

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

April 11, 2023

ECSO – 400 Pech Road, Central Point, OR

AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

Jackson County	Nathan Sickler	Fire District #3	Mike Hussey
Medford Police Dept	Justin Ivens	Fire District #4	Greg Winfrey
City of Ashland	Tighe O’Meara	Medford Fire Dept	<i>absent</i>
City of Phoenix	Derek Bowker		

Other attendees

ECSO: Tim Doney, Jody Hathaway, Kevin Harris, Corey Nelson, Johnna Pellam, Chad Murders, Jeff McCamish

Chair: Mike Hussey

Call to Order: 3:01 pm

Roll call, quorum confirmed

Greg Winfrey moved to approve the March minutes. Justin Ivens seconded. Motion passed.

ECSO STAFF REPORTS

Finance

Jody Hathaway reviewed the financial packet for February 2023.

MOTION: Derek Bowker moved to approve the financial packet for March 2023.

Tighe O’Meara seconded. The motion passed by unanimous roll call.

Total Expenditures of approved packet: \$569,674.58

Director

Parole and Probation Officers

ECSO is working on support and training for P&P officers who need to check out on their scenes using ECSO radio frequencies. It could be a similar volume of radio traffic to Phoenix or Talent police. ECSO will warn user agencies in advance of any such increase in traffic on their frequencies.

RVTD Radio System

RVTD has new radio infrastructure and is in talks with ECSO about combining their system with ECSO’s upcoming system from the radio bond.

Purchasing Radios with Bond Funds

In response to some requests by user agencies to purchase radios from the Radio Bond funds, ECSO asks that such purchases be held off for now until the infrastructure project is further along in case of cost overruns. (See Radio Update below for further discussion.)

ECSO Training Coordinator

Training Coordinator interviews are upcoming for the supervisors who applied for the assignment.

HR

Discussed staffing levels and the training progress of ECSO’s newest employees.

Operations

Application Demonstrations

Demoed Axon system that can put bodycam location information on the RapidSOS map. Also discussed applications to allow citizens to share streaming video with responding emergency units.

Information Technology

- ECSO IT is installing a tenth monitor at every dispatch position for more flexibility of simultaneous information display during major events
- SPIDRTech interface will be implemented soon.
- Next year will require a major MDC upgrade cycle; planning schedule for least impact on users

Performance

Total call volume is down 2% compared to last year; but 911 call volume is up 3.5%. All performance benchmarks are being met for call answering and dispatch times.

OLD BUSINESS

Radio Infrastructure Update

- Three shelters have been delivered to temporary outdoor storage adjacent to ECSO facility while awaiting installation. Towers should be delivered in May. Day Wireless was awarded the contract for construction/installation at the sites, which should begin this summer if all permits are granted.
- Additional Invitation to Bid is posted for upgrade construction at five radio sites.
- If user agencies wish to purchase portables or mobiles ahead of the radio project implementation, please go through ECSO first to check into contract pricing.

Strategic Planning

The 18-24-month Strategic Plan will be produced in-house by ECSO staff. Director Doney will be seeking input from Board members.

Intergovernmental Council Meeting

The next meeting of the ECSO Intergovernmental Council will be on April 26th, during which the new budget will be presented for approval.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business on the agenda for meeting; and no additional items were added.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, and hearing no public comment, the meeting adjourned at 3:34 pm. The next ECSO Board of Directors meeting will be on Tuesday, May 23, 2023 unless otherwise announced.

Respectfully submitted - Jeff McCamish, Recording Secretary