

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

**September 10, 2024
ECSCO – 400 Pech Road, Central Point, OR**

AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

Jackson County	absent	Fire District #3	Mike Hussey
Medford Police Dept	DJ Graham	Medford Fire Dept	Eric Thompson
City of Ashland	Tighe O’Meara	Lake Creek Rural Fire	Tony Paxton
City of Central Point	Scott Logue		

Other attendees

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

Chair: Mike Hussey **Call to Order:** 3:02 pm Roll call, quorum confirmed

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

ECSCO STAFF REPORTS

Finance

Jody Hathaway presented the financial packets for July and August 2024.

**MOTION: Eric Thompson moved to approve the financial packets for July and August 2024 as presented. Tighe O’Meara seconded. The motion passed by unanimous roll call.
Total Expenditures of approved packet: \$1,876,478.09**

Director

- ECSCO will likely contract with an outside agency to assist with a compensation study for ECSCO’s non-represented staff. The Board approved Travis Crume’s continued participation on the compensation committee (though District 4 is not the Board’s at-large Fire agency this year.)
- ECSCO is hiring a former Jackson County auditor to assist with creating the strategic plan in the coming months.
- ECSCO is working on an estimate for implementation of Fire ProQA protocol.
- Fire Station Alerting will not require all stations to be online before going live. The station and radio aspects can be separate; but it will all require balancing.

Operations

- Reviewed incident involving loss of power at a radio tower
- ECSCO is holding meetings this month with the Communications Workgroups of both Law and Fire Users to prepare for the new radio system.
- Kevin Harris is participating in the update of the county Ambulance Service Plan.

Performance

- ECSCO currently at 32 of 37 positions filled (29 dispatchers with 3 in training.)
- Performance statistics 3% less than last year. Call volume down compared to last year.

ECSO STAFF REPORTS (continued)

Information Technology

- 50% of MDCs in field have been upgraded to Windows 11; 13 months to finish remainder.
- Getac will continue to make and support the MDC model that was previously announced as being canceled. User agencies will no longer need to look into alternative MDCs, which would have been more expensive and/or required different docks.
- Fire Station Alerting: new services online; CAD interface is 90% done; still fixing some issues before going live.

OLD BUSINESS

Radio Project

- **Applegate Radio Tower IGA**
Distributed the draft IGA for the Applegate Station 54 radio Tower
- **Construction**
Reviewed status of radio tower construction sites.
- **Radio Management**
Discussed possible addition of Radio Management to the project, which would allow over-the-air updating of radios (instead of needing to physically bring the radio to a technician.) Alternate payment proposals were distributed showing the difference between an annual payment over 5 years vs. one-time payment into an escrow account. Consensus of the Board is for ECSO to move towards implementing Radio Management but to also pursue other funding options.
- **Vehicles**
ECSO sent an email to user agencies to identify vehicles that contain mobiles, in order to plan coordination of new installations with Day Wireless.
- **Radio Accessories**
Motorola will honor 2020 costs for radio accessories (chargers, mics, etc.) through 2024. User agencies can send their quantities of needed accessories to ECSO for compilation into one order. That order must be submitted to Motorola by then end of 2024.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Hussey commended ECSO dispatch staff for performance during recent critical fire events.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, and hearing no public comment, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm. The next ECSO Board of Directors meeting will be October 8, 2024 unless otherwise announced.

Respectfully submitted - Jeff McCamish, Recording Secretary