

SHELBY COUNTY 9-1-1 DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, June 7, 2007

The Shelby County Emergency Communications District Board of Directors met at the Shelby County 9-1-1 District office, 6470 Haley Road, Memphis, Tennessee.

Chairman Brenner opened the public hearing on the 2007/2008 Operating Budget by asking if anyone desired to discuss or make comment. There was no response. The public hearing was closed.

Chairman Brenner called the Board of Director's meeting to order at 8:34 a.m. The following board members were present: Dr. Barbara Duncan-Cody, William Hughes Michael Molder, Sandra Richards, Samuel King, Lois Stockton, and Henry Brenner.

A quorum was present and the following business was conducted:

Others in attendance are listed on page 6.

Meeting Minutes

Chairman Brenner called for a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. (April 5th, 2007)

William Hughes moved to approve the minutes..

Lois Stockton second

The motion was carried unanimously

Treasurer's Report

Secretary/Treasurer King reviewed the financial report, and fund balances.

Budget Reading

Secretary/Treasurer King asked Director Chiozza to review the proposed budget for the 2007/2008 Operating Budget. Several items were reviewed and Director Chiozza asked if any board members had any additional questions on specific line items. Several questions were asked and reviewed by Director Chiozza. Director Chiozza also noted we included funds to replace our office computers in January 2008.

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Secretary/Treasurer King moved that the Treasures' Report and Operating Budget be approved.

Mike Molder second

The budget was unanimously approved on the second and final reading

Building Project

Chairman Brenner discussed that during the Executive Committee's meeting an update was given on meeting with City of Memphis officials concerning the building project.

Chairman Brenner updated board members of a meeting with City officials and Councilman Brittenum on the 9-1-1 communications center and the status of it. Rowland McElrath and Keith McGhee were also present along with Director Chiozza for this particular meeting. Chairman Brenner advised that a question was asked of Director Chiozza if we would fund just a building for the City of Memphis. Chairman Brenner advised the Board that he told the meeting participants we would have to fund all municipalities who asked of similar requests of this nature.

Chairman Brenner brought this issue to the full board for discussion but stated we should not enter into any agreement for them to build there own building. The City is talking about issuing the bonds but the City wants the County to issue there fair share but the County will not issue any bonds. The County has contributed the land for the facility. As Chairman I would like to stay the course and go for one facility.

Director Chiozza stated that at the second meeting with City of Memphis officials we left there and they wanted our board attorney to research of it was legal for a District to fund a building just for the City of Memphis. Director Chiozza also noted that during the last Executive Committee meeting Sam suggested we draft a letter stating this board realizes we cannot build and mange a facility such as this and in the future if the City and County come together the District would consider contributing a set amount of funds toward the project.

Director Chiozza also stated that things have changed a lot since we first started this project. Director Chiozza stated he was raising the red flag 6 or 7 years ago due to wireless taking our revenue and the majority of those funds are going to the State. Now here we are and we have VOIP and the District will be loosing that revenue to the State too now. Director Chiozza stated he has fears how this will affect us down the road as far as revenue. It appears that we have the City Council persons have a viewpoint and we have the Administration with viewpoint on the issue.

Doctor Duncan-Cody advises that raising the rates will not pay for this building. It appears the more we do the worst it gets. Politics are getting in the way. I would say write the letter and when you guys get serious let us know.

Sam King stated he agreed 100% and that was the intent of what was said at the Executive Committee meeting.

Sandra Richards asked about CIP funds and if the City of Memphis had funds in there budget. Henry Brenner advised that it is still in the City budget for the FY 11 year budget. Mel Scheuerman advised it was about \$18,000,000.

Chairman Brenner stated the board should send a letter to the Mayors and officials that we have not changed our goal that we have funds available to help build a facility.

