

**LAS ANIMAS COUNTY
EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICE AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 28, 2023**

Board Members Present: Gabriel Moreno, Derek Navarette, Dave Bacharach, Buddie Curro, Mally Blecha, John Jenkins, Mike Tihonovich, Darren Kolakowski

Other Attendees: Barbara Fisk

SUBJECT DISCUSSION

Call to Order/Pledge Meeting was called to order at 1:30pm by Chairperson Gabriel Moreno followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call There was a quorum of eight (8) 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:** Dave Bacharach made a motion to approve the August 24, 2023 minutes as presented.
Second: Mally Blecha
Yea: Gabriel Moreno, Derek Navarette, Dave Bacharach, Buddie Curro, Mally Blecha, John Jenkins, Mike Tihonovich, Darren Kolakowski
Nay: None
Abstain: None
The August 24, 2023 minutes were approved as presented.

Financial Report The August 2023 Financial Statement was provided by Bernadette Cappellucci with the following statement, "Cash in the bank totaled \$597,298.03 as of August 31, 2023. Revenues collected in August were \$59,242.68. Total cash expenses for the month were \$26,713.58. Total operating expenses for the month including depreciation expense were \$32,587.58 resulting in a net income of \$26,716.10 for the month of August and a net income of \$138,189.71 for the year."

Motion was made by John Jenkins to approve the August 2023 Financial Statement as presented by Century Financial Group.
Second: Mike Tihonovich
Yea: Gabriel Moreno, Derek Navarette, Dave Bacharach, Buddie Curro, Mally Blecha, John Jenkins, Mike Tihonovich, Darren Kolakowski **Nay:** None
Abstain: None
The August 2023 Financial Statement was approved as presented.

Dispatch Report The Communications Director did not provide any written or verbal report. Mike Tihonovich reported that dispatch operations has temporarily been moved to the redundant center and everything is working well. Dispatch operations are down one dispatcher but two are in training. It was requested that dispatchers put the microphones closer to their mouths. VHF fire radio replacing radio at TPD as current one is only 5 watts.

Unfinished Business **Priority Dispatch – Quality Performance Review.** Hold over to October agenda.

Motorola Budgetary Proposal. Motorola has provided options for 5, 6 or 7 year finance options with lowering interest rates with more extended years. Motorola representative Walt Garbo has asked the Authority to wait until he and another representative can attend the October meeting before purchasing the two consoles. Motorola is still on Legacy platform but working on the State contract to upgrade the system wherein Legacy would be obsolete in five years. It was recommended to wait until upgraded platforms are settled.

Hold over to October agenda.

New Business **2024 Budget Preparation.** The Budget Committee consisting of Derek Navarette, Dave Bacharach, Mike Tihonovich and Darren Kolakowski met September 4, 2023 to prepare a draft budget for presentation to the Authority. There were some amendments to that draft budget.

Motion was made by John Jenkins to accept the 2024 draft budget presented with specific amendments i.e. old format.

Second: Buddie Curro

Yea: Gabriel Moreno, Derek Navarette, Dave Bacharach, Buddie Curro, Mally Blecha, John Jenkins, Mike Tihonovich, Darren Kolakowski

Nay: None

Abstain: None

The 2024 draft budget presented was accepted with changes.

Accounts Payable Barbara Fisk noted the following expenses for Board approval.

1. Dixon Waller \$4,350
2. Intellichoice/eForce \$8,054.94
3. Motorola Solutions \$29,446.00
4. OnSolve/Code Red \$12,338.05
5. USPS box rental \$142.00

Motion to approve payment of the additional expenses was made by Mally Blecha.

Second: Mike Tihanovich

Yea: Gabriel Moreno, Derek Navarette, Dave Bacharach, Buddie Curro, Mally Blecha, John Jenkins, Mike Tihonovich, Darren Kolakowski

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Payment of the additional expenses was approved.

Miscellaneous None

Next Meeting Date The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2023, 1:30pm, 939 Robinson Ave., Trinidad, CO and will include the Budget Hearing.

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Emergency Telephone Service Authority
Regular Meeting
September 28, 2023

Adjournment

Motion was made by Dave Bacharach to adjourn the meeting.

Second: John Jenkins

Yea: Gabriel Moreno, Derek Navarette, Dave Bacharach, Buddie Curro, Mally Blecha, John Jenkins, Mike Tihonovich, Darren Kolakowski

Nay: None

Abstain: None

The meeting adjourned at 2:17pm.

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



Gabriel Moreno, Chairperson

October 26, 2023