

**LAS ANIMAS COUNTY
EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICE AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
March 27, 2025**

Board Members Present: Gabriel Moreno, Derek Navarette, Dave Bacharach, John Jenkins, Darren Kolakowski, Mike Tihonovich
Other Attendees: Barbara Fisk, LAC Emergency Manager Joe Richards, Motorola Representative Walt Garbo

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 with five (5) board members in attendance.

Public Comments The meeting, along with the budget hearing following, 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** to approve the February 27, 2025 minutes as presented was made by Dave Bacharach.
Second: Derek Navarette
Yea: Derek Navarette, Dave Bacharach
Nay:
Abstain: Gabriel Moreno, John Jenkins, Darren Kolakowski
The February 27, 2025 minutes were approved as presented.

Mike Tihonovich arrived at 1:32pm

Financial Report The February 2025 Financial Statements were provided by Bernadette Cappellucci with the following statement, "Cash in the bank totaled \$740,516.27 as of February 28, 2025. Revenues collected in February were \$18,012.30. Total expenses for the month of February were \$16,559.19 resulting in a net income of \$1,453.11." Dave Bacharach voice concern over income being down \$21,0000 from last year. Barbara Fisk will look into it.
Motion to accept the February 2025 financial statement as presented was made by Dave Bacharach.
Second: Darren Kolakowski
Yea: Gabriel Moreno, Derek Navarette, Dave Bacharach, Mike Tihonovich, John Jenkins, Darren Kolakowski
Nay:
Abstain:
The February 2025 financial statement was approved as presented.

Dispatch Report Communications Director Mandi Schlensker was out sick so Interim Police Chief Mike Tihonovich informed the Board that new dispatcher is in training.

Las Animas County Emergency Manager Joe Richards voice concern that IPAWS is not up and running. Previously Mandi stated she needs to get certified through an online course. Joe Richards brought his copies of certification, gave them to Mike Tihonovich to give to Mandi to use for IPAWS credentials.

The have been recent issues with RAVE paging departments not pertinent to calls. This will need correction before IPAWS will work properly.

Unfinished Business **CAD Options.** Mike Tihonovich provided information about four options to replace eForce.

1. Ztron has provided a quote.
2. Central Square is performing a demonstration next week.
3. Motorola rep provided a quote which is half the cost of previous quote.

Once all three quotes are received they will be presented to the Board.

Motorola Radio Console System. The MCC7500E radio console system, including microwave have been received. A virtual kickoff meeting set for today, Thursday, March 27th at 3pm. Motorola's Regional Manager Mike McQueen is waiting for access to Bowan Hill regarding microwave installation. Walt Gabro laid out the process for complete installation for which an approximate date of late May – early June was noted.

1. Install and commission microwaves at Bowen Hill and Trinidad Police Department.
2. Motorola will conduct 24 hr tests on each link to Pueblo (Site 6).
3. Installation
 - a. Move dispatch operations to the redundant station,
 - b. Install, configure and test at TPD site,
 - c. Training,
 - d. Cut operations over to TPD site.

Dave Bacharach voiced concern over use of Orange Pancake (Emergency) Button usage. It will work with radio reconfiguration. If pressed, the channel will automatically switch to a predesignated channel. Each department will establish those numbers prior to reconfiguration. If radios are capable, GPS is available. New console has up to 160 channels for use.

New Business Gabriel Moreno explained the history behind his draft letter to the Joint Budget Committee. The letter opposes the proposal in the FY 2025-26 Staff Figure Setting Document to use the newly created 9-1-1 Services Enterprise Fund to cover a \$12 million shortfall in funding the state's Digital Trunked Radio System (DTS). He asked Jaci Marie Louis of 911 Solutions to review the letter. She agreed with its content but suggested postponing sending it until she has an opportunity to get back

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with him. Upon further discussion, the Board also agreed with its content and sending once notified by Jaci Marie Louis. He also informed the Board about the following Legislative Committee notes.

1. SB25-60, Misuse of 911
2. SB25-31, Single Point of Contact for Wireless Services
3. HB25-1195, First Responder Voter Registration Confidentiality
4. HB25-1247, County Lodging Tax Expansion

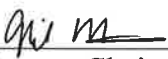
Accounts Payable No notable expenses.

Miscellaneous None

Next Meeting Date The next meeting date is scheduled for April 24, 2025 at 1:30pm.

Adjournment **Motion** to adjourn was made by Dave Bacharach
Second: Darren Kolakowski
Yea: Gabriel Moreno, Derek Navarette, Dave Bacharach, Mike Tihonovich, John Jenkins, Darren Kolakowski
Nay:
Abstain:
The regular meeting adjourned at 2:00pm

Minutes Approved by the Las Animas County Emergency Telephone Authority on April 24, 2025.



Gabriel Moreno, Chairperson

April 24, 2025

