

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

**February 8, 2022  
ECSO – 400 Pech Road, Central Point, OR**

**AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES**

Jackson County	<i>absent</i>	Fire District #3	Robert Horton
Medford Police Dept	Justin Ivens	Fire District #4	Greg Winfrey
City of Ashland	Tighe O’Meara	Medford Fire Dept	Eric Thompson
City of Phoenix	Derek Bowker		

**Other attendees**

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

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**Chair:** Robert Horton                      **Call to Order:** 3:01 pm                      Roll call, quorum confirmed

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

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Jody Hathaway reviewed the financial packet for January 2022.

**MOTION:** Eric Thompson moved to approve the financial packets for January 2022.  
Justin Ivens seconded. The motion passed by unanimous roll call.  
Total Expenditures of approved packet: \$944,208.51

**DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

**ECSO Staffing**

ECSO staffing is down by 12 positions. Discussed the burdens of the staffing shortage; and outlined the measures being taken to manage workload until recruitment efforts can restore full staffing.

**CAD-to-CAD interface**

Josephine County and Mercy Flights are working with Central Square to get their interfaces running. Fire District 3, MPD and APD are testing the portal. A demo can be shown to the Board at a future meeting.

**Oregon Accreditation**

ECSO’s training program has achieved APCO P33 certification for the third time.

**Strategic Planning**

Work on new Strategic Plan set to begin soon; looking at new format that allows for annual updating of goals based on progress. More will be presented at next Board meeting.

**Radio Interference**

Discussed measures being taken regarding radio channel interference and the script being read on-air per FCC guidance.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Radio Infrastructure Project**

Soda Mountain status as a national monument will affect the process by which any changes can be made to the radio site there. If any federal-level communications need to happen, Director Moulin will advise the Board first.

### **Cow Creek Tribal Police**

MOU has been signed with the Cow Creek Tribal Police to allow them to use law agency radio channels when doing business related to their land within Jackson County. Such use will likely be infrequent; but the MOU allows for annual review of the activity level and adjusting the agreement if the level is higher than expected.

### **ECSO Funding Subcommittee**

The Board agreed to postpone forming this committee until after the agency heads have gone through their own budget processes.

### **ECSO Director Search Subcommittee**

Chief O'Meara, Chief Thompson, and Sheriff Sickler will be the subcommittee to search for a replacement for retiring Director Moulin.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **9-8-8**

Federal law designates 9-8-8 as the national number for suicide prevention hotline. Oregon has two call centers in the northern part of the state that handle such calls. ECSO is participating in discussions about calls that don't require law enforcement response being transferred (reducing workload on ECSO); plus monitoring for any workload created by transfers from the 9-8-8 centers to ECSO.

### **ECSO Hiring Plan**

Reviewed ECSO's plan to handle the staffing shortage by training new hires fully in calltaking but only one radio dispatching discipline (law channels or fire channels) to start. The Board consented to over-hiring during this period to cover openings created by new hires who don't pass training.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Entered Executive Session under ORS 192.345(2) and ORS 192.355(33) at 3:39 pm and exited at 3:44 pm.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business, and hearing no public comment, the meeting adjourned at 3:46 pm. The next ECSO Board of Directors meeting will be on Tuesday, March 8 2022 unless otherwise announced.

Respectfully submitted - Jeff McCamish, Recording Secretary