



# Jefferson County Emergency Communications

Meeting Minutes

Jefferson County 911 Emergency Communications Board

October 24, 2019

The Jefferson County 911 Emergency Communications Board convened a regularly scheduled meeting on October 24, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. in the Emergency Operations Center, 581 W Old AJ Highway, in New Market, Tennessee.

Chairman Tom Maursetter presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order. Member Brad Phillips, Chad Cotter, Rob Blevins were absent. All other members were present.

## **I. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the Board's July 25, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Member Lee Turner moved to approve the minutes. Member Mike Price seconded the motion. The Board voted in favor of adopting and approving the minutes as presented.

*Member Colin McRae arrived for the meeting.*

## **II. Financial Report**

The financial statement for the First Quarter (July-Sept 2019) and balance sheet as of September 30, 2019 were reviewed. The report shows revenue received totaled \$280,459.15 and expenses totaled \$373,664.53. The cash balance as of the September 30, 2019 balance sheet totaled \$1,167,927.69. Member Mike Price moved to approve the financial report. Member Lee Turner seconded the motion. The Board voted in favor of adopting and approving the financial reports as presented.

## **III. Call Report Jan – Sept 2019**

Director Crowther presented the Board with the call report for Jan-Sept 2019. The district processed 77,742 phone calls and 51,606 CAD incidents. There were 471,842 radio transmissions completed.

## **IV. 2020 Board of Directors Meeting Dates**

Director Crowther presented the board with the 2020 Board of Director Meeting Dates.

## **V. Other Business by Director**

Director Crowther advised that board that the new Zetron Max Call Taking equipment was in place and operational. The board was further advised that Jefferson County has began the process to receive text to 9-1-1 calls for service. It is estimated that call takers will begin receiving these types of calls within the next six to eight weeks. Three other counties in Tennessee are currently received text messages and reporting successful cases.

The radio tower site which was leased from Midwest Communications is now operational on the digital radio system. Initial testing with the New Market Fire Department is very favorable, as areas in the county that had poor radio reception, or none at all, have improved. We are still waiting for funding to be finalized within the Jefferson County Finance Department so that end user radio equipment can be purchased. Director Crowther spoke with the financial director this week, who advises that everything should be finalized this week and we can begin to order next week. Member Cureton inquired as when the subscription charges will begin. These charges will take place when the individual departments receive their equipment.

The Board was given a status on the State Rate Restoration Project. Currently there is no active bill being sponsored. The State Board Director request that we reach out to our state and local legislatures and request support for when a bill is filed in the near future. This board, as well as county commission, has passed a resolution supporting the rate restoration to benefit 9-1-1 operations. These documents will be forward to the appropriate legislatures seeking support. Director Crowther requests that any other officials having contact with state legislatures seek support or even co-sponsorship when the bill is filed.

The board was informed that Senior Telecommunicator Teresa Hill received the Telecommunicator of the Year award at this year's TENA conference in Murfreesboro. The board requested that an Honorary Resolution be presented to her at the next meeting showing the boards support.

## **VI. Adjourned**