

**EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS OF SOUTHERN OREGON
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES**

**February 9, 2021
ECSO – 400 Pech Road, Central Point, OR**

AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

Jackson County	Nate Sickler	Fire District #3	Robert Horton
Medford Police Dept	Scott Clauson	Lake Creek Rural FPD	<i>absent</i>
City of Ashland	Tighe O’Meara	Medford Fire Dept	Eric Thompson
City of Eagle Point	Darin May		

Other attendees

ECSO: Margie Moulin, Kevin Harris, Jody Hathaway, Johnna Pellam, Corey Nelson

Chair: Nate Sickler **Call to Order:** 3:00 pm Roll call, quorum confirmed

Eric Thompson moved to approve the October minutes. Tighe O’Meara seconded. Motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Jody Hathaway reviewed the financial packets for November/December 2020 and January 2021.

MOTION: Tighe O’Meara moved to approve the financial packets for November 2020, December 2020 and January 2021 .
Robert Horton seconded. The motion passed by unanimous roll call.
Total expenditures of approved packets (not including transfers to investment account): \$1,809,780.07

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Legislative

Tracking progress of five bills related to reclassifying telecommunicators as first responders.

Staffing

In process of filling dispatcher vacancies. The vacant Supervisor position will be filled after July (to not interfere with dispatcher staffing levels during the busy summer months.)

Phone System Upgrade

Currently deciding between vendors. The upgrade is mostly paid by the State 911 program; however, they only approved 10 of ECSO’s 13 positions. ECSO has budgeted for the other 3 but is applying for a variance with the State to cover them.

CAHOOTS Program

Looking into how the Eugene program for partnering Law Enforcement with Mental Health resources could be used as a model for agencies in Jackson County.

>> *Add discussion to April’s Board meeting agenda*

PERFORMANCE UPDATE

Overall volume of phone calls is down 2% for the year but volume of 911 calls increased. Performance benchmarks met. NENA is lowering benchmark for answering 911 calls during busiest hour of day from 10 seconds down to within 15 seconds.

OLD BUSINESS

Radio Infrastructure

Developing new sites will likely incur costs in the future (such as leases needing to be paid even before system is live.) Quarterly stakeholder meetings are scheduled to keep all user agencies informed about the project's process.

CAD to CAD

Discussed status and costs of ongoing project to enable Mercy Flight's CAD system to connect to ECSO to allow swifter transfer of dispatch information. Looking at including other agencies such as Josephine County and possibility of grants to help with startup costs.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, and hearing no public comment, the meeting adjourned at 3:35 pm. The next CEO Board meeting will be on Tuesday, April 13, 2021.

Respectfully submitted - Jeff McCamish, Recording Secretary