

**LAS ANIMAS COUNTY
EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICE AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
November 3, 2022**

Board Members Present: Gabe Moreno, Dave Bacharach, Malley Blecha, Rick Kumm, John Jenkins
Attendees: Administrative Assistant Barbara Fisk

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>DISCUSSION</u>
Call to Order/Pledge	Meeting was called to order at 1:334pm by Chairperson Gabriel Moreno followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.
Roll Call	There was a quorum of five (5) board members.
Public Comments	The meeting was announced on lac911.com wherein the public was directed to contact Barbara Fisk with requests to participate in the Public Comments section of this meeting. NO requests were received.
Approval of Minutes	Motion , was made by Rick Kumm to approve the September 22, 2022 minutes. Second: John Jenkins Yea: Gabe Moreno, Dave Bacharach, Mally Blecha, Rick Kumm, John Jenkins Nay: None Abstain: None The September 22, 2022 minutes were approved.
Financial Report	Bernadette Cappellucci of Mountain State Financial prepared the September 30, 2022 Financial Statement for review with the following comments, "Cash in the bank totaled \$387,970.88 as of September 30, 2022. Revenues collected through September 30, 2022 are \$430,077.23 which is an increase of \$59,501.94 from last year at this same time period. Total expenses year-to-date are \$253,543.14 resulting in a net income of \$176,630.08. Motion to approve the September 2022 financial report was made by John Jenkins. Second: Dave Bacharach Yea: Gabe Moreno, Dave Bacharach, Mally Blecha, Rick Kumm, John Jenkins Nay: None Abstain: None The September 2022 financial report was approved as presented.
Dispatch Operations Report	No report was received from the Communications Director.
Unfinished Business	Redundant Center Telephone System and Battery Backup. The telephone system and battery backups are completely installed. The telephone system has been fully operational since mid-October. Backup batteries were installed at both the redundant and primary dispatch centers. Firmware, Navigator and Consolettes. The firmware, preventative maintenance and navigator installation are all complete. According to Walt Garbo of Digitcom,

the console(s) may not be received from Motorola until 2024. Barbara Fisk asked in an email if there were other vendors from which to purchase the console(s). Mr. Garbo replied, "my "official response" to the Console(s). We are also a Kenwood dealer on the commercial side, not the P25 side. We are seeing the same, if not longer lead times from them. The semiconductor shortage is a global issue for everyone. I had two portable radios on order for 18 months, plus Motorola holds their pricing to the day the order is submitted. On those two portables, there were three price increases from when I ordered until they were delivered, so not only was our customer out radios for a year and a half, but they also had to pay about 15% more for them when they came in. It is best to just be patient through this mess. I have heard that it may be 2024 before things get sorted out...

Motorola is catching up on backlog fast and I would not look for something else. Here are a few reasons why:

1. Console(s) are an all-in-one unit. No other vendor has a comparable P25 radio that includes an internal power supply and interface panel for a dispatch console. Other radios would simply be a mobile radio, with a third-party power supply and another third-party interface board. This leads to more points of failure.
2. The APX Console(s) have multiple interface capabilities. They will be "future proof." Currently, the Navigator consoles are interfaced in an older wireline fashion, using analog audio controls and function tones to drive the radios. The APX Console(s) can interface with this type of console, but also can be controlled via IP or ACIM. Using an IP connection to them would allow dispatch to have ID display (see the ID of the radio calling in) and also allow first responders to now use emergency buttons on their radios (if the console is capable of that). While they have not deployed the emergency button functionality yet, it might be worthwhile to look at the new IP AVTEC console we installed at Huerfano County. These are connected to APX Console(s) via an IP connection. We are still sorting out some of their bugs with their analog VHF interfaces.
3. Serviceability. We are only an hour away. Due to the system key requirements of the state, and our flagshipping of Motorola, we have limited-service capabilities on non-Motorola P25 equipment. This would create yet another demand for service, and potentially have multiple vendors need to respond for issues on the console or the interface side. We have run into this in Raton with some of their VHF resources from the county. While everyone is professional and always works together to get service restored, it just has the potential to extend the outage.

For P25 Console Controlled Radios, the Console(s) is specifically designed for that application. Anything else is just taking a vehicle radio, using an external power supply and an interface adapter. In fact, we could do this with Motorola's lowest end APX1500 P25 mobile (at less cost than a Console(s)), but I do not feel that is a true, public safety solution for primary communications channels, which is why we always recommend using them in a dispatch environment."

Priority Dispatch. The onboarding process will be delayed for review until December 31, 2022.

IMEG and 911 Solutions. No invoices have been received for GIS Mapping. Jacki Louise has been to the primary dispatch center for an assessment and is scheduling time with Hayden Alworth to access the redundant center as well. She will provide a report to the Board when completed.

CNC Technical Services. Chief Bacharach confirmed as did Chief Moreno that radio service was better on the West side of Trinidad with the temporary installation of the tower at the water tank. The experimental installation was a one watt system but, if purchased, a five watt system would be installed which would penetrate walls much better. Chief Bacharach voiced serious concern for all first responders without the best possible radio communication. An estimate for this installation was provided at the August 2022 meeting in the amount of \$19,702.05 including all freight and installation. John Jenkins voiced his agreement for providing any service possible to improve radio services.

Motion to move forward with the purchase of an extender from CNC Technical Services based on their quote of \$19,702.05 was made by Rick Kumm.

Second: John Jenkins

Yea: Gabe Moreno, Dave Bacharach, Mally Blecha, Rick Kumm, John Jenkins

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Chief Dave Bacharach will contact CNC Technical Services to install the extender as quoted for \$19,702.05.

- New Business Chief John Jenkins, as representative for the Fire Chiefs Association, asked the Board to contact dispatch with a request to dispatch the District Attorney's Fire Inspector or, if not available, the City of Trinidad Fire Inspector to all structure fires. It was decided that the letter of request should come directly from the Fire Chiefs Association.
- Accounts Payable Barbara Fisk noted the non-typical bills from DigitCom, The Chronicle News and Dixon Waller and provided an explanation of each.
- Miscellaneous Motorola Solutions installed updated equipment at the redundant center on October 18, 2022.
- Rick Kumm voiced concern that the redundant center has not been checked nor operated out of since the contract with the City was signed. "Man power" is not an excuse. Mally Blecha stated dispatchers could report for work from there and the system would allow Mandi Schlensker to pick up the slack remotely. John Jenkins suggested the board check on progress at the next meeting.
- Next Meeting Date Due to holiday schedule conflicts with the next regularly scheduled meetings on November 24th and December 22nd, the next regular meeting was scheduled for January 26, 2023. If necessary, a meeting can be called.

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Adjournment

Motion was made by Rick Kumm to adjourn the meeting.

Second: Mally Blecha

Yea: Gabe Moreno, Dave Bacharach, Mally Blecha, Rick Kumm, John Jenkins

Nay: None

Abstain: None

The meeting adjourned at 2:02pm.

Minutes Approved by the Las Animas County Emergency Telephone Authority on January 26, 2023.



Gabriel Moreno, Chairperson

January 26, 2023