MOBILE COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Minutes of May 10, 2018

Commissioners Attending:
    Stephen Bowden        Cynthia Coleman        Roy Hodge
    Robert Adams

Staff Attending:
    Charlie McNichol, Director
    Jeffery Hartley, Attorney
    Hayley Clough, Administrative Assistant

The REGULAR board meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held May 10, 2018 at the Mobile County Communications Center.

Call to Order – Chairman Bowden called the meeting to order at 7:58 A.M.

Approval of Minutes – Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 12, 2018 meeting, seconded by Commissioner R. Hodge, all approved.

Treasurer Report – Commissioner Coleman made a motion to approve the April Claims list, seconded by Commissioner Adams, all approved. Commissioner Coleman made a motion to authorize the transfer of $533,748 from the Operating Account to the Debt Service Account for the month of May, seconded by Commissioner Adams, all approved.

Personnel – No Report

Planning – No Report

Communications – No Report

Emergency Medical – No Report

Building/Configuration – Commissioner Adams opened discussion on bolstering the multi-purpose building. The building will be used as a dormitory for employees in the case of a natural disaster. MCCD could bolster the new building by the standards set by FEMA for a shelter. This would include the building being made of concrete rather than metal as previously planned and will be storm proof. Director McNichol stated that bolstering the building is important because it will be housing our personnel as well as the radio shop. Commissioner Adams stated it should be approximately $100,000 - $200,000 in additional costs to bolster it but we should build it this way from the beginning. Commissioner R. Hodge asked if there will be shelter from one building to the other as they are not connected to which Director McNichol stated there will be a covered walkway. Commissioner Adams made a motion for Director McNichol to meet with the architects on bolstering the building under FEMA standards, seconded by Commissioner R. Hodge, all approved.

Board Attorney – No Report

Director – Director McNichol introduced Mayor Williams of Mount Vernon to the board. He and Ruben Robinson have been working with him on getting their dispatch back up and running.

Director McNichol presented to the board a request from EMA for communications equipment in their new 01 building. Previously, the MCCD board had expressed interest in helping EMA. Director McNichol has checked with Hurricane Electronics to ensure this is on state contract and the things that are not are covered
under their construction bid. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the grant for EMA, seconded by Commissioner R. Hodge, all approved.

Director McNichol asked the board to authorize him to advertise the bid for MPD and EMS MDT’s. The current MDT’s have old software that will not be compatible with the new CAD upgrade. Commissioner Adams made a motion to authorize Director McNichol to advertise the bid, seconded by Commissioner R. Hodge, all approved.

Director McNichol reported to the board that there is a large amount of equipment that now needs to be purchased to maintain the P-25 radio system. All equipment will either come off the state contract or will be put out for bid. Commissioner Adams made a motion to authorize Director McNichol to purchase the necessary equipment and supplies to maintain the P-25 system, seconded by Commissioner R. Hodge, all approved.

Old Business – No Report

New Business – Mayor Williams asked if MCCD could build a shelter for the northern part of Mobile County like the one we are building here? Director McNichol stated no because it does not fall under communications, but he could point him in the right direction. Anything communications related, we could help with.

Director McNichol invited the board to attend the National NENA Conference in Nashville if anyone would like to go.

Announcement – Next board meeting to be held June 14, 2018

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 8:15 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

Stephen Bowden, Chairman

Hayley Clough, Recording Secretary