

El Paso – Teller County E9-1-1 Authority

April 21, 2010

Meeting Minutes

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

Authority Members Absent: Michael Gower and Marcus Woodward.

Vacancies: None

Other Personnel Present: James Anderson, System Manager, Robert
Cole, Legal Counsel and Christy Davis,
Administrative Assistant

1) Call to Order:

The April 21, 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:

Michael Gower and Marcus Woodward asked to be excused.

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

Motion passed unanimously on voice vote by the 7 Authority Members present.

3) Introductions:

The audience and Authority Members introduced themselves.

4) Public to be Heard:

No items were brought forth at this time.

5) Consent Calendar:

A - Approve the Minutes of the March 24, 2010 Authority Meeting.

B - Approve the April 2010 Financial Statement and Authorize Payment of the Monthly Bills.

Motion was made by Bud Silloway to approve the consent calendar; second by Keith Buckmiller.

Motion passed unanimously on voice vote by the 7 Authority Members present.

6) Report by the System Manager:

Mr. Anderson reported that a phone outage on April 7 had affected Teller County and parts of El Paso County (along Highway 115), due to a fiber cable being cut on Fort Carson. Phones were out from approximately 9:30 AM until 9:00 PM, when all service was resumed. On April 10, a cable cut impacted the Manitou Springs PSAP from approximately 6:30 PM to 2:00 AM the following day. It wasn't until mid-morning on the 11th that all services were restored to Manitou Springs.

7) Approve Authority Resolutions:

A - Resolution 10-08, A RESOLUTION HONORING MARK GASS AS THE TELECOMMUNICATOR OF THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2010.

A motion was made by Ron Gibson to approve the resolution; second by Darin Anstine.

Motion passed on a roll call vote with 7 ayes and 2 not present.

Jim Grayson presented the award and gift certificate to Mark Gass.

8) Reports by Standing Committees:

A - PSAP Managers Committee

Tina Young reported that a meeting was not held last month, due to the weather. She also informed the board that in addition to the national recognition that Jessie Avery received the previous month, Meredith Jensen, of the Colorado Springs Police Department, has been selected as Dispatcher of the Year by the National Academy and will receive an award at the Navigator conference. It was also discussed that CAD-to-CAD between the El Paso County Sheriff's Office and Colorado Springs Police Department has been turned off until an agreement has been signed that outlines how CAD-to-CAD will be used between the two agencies.

It was discussed that as agencies go live with NG9-1-1 it will give them the capability of calls rolling over to another agency if the phone is not answered after a number of rings. It was also mentioned that the PSAP Managers Committee might want to

investigate doing drills or testing of this rollover capability. Mr. Anderson said that the contingency plan is currently being revised and he should have the updated version available at the next meeting.

9) Old Business:

A - Senate Bill 120 Update.

Mr. Anderson stated that Senate Bill 135 (exempting lifeline phones from paying the 9-1-1 surcharge) is dead and that Senate Bill 120 (requiring pre-paid wireless carriers to pay the 9-1-1 surcharge to the state where the phone was purchased) will be going to the Appropriations Committee on April 26. He believes that it will be approved, and if that happens, there will be additional revenue of approximately \$250,000 to \$300,000 per year coming into the Authority.

10) New Business:

A - Infrastructure Replacement.

Mr. Anderson is bringing this item back before the board for direction on how or if they would like to spend the funds currently budgeted for "Infrastructure Replacement". The Authority voted to put four million dollars in that budget line but did not decide specifically what the money would be spent on. There are pros and cons to both expending the funds and saving it for future use and improvements. It was discussed that although the building will be paid off this year, the credit from Qwest will end in 2011 and those payments by the board will resume. Another consideration is that if Proposition 101 passes, any increase in the tariff would require voter approval, potentially limiting the revenue for the Authority to operate. It is unknown what the future costs might be for state-wide and nation-wide 9-1-1 networks that are currently in the planning stages. Mr. Anderson said that the Authority has two options; the first is to take a stand to not spend the surplus, despite political pressure to not have that much money in reserve, and the second is to reduce the surplus by committing it to a specific project or projects. After more discussion, the consensus of the board was not to expend the funds just for the sake of lowering the balance to satisfy public opinion when there were so many unknown costs in the future that might require the surplus.

B - 9-1-1 Week.

September 11 is National 9-1-1 Day and traditionally the Authority Board has distributed tokens of appreciation to call takers and dispatchers in the system on this day. There was concern last year if these tokens were appropriate given the budget restraints of other organizations, so Mr. Anderson wanted to know if the Authority would like to continue this practice in 2010. Previous gifts include clothing items, luggage, lunch bags and duffle bags. Authority members felt that they would like to continue giving tokens of appreciation, not to exceed \$50 per person. It was decided

that the PSAP Managers Committee would make a recommendation of what would be most appreciated after their next meeting.

11) Executive Session:

An executive session was not necessary at this time.

12) Adjournment:

A motion was made by Darin Anstine to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Ken Moore.

Motion passed unanimously on voice vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:59 PM

Submitted for Approval By:

Michael Gower, Authority Secretary