

ST. MARY PARISH 9-1-1 COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT

Regular Board Meeting
1200 David Drive, Building B
Morgan City, LA 70380
January 26, 2022
1:00 P.M.

Chairman Ed Smith opened the January 26th, 2022, regular meeting with the roll call. Mr. Beverly, Mr. Naquin, Mr. Blaise Smith, and Mr. Ed Smith were in attendance. Mr. Matt Mayon, Mr. Scott Verret, and Mr. Allen Rink did not attend.

Mr. Beverly made a motion to dispense with the reading of and to accept the December 2021 minutes. Mr. Naquin seconded the motion. All members were in favor and the motion carried.

Public Comment: none

Guests/Attendees: Morgan City Mayor Lee Dragna was a guest at the meeting. Morgan City Police Chief James Blair, and Morgan City Police Captain Chad Adams also attended.

Mayor Dragna advised that the Morgan City fire chief brought to his attention that a CAD system is a mandatory system needed to improve their fire ratings. He stated that the city is interested helping to implement that.

Mr. Ed Smith explained that some of the fire association members brought to the board's attention that they were looking at a CAD system. They presented a proposal from Motorola at the last board meeting. A committee was formed to explore options. The committee later met with representatives from Motorola. Mr. Naquin stated that Motorola was asked to give a demonstration before the next meeting. There was a discussion about the location for the demonstration. Mr. Naquin advised that the Franklin courthouse council meeting room has the space and necessary equipment. Mayor Dragna offered the Morgan City Auditorium as another option.

There was a discussion about how a CAD system would be funded. Mr. Naquin stated that if more agencies get involved, it will probably be more cost-effective. He advised that it might be possible to piggyback with another agency under a state contract. Mayor Dragna advised that the grant writer for the City of Morgan City might be able to assist 911 by researching possible grant options.

Mr. Naquin stated that he does not think having CAD will improve the ratings much. Only nine-tenths of a point was lost for not having CAD. Mayor Dragna advised that Morgan City is one-tenth of a point from a rating of two. Mayor Dragna stated that he is concerned that if their fire rating goes up, insurance premiums might increase.

There was a brief discussion about other CAD options. Captain Adams asked if PTS had been compared to Motorola. Mr. Ed Smith stated that the fire departments initiated the process for a CAD system and presented the proposal from Motorola. Captain Adams advised that the Sheriff's Office has PTS and so does Morgan City Police Department. He advised that PTS might offer a better deal. Mr. Ed Smith said the Motorola representative mentioned that a lot of agencies have been transferring from PTS to Motorola. Chief Blair said MCPD once left PTS for another database and they went back to PTS.

There was a discussion about the benefits of having a CAD system. Mr. Ed Smith stated that the parish president expressed at the last meeting, that everything should be housed at 911 since 911 is the communications center. Mr. Smith advised that the next step is to find out what we're going to do, how much it will cost, and who will pay for it. He said it will be less costly if more agencies get involved. He reiterated that he would like to invite all relevant agencies to the CAD demonstration. Mayor Dragna reassured the board that Morgan City will help however possible.

The income statement for December 2021 was \$63,153.09. Mr. Naquin made a motion to accept the income statement. Mr. Blaise Smith seconded the motion. All members were in favor and the motion carried.

The expense statement for December 2021 was \$66,808.76. Mr. Naquin made a motion to accept the expense statement. Mr. Beverly 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: None

New Business: Mr. Ed Smith advised that Ms. Angeron was not in attendance due to illness. Mr. Smith stated that it has been six months since Ms. Randle was promoted to her new position. Mrs. Angeron reported that Ms. Randle's evaluation was positive and she recommended a salary adjustment if the board was in agreement. Mr. Naquin made a motion to approve the 5% salary increase for Ms. Randle. Mr. Beverly seconded the motion. All members were in favor and the motion carried.

Director Updates: Mrs. Angeron asked Ms. Randle to inform the board that we ended 2021 with a healthy bottom line and that we are off to a good start for 2022. Ms. Randle advised that one employee was out for a week due to COVID.

General Discussion: The members had another brief discussion about procuring a CAD system.

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

Approved: _____
Ed Smith, Chairman

Attest: _____
Charlette Angeron, Director