

St. Mary Parish 911 Communications District

1200 David Dr. Building B

Morgan City, LA 70380

May 20, 2015

10:00 A.M.

Vice Chairman Matt Mayon opened the May 2015 meeting with a roll call. Mr. McAllister, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Arthur and Mr. Verret were in attendance. Mr. Smith, Mr. Richard and Mr. Verret were not in attendance.

Vice Chairman Mayon called for a motion to accept the April 2015 meeting minutes. Mr. Arthur made a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Jackson seconded the motion. All members were in favor and the motion carried.

The income statement for April 2015 totaled \$67,056.59. Mr. Arthur made a motion to accept the deposit summary. The motion was seconded by Mr. McAllister. All members were in favor and the motion carried.

Expenses for the month of April 2015 totaled \$61,197.46. Mr. Arthur made a motion to accept the expense statement. His motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson. All members were in favor and the motion carried.

New Business: Mr. Alan Taylor addressed the board with the 2014 audit. All members received a copy of the audit. The opinion is unmodified. Comparing 2014 with previous years shows a steady growth in revenues at 4 to 5% annually on the non-capital costs. Revenues consistently exceed expenses. Personnel costs predominate every year. The segregation of duties, due to the size of the agency, is mitigated by the board of commissioners carefully monitoring the district's financial performance.

Mr. McAllister made a motion to accept the audit. Mr. Arthur seconded the motion. All members were in favor and the motion carried.

The Coroner's office has contacted 911 about the possibility of taking their afterhours calls. Mr. Arthur said he had spoken with Mr. LaGrange and Mr. Punch and they agreed it was a good idea. He asked that a MOU be sent to the attorney for approval. The members agreed to wait for a legal opinion.

Old Business: none

Director Updates: Mrs. Angeron asked the members about selling the old equipment. Mr. Arthur suggested contacting Mr. Punch about declaring it surplus equipment.

Preparations for texting to 911 should be completed by the end of June 2015. A notice will be published 30 days before going live.

Two employees have left the 911 center. Mrs. Angeron asked the members about the possibility of hiring a call taker/ information technologist at a higher rate of pay on a full time basis. Mr. Arthur made a motion to hire the applicant at a higher rate. Mr. McAllister seconded the motion. All members were in favor and the motion carried.

T1 costs have increased from \$616.00 to \$646.00 a month.

Letters have been sent to landline telephone carriers for increased surcharges.

General Discussion: Mr. McAllister told the board that he had received complaints about not being able to hear the dispatchers over the radio. Mrs. Angeron said she would discuss this with the dispatchers. He also said his department did not receive notification of a call by radio due to the caller dialing directly to the Sheriff office. Mr. Jackson said he would inform his dispatchers to notify 911 for rescue to be sent to accidents.

Public Comment: none

Adjournment: Mr. Arthur made a motion to adjourn. Mr. McAllister seconded the motion. All members were in favor and the motion carried.

Approved: _____

Ed Smith, Chairman

Attest: _____

Charlette Angeron, Director