

**MINUTES OF THE
MONTGOMERY COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF MANAGERS**

PUBLIC REVIEW HEARING

April 19, 2016

LOCATION: Council Chamber, Conroe Tower
300 W Davis, Conroe, Texas

BOARD ATTENDING

PRESENT: Paul Virgadamo, President
Vicky Rudy, Vice President
James Simon, Member

ABSENT: Robert Hudson, Treasurer
Ryan Gable, Secretary
John Young, Ex-Officio Member
Larry Foerster, Legal Counsel

IN ATTENDANCE: Chip VanSteenberg, Executive Director
Jeanne Frey, Operations Manager
Terri Gill, Executive Assistant
Andrea Wilson, Public Education Coordinator
Lt. David Park, Montgomery County Sheriff's Office

Mr. Paul Virgadamo, President, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m., and noted board members, Chief Robert Hudson, and Constable Ryan Gable were unable to attend.

Public Comments

No one requested to address the Board.

Executive Director's Report on the State of the District

Mr. Virgadamo noted item one of the agenda, hear executive director's report on the state of the district.

Mr. Chip VanSteenberg, Executive Director, spoke briefly on the district's assets, cash reserves and capital funds, call volume, and new 9-1-1 technology.

MCECD began FY 2016 with a balance of \$1.9M in the General Fund. An additional \$4.2M is dedicated for capital purchases, specifically to replace existing 9-1-1 equipment or expand the system's reliability or capability. MCECD does not currently have any outstanding indebtedness.

MCECD supports two primary PSAPs that answer all 9-1-1 calls that originate from within Montgomery County. During the fiscal year that ended September 30, 2015, the two primary PSAPs answered 251, 633 calls to the 9-1-1 system; an average of 689 calls per day or 29 calls per hour. The two secondary PSAPs received 47,042 calls during the same period.

MCECD has traditionally been a leader in deploying new technology to improve its 9-1-1 system. It was an early adopter of Enhanced 9-1-1 which provides the caller's name and address information to the call-taker. MCECD's PSAPs were

the first in the state to install “digital 9-1-1” equipment with an ISDN network.

MCECD is once again among the leaders in embracing new technology. In 2014, MCECD upgraded the hardware and software used for call handling in a partnership with AT&T and Airbus DS Communications. The new system is IP-based and is interconnected with both fiber optic cable and a wireless microwave radio system. The system complies with all NG9-1-1 standards adopted to date.

MCECD is working closely with other regional 9-1-1 agencies to implement other NG9-1-1 features. This includes developing and hosting databases that are NG9-1-1 compliant and building an emergency service IP network (ESInet) that will allow voice, data and images to be transferred across jurisdictional lines. 9-1-1 agencies, private sector service providers, and communication equipment manufacturers are working toward deploying NG9-1-1 nationwide by the year 2020.

Resolution for the Continuation of the 9-1-1 District and the Emergency Service Fee

Mr. Virgadamo noted item two of the agenda, consider and take action on a resolution for the continuation of the 9-1-1 district and the emergency service fee.

Ms. Rudy made the motion to approve a resolution for the continuation of the 9-1-1 district and the emergency service fee. Mr. Simon seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor.

Mr. Simon made the motion to adjourn. Ms. Rudy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

*These minutes were approved at regularly scheduled board meeting on JUNE 2, 2016.
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