call to Order:

The February 24, 2010 regular session meeting of the El Paso - Teller E9-1-1 Authority was called to order at 2:00 PM by Chairman, Jim Grayson. The meeting was held in the E9-1-1 boardroom, located at 2350 Airport Road, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

2) Act on Requests of Authority Members Who Have Asked to be Excused:

Marcus Woodward asked to be excused.

Motion was made by Darin Anstine to excuse Marcus Woodward; second by Bud Silloway.

Motion passed unanimously on voice vote by the 8 Authority Members present.

3) Introductions:

Introductions were not necessary at this time.

4) Public to be Heard:

No items were brought forth at this time.

5) Consent Calendar:

A - Approve the Minutes of the January 27, 2010 Authority Meeting.

B - Approve the Minutes of the February 9, 2010 Special Meeting.

C - Approve the February 2010 Financial Statement and Authorize Payment of the Monthly Bills.

Motion was made by Michael Gower to approve the consent calendar; second by Bud Silloway.

Motion passed unanimously on voice vote by the 8 Authority Members present.

6) Report by the System Manager:

Mr. Anderson reported that there were two additions to the written report included in the packets. The first addition was that the January/February 2010 newsletter had been created on a Macintosh computer and that a Mac would be purchased by the Authority for use on newsletters, the annual report, and other projects. The second additional item was information on Senate Bill 10-135, a bill that would exempt lifeline phones from having to pay the 9-1-1 surcharge. If passed, the Authority could lose up to \$338,184 per year in revenue. A Senate hearing will take place at 1:30 on March 1.

7) Approve Authority Resolutions:

A - Resolution 10-06, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF THE AUTHORITY INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR ONE YEAR (MARCH 2010 – MARCH 2011) WITH VFIS AT A COST OF \$24,295.00.

A motion was made by Darin Anstine to approve the resolution; second by Bud Silloway.

Motion passed on a roll call vote with 8 ayes and 1 not present.

8) Reports by Standing Committees:

A - PSAP Managers Committee

Tina Young reported that the committee did not meet this month but there had been a Steering Committee meeting to discuss local policies and changes with Dr. Marilyn Gifford, the physician advisor. After more research has been completed, the requested changes will be presented to the National Academy.

9) Old Business:

A - Accrued Leave Agreement with JKA Consulting.

The attorney prepared an agreement between the Authority Board and JKA Consulting, in which JKA would pay the Authority for vacation and sick time that

each employee had accrued as of December 31, 2009. The employees unanimously voted to carryover the time off instead of receiving a pay out at the end of 2009. A check for \$41,481.76 was written to the Authority by JKA Consulting.

Motion was made by Ken Moore to approve the agreement and the receipt of the funds; second by Keith Buckmiller.

Motion passed unanimously on voice vote by the 8 Authority Members present.

B - Tow vehicle for Smoke Trailer.

The truck and trailer were parked in the parking lot for inspection. Originally, in May 2009, an ambulance was going to be used, but with so many delays other avenues were explored and it was discovered that the City of Colorado Springs had a few surplus vehicles. The Authority already had authorized up to \$5,000 for a tow vehicle and the investment so far for the truck received from the City is \$179 and it is anticipated that a couple hundred dollars more will be required for insurance, licensing, and to have a logo designed and applied. Mr. Anderson wished to thank the Colorado Springs FD and Michael Gower for their assistance in obtaining the vehicle.

10) New Business:

A - Budget Request from Teller County.

Cindy Link and Lt. Bud Bright were in attendance to present the request and answer questions. In the original 2010 capital expenditure request, the Teller County Sheriff's Office requested licensing and software for 15 MDT units. They applied for a grant for the hardware (mobile units and associated hardware) but when the grant did not come through they requested that the Authority Board fund 9 MDT units with all hardware and software. Mr. Anderson stated that the cost of software for the agency and server costs were not included in the request. Up to this point the Authority has not funded MDTs and if they did start to do so, someone would have to be responsible for the ongoing maintenance of the units.

It was discussed that the additional costs be factored into the request and that the request be presented again in March, if the Teller County Sheriff's Office wished to do so.

B - State 9-1-1 Task Force Meeting in March.

Mr. Anderson stated that the next State 9-1-1 Task Force meeting would be held on March 11, 2010 at 10:00 AM at the 9-1-1 Administrative building. He asked for approval to cater lunch at the meeting, in an amount not to exceed \$500.

Motion was made by Keith Buckmiller to expend up to \$500 for lunch at the meeting; second by Bud Silloway.

Motion passed unanimously on voice vote by the 8 Authority Members present.

Mr. Anderson invited the Authority Board to attend the meeting.

C - Health plan options.

Mr. Anderson said that since joining with the City of Colorado Springs for health benefits did not work out, he has been looking at plans through two brokers, so that the plans could be compared and there would be options for the employees. Two plans being considered are from Kaiser and Rocky Mountain Health. Both plans have a deductible that must be met (per individual and per family) after which, 100% of charges would be covered. It was discussed that if each employee had \$200 monthly contributed to a Health Savings Account (HSA), this could help offset costs until the deductible had been met. It was also proposed that employees who opted out of having health insurance with the company be paid a \$50 monthly waiver.

It was discussed that since there was less than a fifty dollar difference per month in the two plans, that the Authority Board would leave it up to the employees to decide which to enroll in. One disadvantage of the Rocky Mountain Health plan was that there was a two million dollar lifetime payout limit. There was not a limit with the Kaiser plan. Some Authority members thought that the employees should only have to pay 8% of the premium since that is what they would have been paying if they had been able to join with the city of Colorado Springs. It was also proposed that the HSA funds be deposited and available at the beginning of the year instead of being distributed on a monthly basis. It was also discussed that employees could sign up for optional dental benefits with Delta Dental, although HSA funds can be used for both eye care and dental expenses. It was mentioned that HSAs are federally governed and regulated so there are specific rules for their administration and use.

Motion was made by Darin Anstine to authorize employees to enroll in one of the two plans documented with employees responsible for 8% of the cost; a \$50 monthly waiver to employees who opt out of the insurance and to contribute \$200 per month for each employee into an HSA, payable in one lump sum at the beginning of each year; second by Keith Buckmiller.

Motion passed unanimously on voice vote by the 8 Authority Members present.

C - Request from Cripple Creek.

Diann Pritchard from Cripple Creek Emergency Communications said that she had been notified on Thursday that Jesse Avery won the National Calltaker/Dispatcher Award from the E911 Institute. She was requesting a contribution from the Authority Board so that she and Jesse could attend the E9-1-1 2010 Caucus in Washington D.C.

in March. The award would be presented at that time. While in Washington, they will have the opportunity to meet with a Colorado Congressman and/or Senator, and they would like to share any information that the Authority Board would like them to relay regarding current legislation or other 9-1-1 related issues.

Motion was made by Darin Anstine to contribute up to \$2000 for the trip to Washington, with the money coming from the conference funding line item; second by Ken Moore.

Motion was approved unanimously by the 8 Authority Members present.

11) Executive Session:

An executive session was not necessary at this time.

12) Adjournment:

A motion was made by Bud Silloway to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Ken Moore.

Motion passed unanimously on voice vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:14 PM

Submitted for Approval By:

Michael Gower, Authority Secretary