

**LAS ANIMAS COUNTY
EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICE AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
February 22, 2024**

Board Members Present: Gabriel Moreno, Dave Bacharach, Buddie Curro, Mike Tihonovich, Darren Kolakowski

Other Attendees: Barbara Fisk, Phil Martin, Mandi Schlensker

SUBJECT

DISCUSSION

Call to Order/Pledge Meeting was called to order at 1:31pm 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 **Joe Richard, Las Animas County Emergency Manager.** Joe Richards inquired of the Board their interest in supporting the County's use of Integrated Public Alert & Warning System (IPAWS). This is would be used along with Code Red, or other system, and has no cost for setup. It includes distribution for television, radio and cell phones. It requires no additional steps for the dispatch center. The Board agreed to the use of IPAWS.

Lt. Phil Martin, Las Animas County Sheriff's Department. Lt. Martin told the Board he has been working with Mandi Schlensker, Communications Director City of Trinidad, and eForce representatives to clear up issues the system has been experiencing. Several of the concerns have been cleared by system updates but there still remains problems of which eForce is working on. The mapping system is still hit or miss. There were concerns that eForce does not automatically schedule updates but that it's up to the customer to contact them for scheduling. Lt. Martin informed the Board that he has been added to the eForce Update Contact List and he will follow through with scheduling those updates.

Brady Lavin, Voyager AI/Corti. Mr. Lavin presented information on the AI system that would assist with Quality Assurance. Voyager AI partners with Priority Dispatch, reviews 100% of calls, tracks dispatcher calls and collects data. Mandi Schlensker would then pull 3% of the data to report to IAED. Priority Dispatch cost for 3% review of all calls is \$86k per year vs. Voyager AI which is \$36k (based on ProQA licenses).

Approval of Minutes **Motion:** Dave Bacharach approved the January 25, 2024 minutes with the following amendments; Miscellaneous Motorola RAVE not RAV and Dave Bacharach questioned if E911 paid for the repeater – not a statement, add the Next Meeting Date.

Second: Mike Tihonovich

Yea: Gabe Moreno, Dave Bacharach, Buddie Curro, Mike Tihonovich, Darren Kolakowski

Nay: None

Abstain: None

The January 25, 2024 minutes were accepted with the noted changes.

- Financial Report** The Financial Statement for January 2024 was provided by Bernadette Cappellucci with the following statement, “Cash in the bank totaled \$635,566.19 as of January 31, 2024. Revenues collected in January were \$64,133.62. Total expenses for the month of January were \$26,801.65 resulting in a net income of \$37,331.97.”
- Motion** was made by Darren Kolakowski to accept the January 2024 Financial Statement as presented by Century Financial Group.
- Second:** Dave Bacharach
- Yea:** Gabriel Moreno, Dave Bacharach, Buddie Curro, Mike Tihonovich, Darren Kolakowski
- Nay:** None
- Abstain:** None
- The January 2024 Financial Statement was approved as presented.**
- Dispatch Report** The Communications Director did not provide a written operations report for the dispatch centers. Mandi Schlensker informed the Board Hayden Alworth of The Computer Kernel has installed Priority Dispatch at the redundant center on February 20, 2024. Dispatchers have been trained on EFD but it has not gone live yet. Ten applicants are being tested February 23rd. One dispatcher is leaving employ and another may be going out on FMLA. The Eventide recorder is at Digitcom for repair of four different issues.
- Unfinished Business** **Dispatch Retention.** Inquiries confirmed that new applicants for dispatch positions were not informed of the \$2,500 retention incentive offered by LAC E911. Therefore, the Board decided not to further offer funds.
- Code Red Options.** Reference the Public Comments section of these minutes, specifically comments made by Joe Richards regarding the free IPAWS program that the County is looking to deploy. The program would be used alongside Code Red. Mr. Richards is sending information to Mike Tihonovich and Mandi Schlensker about Richwell which is another program that integrates with Code Red but does incur fees. Information was presented about RAVE Mobile Safety which requires a three year contract at \$4,000 per year; \$12,000. Code Red has not been performing to acceptable standards and current costs \$12,338.05 annually from October - September.
- Priority Dispatch vs. Voyager AI – Quality Performance Review.** Reference the Public Comments section of these minutes, specifically comments made by Brady Lavin from Voyager AI. Priority Dispatch requires that 3% of all calls be reviewed annually for Quality Performance at a cost of roughly \$86,000 annually. Voyager AI partners with Priority Dispatch, reviews 100% of all calls for roughly \$36,000 annually.
- Motorola Budgetary Proposal – 2 Consoles.** Bill Stancik of Motorola Solutions provided an amortization schedule for the purchase of the consoles. With the current

numbers, the Board would pay \$112,849.93 in interest. It was requested that Motorola provide a new amortization schedule showing the Board paying \$100,000 and financing the remaining balance. Concerns were raised about cost increases if the Board should decide to put off purchasing consoles. Motorola cannot project future costs. It was agreed that LAC E911 would be wise to move toward integrating with the State system. The debate is whether to purchase consoles now and have to update software once the State system is determined or wait until after the State system is established then purchase consoles. Dave Bacharach stated he would like the Board to vote next month.

Motorola – Flex CAD. Reference the Public Comments section of these minutes, specifically comments made by Lt. Phil Martin of the LAC Sheriff's Department. The SO is extremely concerned about losing eForce RMS data during the shift to Flex CAD from eForce CAD. A concern about Motorola customer service was also noted. Lisa Mansuetti will be contacted, again, to provide contact information from other agencies using eForce RMS and Flex CAD. Dave Bacharach reminded the Board that this topic has been on the agenda for several months and desires a vote at the March 28th meeting.

New Business

None

Accounts Payable

There were no accounts payable that were not included in the Treasurer's Directive approved at the last board meeting.

Miscellaneous

Dave Bacharach mentioned, when he was looking at the Board of County Commissioners agenda, that an appointment for the LAC E911 Authority was noted. It was explained that John Jenkins' position was expiring and he had provided a letter of interest to the BOCC. It is on their agenda for approval. It was also noted that Mally Blecha's appointment will expire soon. She has provided Audra Garrett, City of Trinidad Clerk, a letter of interest and is awaiting approval.

Annual Election
Of Officers

Motion was made by Dave Bacharach to keep the Officers of the Board as they currently are: Gabriel Moreno, President; Derek Navarette, Vice President; Dave Bacharach, Secretary/Treasurer.

Second: Darren Kolakowski

Darren Kolakowski

Yea: Gabriel Moreno, Dave Bacharach, Buddie Curro, Mike Tihonovich, Darren Kolakowski

Nay:

Abstain:

The Officers of the Board for 2024-2025 will be Gabriel Moreno, President; Derek Navarette, Vice President; Dave Bacharach, Secretary/Treasurer.

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Next Meeting Date The next regular meeting date of the Board will be March 28, 2024.

Adjournment **Motion** was made by Darren Kolakowski to adjourn the meeting.
 Second: Mike Tihonovich
 Yea: Gabriel Moreno, Dave Bacharach, Buddie Curro, Mike Tihonovich, Darren
 Kolakowski
 Nay: None
 Abstain: None
 The meeting adjourned at 2:50pm.

Minutes Approved by the Las Animas County Emergency Telephone Authority on March 28, 2024.



Gabriel Moreno, Chairperson

March 28, 2024