

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

**July 9, 2014, 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	<i>absent</i>	Fire District #4	<i>absent</i>
City of Butte Falls	<i>absent</i>	Fire District #5	<i>absent</i>
City of Central Point	Brian Day	Evans Valley FD #6	Larry Tuttle
City of Eagle Point	Vern Thompson	Applegate FD #9	Brett Fillis
City of Jacksonville	Jim Lewis	Greensprings FD	<i>absent</i>
City of Medford	Randy Sparacino	Lake Creek RFPD	Tony Paxton
City of Phoenix	Derek Bowker	Medford RFPD	<i>absent</i>
City of Rogue River	<i>absent</i>	Prospect RFPD	<i>absent</i>
City of Talent	Mike Moran	Rogue River RFPD	<i>absent</i>
S. Oregon University	<i>absent</i>		

Others Present

ECSO Staff: Margie Moulin, Jody Hathaway, Johnna Pellam
Sarah Leonard, Jeff Palmer, Craig Williams, Jeff McCamish

Chair: Randy Sparacino **Call to Order:** 3:31 p.m. Roll call taken, quorum confirmed

Correction to the February 12, 2014 meeting minutes: fixed the date of next meeting. Chair declared the minutes would stand approved with the correction.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Jody Hathaway reviewed financial packets from the past three months.

MOTION: Tony Paxton moved to approve the June 2014 financial packets. The motion passed by unanimous roll call.

Total expenditures of approved packets: \$610,595.84

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- ECSO has 3 new trainees. 2 positions remain unfilled; CritiCall testing will start again soon.
- Recent meeting minutes have not been posted to the website due to an error. This has been corrected. Corey Nelson will also be rolling out a new website design in the future.
- ECSO accreditation process is nearing end and appears to have been successful.

OLD BUSINESS

Radio Study

In January, a workshop was held using grant money to develop a plan for the radio system in Jackson County. The report has come back with short term and long term recommendations. The CEO Board will discuss the report and likely form a committee. Council members may call or email Margie Moulin with questions or to acquire the full report.

NEW BUSINESS

XMU

ECSO has requested from the state a system that will minimize the number of accidental calls placed to 911 from cell phones. The XMU system would require a wireless caller to make noise or press a button to reach a call-taker. There is normally a prohibition on installing an automated message system on 911; however, an exception can be made by the state specifically for screening unintended calls.

This would reduce call load in the call center by approximately 11,000 calls a year (based on statistics from other centers that use the system), plus the auxiliary calls and follow-up work that they cause. The system would not cost ECSO anything; it is paid for at the state level.

The level of service to the public would not be reduced by this system; however, it will require public education to explain why the level of service would not be any different than what real emergency open-line calls currently receive. Planned timeline for installation is January 2015.

Avista – Tower Colocation

Avista has approached ECSO about leasing tower space on Elk Mountain. ECSO has been researching equivalent rates from around the state.

User Survey Results

Earlier this year, a survey was sent to user agency personnel to gauge their opinions on ECSO performance issues. Through the ratings, comments and feedback, issues have been identified and are being addressed through training.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business or public comment, Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:53 p.m. The next Intergovernmental Council meeting will be held on October 8, 2014 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