

Cowlitz 911 Public Authority Board of Directors

Regular Meeting Minutes

October 9th, 2019

Attendance

Board Members: Joe Gardner; Alan Headley; Vic Leatzow; Kurt Sacha; Troy Brightbill (alternate, voting) Ralph Herrera (alternate, voting); Andy Hamilton; Deborah Pineda; Brad Thurman

Staff: Phil Jurmu; Rachael Fair; Jerry Jensen; Frank Randolph (Legal Counsel); Briana Harvill; Deanna Wells

Guests: Bill Lemonds; Chris Tate; Matt Enser; Mark Pallans (phone); Jason Petrillo

Board Members Absent and No Alternate:

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Joe Gardner called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Fair noted a minor change to the Board Rules due to a signature line being added.

Headley made a motion to approve the agenda. Sacha seconded; all in favor, motion carried.

Pineda arrived at 10:04 after agenda approval.

3. Old Business

A. Approval of RFP for Radio Consoles

According to RCW 39.04.270 the board was given the option to choose the proposal that was most advantageous to the communications center.

With that in mind, Executive Director Jurmu recommended Motorola as the optimal proposal.

Leatzow expressed strong concern moving forward with Motorola. Jason Petrillo also expressed strong opposition against Motorola.

Sacha expressed support for staff recommendation. After exhausting the pros and cons of each proposal, Headley made a motion to move forward with Motorola for the radio consoles. Sacha seconded (with the exception of discussing the price point with Motorola); Vote was 6 in favor with Leatzow and Herrera voting against, motion carried.

4. Approval of the Meeting Minutes 09/25/2019

Headley made a motion to approve the 09/25/19 meeting minutes as presented. Sacha seconded; all in favor, motion carried.

5. Public Comment

None.

Thurman arrived at 10:29

6. Payables

The following transactions are approved as presented

ACCOUNT	TRANS NUMBER	AMOUNT
Payroll 10/04/2019	1085-1121	\$114,057.27
VOID 09/27/2019	10273	(\$62,709.00)
Claims 09/27/2019	10482	\$62,709.00
Claims 09/27/2019	1074-1084	\$77,806.43
TOTAL		\$191,863.70

Sacha made a motion to approve the payables as presented. Hamilton seconded; all in favor, motion carried.

7. Budget Workshop: Preliminary 2020 Budget

There was a preliminary budget drawn up. We have until the end of the year to get it squared away. The board would like a budget to approve for the next meeting. The board would also like a second look at the funding formula for user fees. Jurmu will provide the formula to the board.

8. Resolutions and Ordinances

9. Director's Report

A. Staffing

- i. We have 2 laterals who will be signed off mid next week. 2 dispatchers in training. Another lateral starting mid-November.

B. APCO update

- i. Lots of discussion on text to 911. Text to 911 is still in the works. No set roll out date yet.

10. Board Comments/ Board Committee Reports

Gardner would like to get the director's evaluations back from any board member who has not turned one in yet.

11. Executive session: RCW 42.30.110(1)(b)

There was a request for a 30 minute executive session. Kirk excused himself (on the school board). The board entered into executive session at 10:54. They came out of executive session at 11:24. No decision was made in executive session.

There were 3 properties being looked at. The Longview property off Ocean Beach highway near Lowes. The County property off Cowlitz way in the old love overwhelming location. The property owned by Cowlitz 2 Fire & Rescue station 23.

Sacha stated that Longview assumes no cost to the property. LeMonds was in support of the Longview property. Sacha was in support of the County Property. Leatzow made a motion that the director focus on the County property off Cowlitz Way, and if there is a fatal flaw then they move to the Longview property. Headley seconded the motion.

There was a suggestion for what they would consider a fatal flaw. Examples were given of possible fatal flaws, like something requiring million dollar piling on top of demolition costs for the county site. Vote was 4 to 4 with Gardner, Headley, Thurman, and Sacha voting for the property and Pineda, Herrera, Leatzow, and Hamilton voting against; motion failed.

Herrera made a motion to approve the Longview property and have the director (with nominal investment) look in to that location. Seconded by LeMonds. Sacha recused from the vote. All in favor, motion carried.

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:35

13. Closed Meeting (not needed)


~~Joe Gardner, Chair~~ Alan Headley, Vice Chair

ATTEST:


Rachael Fair, Clerk of the Cowlitz 911 Board