

Thurston 911 Communications
Administration Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 6, 2021 @ 3:30 P.M.

Meeting was held via teleconference call.

Members Present:

Administration Board:

Lenny Greenstein – Chair, City of Lacey, Councilmember
Leatta Dalhoff – Vice-Chair, City of Tumwater, Councilmember
Sylvia Roberts – Lacey Fire District #3, Fire Commissioner
Tracey Wood – City of Yelm, Councilmember
Meredith Hutchins – Thurston County Fire Commissioners Association
John Snaza – Thurston County Sheriff's Office
Gary Edwards – Thurston County Board of County Commissioners
Renata Rollins – City of Olympia, Councilmember

TCOMM staff:

Keith Flewelling – Executive Director
Wendy Hill – Deputy Director
Carla Mai – Financial Manager
Jeff Meyers – General Counsel

Guests:

Call to Order

Chair L. Greenstein called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Approval of Agenda/Consent Agenda & Minutes

M/S/C approval of the January 6, 2021 agenda/consent agenda. (J. Snaza/L. Dahlhoff)
M/S/C approval of November 12, 2020, Admin Board meeting minutes (J. Snaza/G. Edwards)

Correspondence – None

Public Testimony – None

Financial Reports: C. Mai provided the latest financial Reports.

Old Business

TCERN Update: K. Flewelling provided the Board with more information regarding subscriber equipment repair & replacement (ER&R) planning. TCOMM will buy the original equipment, then turn the asset over to the respective agency who will then take over lifecycle management. TCOMM met with local law/fire department staff to brainstorm solutions regarding future ER&R for user agencies, especially the smaller ones. Ideas that were discussed were setting up a grant fund where all agencies feed into the fund to assist the smaller agencies with ER&R. Other ideas were to seek federal grants or to pursue lease options with various manufacturers. Now that the subcommittee is established the group will continue to discuss options and will report back when they have formulated a plan.

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TCOMM911 IGA Renewal Update: K. Flewelling stated meetings are being set up and are underway review the IGA changes and get signatures.

Lewis County Feasibility Report Discussion: L. Greenstein stated that he, the vice-chair, and TCOMM staff met with Deltawrx and Lewis County last month regarding regionalization. Deltawrx provided a PowerPoint (attachment) to the group and stated they'd like to make a presentation to the TCOMM Board of Directors in February and get their input. K. Flewelling and W. Hill stated there were concerns with impact or reduction in services to Thurston County, stress on current staff and other high priority obligations currently underway if merged with Lewis County.

Families First Coronavirus Response Act – TCOMM Policy 110A: W. Hill updated the Board about the expired federal Families First Act and discussed extending TCOMM's internal policy through March when the vaccines are more readily available. The Federal Government has not extended the program but said employers can continue if they choose. A discussion took place and the Board agreed to extend the program through March 31, 2021. **M/S/C to extend the Families First Act to March 31, 2021 (L. Dahlhoff/S. Roberts)**

New Business

2021 Legislative Overview: K. Flewelling stated that APCO/NENA have submitted a request to classify 911 dispatchers as public safety first responders. There are no economic benefits related to this request and they are also asking for a certification requirement. K. Flewelling also stated that the National suicide hotline 988 to be enacted in WA. A discussion also took place and the Board agreed to send a letter to the Thurston County Board of Health asking to consider TCOMM employees as first responders for vaccine distribution.

Meeting adjourned: With no further business or good of the order, the Board meeting adjourned at 4:28 pm.

Next meeting: February 3, 2021 @ 3:30 pm