

**LAS ANIMAS COUNTY  
EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICE AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MEETING  
April 24, 2025**

Board Members Present: Gabriel Moreno, Derek Navarette, Mike Tihonovich, Dave Bacharach, Buddie, Curro, Jenkins, Darren Kolakowski  
Other Attendees: Barbara Fisk, Mandi Schlensker

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>
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 seven (7) 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	<p><b>Motion</b> to approve the March 27, 2025 minutes as presented was made by John Jenkins.</p> <p><b>Second:</b> Darren Kolakowski</p> <p><b>Yea</b> Gabriel Moreno, Derek Navarette, Mike Tihonovich, Dave Bacharach, Buddie, Curro, Jenkins, Darren Kolakowski</p> <p><b>Nay:</b></p> <p><b>Abstain:</b></p> <p>The March 27, 2025 minutes were approved as presented.</p>
Financial Report	<p>The March 2025 Financial Statements were provided by Bernadette Cappellucci with the following statement, "Cash in the bank totaled \$762,775.86 as of March 31, 2025. Revenues collected in March were \$38,625.64. Total expenses for the month of March were \$16,385.59 resulting in a net income of \$16,320.94 and \$67,135.81 for the year."</p> <p><b>Motion</b> to accept the March 2025 financial statement as presented was made by Darren Kolakowski.</p> <p><b>Second:</b> Mike Tihonovich</p> <p><b>Yea:</b> Gabriel Moreno, Derek Navarette, Mike Tihonovich, Dave Bacharach, Buddie, Curro, Jenkins, Darren Kolakowski</p> <p><b>Nay:</b></p> <p><b>Abstain:</b></p> <p>The March 2025 financial statement was approved as presented.</p>
Dispatch Report	Communications Director Mandi Schlensker informed the board there have been issues with Call Works for approximately four months e.g. ANI ALI calls coming through but location and contact information are greyed out on the screen. Hayden

Alworth has been working to resolve the issue. Dispatchers have been using Rapid SOS to collect GPS information about the calls. The Call Works contract will be reviewed at the May meeting. Mandi also requested the board purchase two new chairs for dispatchers. She will provide three quotes at the May meeting.

Unfinished Business **CAD Options.** Central Square representatives Jason Foy and Devon Wilson were available via Zoom to answer questions regarding the quote provided to the board for using their CAD product in place of eForce. Jason Foy will be providing Mandi Schlensker with information about Central Square Pro Suite which includes a product that could replace Call Works. The board discussed many points about the system presented.

**Motion** was made by Dave Bacharach for the Authority to acquire Central Square, a cloud based CAD system, per the quote amount of \$208,878.44 which does not include provision for volunteer fire departments. The Authority will also pay the first year for those departments. The total amount expended is not to exceed \$250,000. The Authority will pay the full amount for one year thereafter, each department using the system will be required to pay the annual fees for their agency.

**Second:** Buddie Curro

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

**Nay:**

**Abstain:**

The Authority will acquire Central Square, a cloud based CAD system, per the quote amount of \$208,878.44 which does not include provision for volunteer fire departments. The quote will expand to include those volunteer fire departments which desire to participate. The total amount expended by the Authority for the first year shall not to exceed \$250,000. The Authority will pay the full amount for one year thereafter, each department using the system will be required to pay the annual fees for their agency.


**Motorola Radio Console System / Bowen Hill Microwave.** The MCC7500E radio console system, including microwave have been received. A virtual kickoff meeting was held, Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. The Bowen Hill tower location has been assessed. A bracket on a VHF repeater on Cordova Pass, rated to withstand 120mph winds broke, in turn breaking a cable. Both will be replaced. The new bracket will withstand 160mph winds. The Authority is paying for all equipment so will enter into an MOU with necessary entity(s).

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.

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New Business	See Old Business/Motorola Radio Console System
Accounts Payable	<p>Barbara Fisk provided the Authority a comparison of contracted payments to The Computer Kernel vs. hourly rates for the past two years based on contract dated April 22, 2021. The Authority will reach out to The Computer Kernel about current hourly rates.</p> <p>It was suggested the Authority keep the current checking account as the operations fund earning .10% interest and place \$700k in a Money Market account with IN Bank earning a much higher interest rate of 1.9%. This will be added to the May agenda.</p>
Miscellaneous	None
Next Meeting Date	The next meeting date is scheduled for May 22, 2025 at 1:30pm.
Adjournment	<p><b>Motion</b> to adjourn was made by John Jenkins <b>Second:</b> Mike Tihonovich <b>Yea:</b> Gabriel Moreno, Derek Navarette, Mike Tihonovich, Dave Bacharach, Buddie, Curro, Jenkins, Darren Kolakowski <b>Nay:</b> <b>Abstain:</b> The regular meeting adjourned at 2:24pm</p>

Minutes Approved by the Las Animas County Emergency Telephone Authority on May 22, 2025.

  
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Gabriel Moreno, Chairperson

May 22, 2025