Sam King made a motion to have board attorney Mike Marshall draft a letter to the City and County. **Mike Molder seconded the motion.** Mike Marshall stated he would circulate a draft for board members to review. The tone of the letter would be essentially that the board is still committed to a more unified county wide 9-1-1 system but because of practical and financial issues it is hard to complete this project. The Board could set aside money in the \$10 - \$15 million range that if the County and City and anyone else who wants to participate in the building can come up with an agreement in say two years with some sort of drop date on it, that that money is available in the form of cash. That cash is there for your use in a unified 9-1-1 building. If you want to use this cash they have to get together and figure out how they will cooperate to get it built.

Henry Brenner stated the City should still take the lead since they have been working on the project for so long and have a construction and design team in place.

William Hughes stated that he was worried about sending the wrong letter out to the elected officials. Mr. Hughes stated that we need to make sure we have talked to the Mayors who can get the bonds to build the building.

Henry Brenner agreed with Mr. Hughes. Mr. Brenner stated we have talked had that meeting in January 2007. We had both Mayors, both Chief Administrative Offices, Chief Financial officers, various Directors from both governments were in attendance. Also in attendance were board attorney Mike Marshall and the Executive Director Raymond Chiozza. Chairman Brenner stated he called them together to get them on the same page since he was tired of dealing with the building project. The County has agreed to pay there fair share of the maintenance cost of the building they would occupy. Chairman Brenner stated he agreed with Barbara Duncan-Cody and Sam King about sending a letter.

Lois Stockton stated that we do not desire to send an ultimatum type of letter. It will have a real nice tone explaining our situation.

Sam King stated he see's it as an incentive type letter.

Barbara Duncan-Cody stated it will be a letter of understanding but the bottom line is we hope it doesn't take another tragedy to get something done.

Sandra Richards stated could we give some consideration that if what we are doing does not work and we have assuming \$20 million and we got the building where the City takes up 63%, County takes up 35%, and the others take up 5 or 6% each, could we have a formula that would kind of outline that we are going to give them a certain amount of money for the building and they have 2 years to get it done and how much they would get based on the size of the PSAP?

Chairman Brenner stated that we raised our rates to build the building. We will have to deal with the original resolution dealing with this. Chairman Brenner stated we as this collective Board are tired of meeting on this issue.

Mel Scheuerman stated that he thought that was the real question from Rowland McElrath to Mike Marshall and Raymond do you have the legal authorization to flow the money that you have collected and can collect to the City on an appropriate percentage basis to help us to build a building. The discussion concluded.....

Director Chiozza stated that we still have a motion on the table from Sam King that was second by Mike Molder. A vote was taken on Sam King's motion and..... *The motion was carried unanimously.*

Director's Report

Director Chiozza reviewed his report.

Supplemental funding was signed by the Governor and the District received the first disbursement and next years disbursement will be sent with each wireless payment throughout the fiscal year.

I am still waiting to hear a date for the Shelby County Fire Department to relocate its PSAP. Director Chiozza requested a motion to fund a second diverse 9-1-1 line to this facility since we will have two PSAPs within this facility. Director Chiozza also requested to fund the cost to bring the trunk into the building. He requested to amend next year's budget line #4233 for the FY07-08 budget by \$15,465 to cover this cost.

Sam King moved to approve the recommendation...

William Hughes second

The motion was carried unanimously

Work is continually on the upgrade of the PBX systems the District owns.

The MagIC server replacement program is continuing an should be completed by next week.

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The list for the next billboard locations are included in your packet and also a notice of an award that was won by Chandler Ehrlich and Company for the 9-1-1 public education campaign.


Chairman Brenner adjourned the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be Thursday, August 2, 2007.

Others in Attendance

Raymond Chiozza		Pat Evans
Mike Marshall		Harold Truebger
Sue Robbins		Michael Putt
Mike Williams		Elizabeth Thompson
Libby Kelly		Debbie Boyd
Don Boyd		Beverley Hadley
Pam Helton		Carol Walker
Howard Doyle		Mel Scheuerman

Approved:



Samuel King, Secretary/Treasurer

8-2-07

Date

Minutes transcribed by: Raymond Chiozza