

The Board of Directors of the Emergency Communications District (ECD) of Nashville and Davidson County met in regular session at board member Buford Tune's place of business, APPS Training 1645A Murfreesboro Pike. Chair Cleo Duckworth called the meeting to order at 4:07 PM and presided over the meeting with the following board members present: Ruby Baker, David Gleason, Susan Mattson, Wayne Tucker, William Johnson, Eliud Trevino, and Buford Tune. Board member Grady McNeal was not in attendance. Others present included: Mark Lynam (ECD Admin); Duane Phillips and Dwayne Vance (ECC Dept), Pat Nolan (DVL Public Relations), Senator Joe Haynes (Legal Counsel), Ramona McKenzie and Al Thomas (Fire Dept), and Aida Hughes.

Minutes

Mr. Tune made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 19, 2015 ECD board meeting. Mr. Trevino seconded the motion. All board members with the exception of Mr. David Gleason voted to approve the minutes. Mr. Gleason abstained from voting since he was not at the last meeting.

Update – Fire Station Alerting System

Assistant Fire Chief Al Thomas reported that weekly status meetings are taking place with all participants in the project. Equipment will be installed in 40 locations (38 Metro fire stations, Fire Headquarters, and Goodlettsville Medic 41). The power and low voltage cabling requirements should be complete within the first nine fire halls by the end of the week. Equipment installation will then begin in these nine fire halls. Both the old system and new system will run in duplicate until "sign off" on the new system. Metro's IT Dept has agreed to fund the cost of the UPS systems at each site. They are doing this because they want a UPS system that is large enough to support both the Locution equipment as well as the computer equipment at each site.

Financial Report

Mr. Lynam went over the March 2015 financial report with board members. He reported that the only income received in March was from interest paid on our checking account and LGIP account. This amounted to \$722. Expenses for March were \$222,648. This left us with a net loss of \$221,926 for the month. Our checking account balance at the end of March was \$536,182 and our LGIP account balance was \$7,910,964. This provided a total of \$8,447,145 cash available for operations.

ECD Budget for 2016

Mr. Lynam went over the proposed FY16 budget that he had prepared with help from various members of the ECC Department, the ECD Technology Committee, and the ECD Public Awareness Committee. The proposed budget for fiscal year 2016 contains \$3,517,300 for normal operating expenses and \$4,043,879 for capital improvements. The total amount of the 2016 budget is \$7,561,179.

After discussion ended Mr. Gleason made a motion to accept the proposed budget. Mr. Tune seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by voice vote. Mr. Gleason added a "thank you" to ECC Technology Manager, Tim Watkins, for his hard work in the budget preparation. (Copy of the proposed budget for 2016 is submitted with minutes).

Training Requests

There were no training requests.

Public Awareness Update

Mr. Nolan went over the call analysis report for March 2015. He also provided reports showing the number of Rescue Rex shows that have been scheduled for the current school year and the school appearance schedule for April 2015.

Mr. Nolan reported that DVL had entered the Non-Emergency Campaign and the Rescue Rex Program into the competition for the annual Parthenon Awards which is being held in Las Vegas this year. DVL has been notified that they have won an award. They will learn later this month if they have won the Parthenon Award or a Certificate of Merit.

Street Name Change BL2015-1105

An ordinance has been submitted to rename a portion of “Jackson Street” to “Junior Gilliam Way”. This name change has the support of the ECC Department. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the name change. Ms. Mattson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by voice vote.

ECD Bylaws

Senator Haynes reviewed the bylaws and reported that there were two items that needed attention. The first item was our meeting time. The bylaw governing our meeting time states that we meet on the second Tuesday in March, June, September and December. Board members asked that the bylaw be changed to be consistent with our current meeting schedule, the third Thursday of each month.

The second item that needed to be addressed was a provision which states that all expenditures in excess of \$500 be passed by “roll call” vote. Board members asked that this provision be removed from the bylaws.

ECC Director Report

ECC Chief Duane Phillips reported on the following:

- Chief Phillips attended the Mayor’s Budget Hearing on March 30th. The ECC Department is asking that its budget be increased to cover six new “dispatcher” positions, pay raises for employees who complete fire dispatch training, and special event pay for “FIRST” team employees.
- The Police Department is asking for a new Police Precinct in South Nashville. It may be located on property that Metro recently purchased near the corner of Murfreesboro Pike and Fesslers Lane.
- Chief Phillips met with the ECD Technology Committee and the Public Awareness Committee on April 9th.
- Rescue Rex recently attended the Park Avenue Elementary School Health Fair.
- On Saturday, April 11th, members of the ECC Department attended the Spring Fling at Park Avenue Elementary School. They handed out safety tips on missing and exploited children as well as information on Smart911.
- On April 14th, Girl Scout Troop 1401 from Ensworth School visited the 911 Center.

- Since taking over 911 revenue collections as part of the 911 Modernization Act, the TECB has experienced roughly a \$2 million shortfall. There is some talk about possibly putting this function under the Tennessee Department of Revenue.

Adjournment

Upon proper motion and second the meeting adjourned at 5:12 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Mark Lynam