

ST. MARY PARISH 9-1-1 COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT

Regular Board Meeting
1200 David Drive, Building B
Morgan City, LA 70380
September 28, 2022
1:00 P.M.

Chairman Ed Smith opened the September 28th, 2022, regular meeting with the roll call. Mr. Ed Smith, Mr. Morris Beverly, Mr. David Naquin, and Sheriff's department representative, Mr. Gary Driskill were in attendance. Mr. Matt Mayon, Mr. Allen Rink, Mr. Scott Verret, and Mr. Blaise Smith did not attend.

Mr. Naquin made a motion to dispense with the reading of and to accept the August 2022 minutes. Mr. Beverly seconded the motion. All members were in favor and the motion carried.

Public Comment: Mr. Justin Martin of Franklin Fire Department advised that he gave a letter to Ms. Angeron from the fire association regarding the protocol changes.

The Income Statement for August 2022 was \$70,033.09. Mr. Naquin made a motion to accept the income statement. Mr. Beverly seconded the motion. All members were in favor and the motion carried.

The Expense Statement for August 2022 was \$57,254.94. Mr. Beverly made a motion to accept the expense statement. Mr. Naquin seconded the motion. All members were in favor and the motion carried.

A budget to actual comparison was provided to the board for review.

Old Business: Prepared Live 911, Intergovernmental Agreement, CAD Systems

Prepared Live – Ms. Angeron advised that computers and monitors have been installed for Prepared Live. There will be a series of meetings and training sessions. The first zoom meeting was yesterday. There will be more meetings next week, then training will begin. It should be up and running before the next board meeting.

Intergovernmental Agreement – A copy of the revised agreement was presented to the board. Ms. Angeron advised that all parties have agreed to the changes. Mr. Naquin made a motion to accept the changes to the agreement. Mr. Beverly seconded the motion. All members were in favor and the motion carried.

CAD systems – Ms. Angeron advised that she and Ms. Randle attended some DEMOs of various systems: they visited St. Martin 911/S.O. to see the TailorBuilt CAD system; a Motorola zoom DEMO is scheduled for October 26th. Central Square also presented a DEMO via zoom; they visited Acadian to see the Central Square CAD system.

Members discussed a variety of things that could factor into which system is ultimately chosen. There was also some discussion about the possibility and benefits of Sheriff's office dispatchers working from the 911 center.

New Business: Revised Budget Ms. Angeron advised that income has dropped more than anticipated, therefore adjustments had to be made. There was an increase in expenses due to the installation of the four new computers, monitors, and racks. She advised that there will still be a net income, although it will be smaller than originally projected. Mr. Naquin made a motion to accept the revised budget. Mr. Beverly seconded the motion. All members were in favor and the motion carried.

Director Updates: Mrs. Angeron advised that 911 employees participated in the active shooter training along with area law enforcement, fire departments, and Acadian. There was a brief discussion about the training.

Allen's communications installed two fiber optic lines with emergency capabilities. If an emergency arises and it becomes necessary for us to relocate, those phones can be used as long as there is an internet connection.

Ms. Angeron stated that we are awaiting a letter from Acadian for our CPR Instructions exemption.

Next month, employees will participate in the trunk or treat event sponsored by the City of Morgan City.

Ms. Angeron asked the board members to adjust the dates of the November and December board meetings to the 3rd Wednesday due to the holidays. Mr. Naquin made a motion to move the meetings to November 16th and December 21st. Mr. Beverly seconded the motion. All members were in favor and the motion carried.

Ms. Angeron advised the board that two new employees were hired, we now have 3 in training. She advised that we should return to a full staff in 6-8 weeks.

She advised that the new equipment has been installed for Prepared Live.

Ms. Angeron advised that protocol changes for life threatening medical calls were approved by the fire association at their meeting in Patterson.

General Discussion:

Mr. Naquin discussed the Starlink system, HAM radio, and Doppler Radar:

He advised that the state approved the Starlink system for 911. It's a backup system and there is a monthly cost associated with having it. The state will cover the cost the first year. Once it's activated, the bill must be paid even if it's not being used.

He advised that both hospitals in the parish have HAM radios and GOHSEP has approved one for 911 emergency communications.

Mr. Naquin also advised that St. Mary Parish was selected to get Doppler Radar system possibly by next Spring.

Mr. Ed Smith advised that he and Ms. Angeron received an email from Mr. Rink. The fire association voted to replace him, so he effectively resigned from the 911 advisory board. The fire association voted to appoint Justin Martin of the Franklin Fire Department to succeed Mr. Rink. Mr. Ed Smith advised that it has to be voted on by the parish council and Mr. Martin has to take the oath before it becomes official.

Adjournment: Mr. Beverly made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Naquin seconded the motion. All members were in favor and the motion carried.

Approved: _____
Travis Mayon, Vice-Chairman

Attest: _____
Charlette Angeron, Director