



Morgan County Emergency Management Communication District Minutes

September 19, 2024

The Morgan County EMCD Board met on Thursday, September 19, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. at the Morgan County EMA Auditorium. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Virginia Alexander at 3:00p.m. Board members present were Virginia Alexander, Nathan Springer, Todd Pinion, Jonathan Warner and John Stinson. Staff present: Jeanie Pharis, Tammy Benton, Matt Williams and Samantha Sanders. Public present Julian Butler, board attorney; Tracy Thornton, Decatur Fire and Rescue; Coroner; Carrie Wynn of Decatur Morgan EMS; and Jon Howell of Huntsville Health Systems Emergency Medical Services.

APPROVE MINUTES:

Todd Pinion motioned to approve the minutes from the August 15th meeting. Nathan Springer seconded the motion and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

FINANCIAL:

Chairperson Virginia Alexander advised all bills are budgeted items and directed they be paid.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

N/A

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Director Jeanie Pharis reported on the following:

STAFFING:

One new hire started with previous experience. One part timer returned to full time
Twyla Sloan retires the end of September

OTHER:

Website is mostly updated. Should be live Thursday
Went live with Prepared as the new text to 911 software provided by the State board. This software has a lot of new features we are hoping to take advantage of soon.



NEW BUSINESS:

Video to 911 Policy

Director Pharis advised board members Alabama's software for text to 911 has changed from Texty to Prepared Live. Prepared Live has video and picture components. Therefore the need for a policy for video/images to 911 exists. Pharis presented a proposed policy. Pharis further advised board members should decide how long these records would be retained. Todd Pinion motioned to approve the policy retaining records for one year. Nathan Springer seconded the motion and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

T-Mobile Contract

A contract extension between MCEMCD and T-Mobile was presented. This extends T-Mobile's tower space rental agreement for five additional years. Jonathan Warner motioned to approve the contract extension. John Stinson seconded the motion and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Approve Board Travel Expense Payments

Tammy Benton advised board members should approve \$1,000.00 to be paid to each board of the three board members going to the Gulcoast NENA Conference. John Stinson motioned to approve the payments. Nathan Springer seconded the motion and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

OTHER/BOARD CORRESPONDENCE:

An update was provided on Decatur Morgan EMS. Carrie Wynn advised all AVL should be functional the day following the meeting. She also advised currently approximately 50% of Decatur Morgan EMS's full time positions are filled.

ADJOURN:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:23 p.m.

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Tony Weikert
Secretary-Treasurer

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Virginia Alexander
Chairman



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