

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

March 12, 2024

ECSO – 400 Pech Road, Central Point, OR

AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

Jackson County	Nate Sickler	Fire District #3	<i>absent</i>
Medford Police Dept	Justin Ivens	Fire District #4	Travis Crume
City of Ashland	Tighe O’Meara	Medford Fire Dept	Eric Thompson
City of Central Point	Scott Logue		

Other attendees

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

Guest: Chris Clayton, Central Point City Manager

Chair: Scott Logue

Call to Order: 3:04 pm

Roll call, quorum confirmed

Note: To facilitate schedule conflicts, the Agenda order was adjusted for this meeting.

GUEST PRESENTATION

Central Point City Manager Chris Clayton gave a presentation on the history of tax compression in Oregon it relates to a service district as a possible funding model.

NEW BUSINESS

Entered Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(d) at 3:29 pm. Returned to Regular Session at 3:39 pm.

ECSO Labor Contract

MOTION: Eric Thompson moved to accept the ECSO Labor Contract provisions as presented by staff for July 2024 through July 2027. Nate Sickler seconded.
The motion passed by unanimous roll call.

OLD BUSINESS

Radio Infrastructure Update

- Oregon legislature approved \$2.5 million of the requested funds, to be issued to ECSO for the radio project from the State’s general fund, pending the Governor’s signature.
- Day Wireless had previously agreed to wait for signing of their contract (for the remaining radio sites) until the status of the State funding request was known.

MOTION: Tighe O’Meara moved to approve the construction contract between ECSO and Day Wireless so it may be executed. Justin Ivens seconded.
The motion passed by unanimous roll call.

Returning to the Agenda order, Justin Ivens moved to approve the minutes of the February 13th Board meeting. Eric Thompson seconded. Motion passed.

ECSO STAFF REPORTS

Finance

Jody Hathaway presented the financial packet for February 2024.

**MOTION: Eric Thompson moved to approve the financial packet for February 2024 as presented. Travis Crume seconded. The motion passed by unanimous roll call.
Total Expenditures of approved packet: \$1,255,401.86**

Director

- Finance discussions continue regarding revising ECSO's funding and budgeting process. ECSO is looking into adding an extra technical service fee onto an agency's existing user fee if that agency wants to add a discipline-specific program that would create added expense for ECSO. The Board concurred.

Operations

- Work continues on selection and implementation of a dispatch Fire Protocol system.
- Planning for upcoming replacement of UPS system; field will be advised in advance of the switchover plans to minimize service disruption.

Performance and Training

- One new trainee recently started; one about to be released.
- A retired ECSO supervisor has been re-hired to perform QA for 911 calls (fire and law incidents.)

Information Technology

- The vendor for existing MDC tablets is no longer selling them. ECSO is looking for a replacement vendor going forward.
- District 5 Fire Station Alerting: ECSO has been meeting with the contractor. System will need to be deployed by October to interface with new radio system.
- ECSO is working on a system for accessing radios via cellphone.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, and hearing no public comment, the meeting adjourned at 4:17 pm. The next ECSO Board of Directors meeting will be May 14, 2024 unless otherwise announced (no meeting in April.)

Respectfully submitted - Jeff McCamish, Recording Secretary