

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

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**June 19, 2014**

LOCATION: 9-1-1 Board Room  
150 Hilbig Road, Conroe, Texas

**BOARD ATTENDING**

PRESENT: Paul Virgadamo, President  
Vicky Rudy, Vice President  
James Simon, Secretary  
John Young, Ex-Officio Member

ABSENT: Robert Hudson, Treasurer  
Tommy Gage, Member

IN ATTENDANCE: Larry Foerster, Legal Counsel  
Chip VanSteenberg, Executive Director  
Jeanne Frey, Operations Manager  
Roberto Gutierrez, Systems Manager  
Robert Brewer, Systems Technician  
Terri Gill, Executive Assistant  
Bill Meador, Precinct 4 Commissioner's Office

Mr. Paul Virgadamo, President, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., noting Chief Robert Hudson and Sheriff Tommy Gage were unable to attend.

**Public Comments**

No one requested to address the Board.

**Wireless Network**

Mr. Virgadamo noted item one of the agenda, consider and take action on a proposal to develop a wireless network.

Mr. Chip VanSteenberg, Executive Director, stated Commercial Wireless Solutions (CWS) had submitted a proposal, based on a contract with H-GAC, which satisfies the bid requirement. The proposal includes radios that will connect all the PSAPs and are strategically located to minimize rental costs for tower space. We will connect all four PSAPs along with the Montgomery County Emergency Operations Center. The wireless network will replace the copper network and will have paid for itself within three to four years. The project will proceed in phases, as we have negotiations to work out and leases to secure at the different sites.

Ms. Rudy asked for clarification of the costs, noting we have budgeted \$600,000 and the bid is for \$351,412.22. There are other costs? Mr. VanSteenberg responded affirmatively, adding there will be costs specific to the tower sites, how far cables have to be run, whether there is a power supply and if the facility is suitable for the radio set-up.

Ms. Vicky Rudy made the motion to approve the proposal presented by Commercial Wireless Solutions to develop a wireless network. Mr. Simon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Virgadamo requested a motion to adjourn. Mr. Simon made the motion to adjourn. Ms. Rudy seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

These minutes were approved at regularly scheduled board meeting on SEPTEMBER 17, 2014.

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