

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

November 19, 2024

ECSCO – 400 Pech Road, Central Point, OR

AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

Jackson County	Nate Sickler	Fire District #3	<i>absent</i>
Medford Police Dept	Justin Ivens	Medford Fire Dept	<i>absent</i>
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, Jeanette Giossi, Jeff McCamish

Chair: Tighe O’Meara **Call to Order:** 3:00 pm Roll call, quorum confirmed

Tony Paxton moved to approve the October minutes. Justin Ivens seconded. Motion passed.

ECSCO STAFF REPORTS

Finance

MOTION: Nate Sickler moved to approve the financial packet for October 2024 as presented. Tony Paxton seconded. The motion passed by unanimous roll call.
Total Expenditures of approved packet: \$1,491,993.48

Director

- Letters sent to charitable organizations seeking additional funding for radio project.
- ESO will calculate technical service fees and send the amounts soon to each user agency.
- ECSCO might help facilitate Mercy Flights acquiring radios compatible with new system.

Operations

- Ongoing meetings with user agencies to form operational communications plan to plan how radios will be programmed under the new system
- Using Project Retains to study appropriate level of ECSCO dispatcher staffing, particularly regarding volume of traffic per dispatcher on law frequencies

Performance

- Re-accreditation is finished.
- Staffing: 3 in training, 1 new applicant in background check

Information Technology

- Windows 10 end-of-support is 11 months away. Some user agency MDCs still need the update; but ECSCO is on track to have all of them processed before October 2025.
- New Fire Station Alerting system is live; future conversion of individual stations can coincide with implementation of new radio system.

OLD BUSINESS

Bond Radio Infrastructure Update

- Construction at high-elevation sites are on hold due to seasonal weather. Discussed cost of solar systems needed for some specific sites. Working with user agencies for order of radio accessories.

NEW BUSINESS

Bond Radio Infrastructure Update

To lock in favorable price and interest rate, ECSO needs to decide about purchasing the Radio Management and OTAP (Over the Air Programming) system, which would save time and money in the future by allowing updating of radios remotely instead of needing to take vehicles out of service. Purchase cost is \$650,000 which can be financed through Government Capital Corporation (assuming it is not covered by potential grant through Sheriff's Office.) Reviewed options for user agencies to pay their proportional shares in FY 2025-2026; either in single up-front payments or over five years instead. A mix of those options by large and small user agencies could restructure the loan appropriately.

MOTION: Nate Sickler moved that:

- ECSO shall purchase the Radio Management and Over the Air Programming system; and**
- To lock in interest rate, the Board approve the Resolution Regarding a Contract for the Purpose of Financing "Radio Management and Over the Air Programming" with Government Capital Corporation.**

Tony Paxton seconded. The motion passed by unanimous roll call.

Strategic Plan

Discussed the final draft of the Strategic Plan. Three minor word corrections were suggested.

MOTION: Justin Ivens moved to adopt the 2024-2026 ECSO Strategic Plan with discussed edits. Scott Logue seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, and hearing no public comment, the meeting adjourned at 3:41 pm. There will not be a December meeting, so the next ECSO Board of Directors meeting will be January 14, 2024 unless otherwise announced.

Respectfully submitted - Jeff McCamish, Recording Secretary