

**EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS OF SOUTHERN OREGON
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

**February 13, 2013, 3:30 p.m.
ECSO – 400 Pech Road, Central Point, OR**

AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

Jackson County	Monte Holloway	Fire District #3	Dan Petersen
City of Ashland	Terry Holderness	Ashland Fire	<i>absent</i>
City of Butte Falls	Jana Goodman	Fire District #4	Pat Keene
City of Central Point	Bobbie Pomeroy	Fire District #5	<i>absent</i>
City of Eagle Point	Darin May	Evans Valley FD #6	Larry Tuttle
City of Jacksonville	Jim Lewis	Applegate FD #9	Brett Fillis
City of Medford	Randy Sparacino	Greensprings FD	<i>absent</i>
City of Phoenix	Derek Bowker	Lake Creek RFPD	Tony Paxton
City of Rogue River	<i>absent</i>	Medford RFPD	Gordon Sletmoe
City of Talent	Mike Moran	Prospect RFPD	<i>absent</i>
S. Oregon University	<i>absent</i>	Rogue River RFPD	<i>absent</i>

Others Present

Legal Counsel: Martial Henault
ECSO Staff: Margie Moulin, Jody Hathaway, Corey Nelson, Johnna Hamilton, Kevin Harris
Sarah Leonard, Craig Williams, Joe Crawford, Chad Plier, Jeff McCamish

Chair: Randy Sparacino **Call to Order:** 3:36 p.m. Roll call taken, quorum confirmed

TERRY HOLDERNESS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 9, 2013 IGC MEETING. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Jody Hathaway reviewed the financial packets for January 2013.

TONY PAXTON MOVED TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 2013 FINANCIAL PACKETS. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF APPROVED FINANCIAL PACKET: \$1,221,775.63

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Staffing: One new lateral hire from Washington County Consolidated Communications Agency starting this month. ECSO will be testing to promote a dispatcher to the vacated Supervisor position, and then testing to fill the resulting open dispatcher position in March.
- State legislation on pre-paid wireless tax was pulled from its hearing agenda. Director Moulin will seek further information and include an update in next week's e-mailed Director's Report.
- Director Moulin and Ops Manager Kevin Harris are participating in the formation of a statewide operational committee to decide what types of NextGen-911 media (text messages, video) should be accepted in the centers and evaluate the impact of changes on staffing. State is pursuing an aggressive timeline of 12-24 months; Director Moulin believes a 5-year timeline is more realistic.

OLD BUSINESS

Feasibility Study

- ECSO has received a quote for the Special District feasibility study. A breakdown of cost per agency was distributed to representatives present. Quote expires at the end of February.
- Discussion: Chief Petersen noted that, due to Measure 50, agencies cannot legally reduce tax rate, and therefore could not pitch the idea to voters that a Special District tax would be balanced by a corresponding reduction in their local collection rate. Difficult to sell "another tax" in current economy, but it may never be the perfect time and the feasibility info would still be good to have.
- Chief Sparacino recently supplied Director Moulin with information about a University of Oregon program, whose students could perform a similar study at a drastically reduced rate.
- Although tabling the study might be best for now, due to the economic climate, the issue still needs to be addressed at some time, since the current model is not sustainable.

CHAIR RANDY SPARACINO MOVED THAT THE SPECIAL DISTRICT FEASIBILITY STUDY BE POSTPONED TO DISCUSS AS A BUDGET ITEM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2014-15. THE MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL.

Other Discussion of Financial Needs:

- Chief Fillis suggested a bond for infrastructure needs. Chief Petersen noted that improving infrastructure and district communications could allow ECSO to create operational efficiencies. Legal counsel advised that ECSO could not float a bond as it is not a taxing entity, but a user agency could on their behalf.
- Chief Bierwiler asked if an upgrade to infrastructure could be made using a lease purchase, using the funds made available after the CAD system is paid off. Legal counsel advised that it could be looked at as a possibility at that time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business or public comment, Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:57 p.m. The next Intergovernmental Council meeting will be held on April 10, 2013 at 3:30 p.m. in the ECC Room at 400 Pech Road, Central Point, OR unless otherwise notified.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff McCamish - Recording Secretary

MOTIONS

Motion to Approve January 9, 2013 Minutes	Passed
Motion to Approve January 2013 Financial Packets	Passed
Motion to Postpone the Special District Feasibility Study to discuss as a Budget Item for the Fiscal Year 2014-15.	Passed