

Metro Emergency Operations Center
Finance Committee
November 18, 2009
Minutes

Present: John Wells, presiding
Joe Jones
Mike Rutherford
Ken Waldeck
Bill Chambers, adviser

Staff: Carolyn Charnock
Brenda Cogar
Russell Emrick
Heather Kessel
Jim Mangus
John Pottorff

Mr. Wells called meeting to order at 11:20 a.m., roll call noted.

Financial Report – Revenues – Mrs. Charnock explained that wireless revenues are better than budget. Land line revenues are down approximately 1.5 percent. Mr. Chambers stated that over the next few months we should watch the land line revenues closely.

Income Statement Balance Sheet – Mrs. Charnock explains that we are under budget on land line revenues and wireless is ahead. She goes on to explain that wireless revenues are better than expected, but too early to be a trend. Mrs. Charnock stated expenses are below budget and payroll so far is under budget, with new hires to come. It was decided to discuss later paying off the phone equipment to save interest payments.

Payment of Invoices – Mrs. Charnock stated the need for a replacement vehicle for the Assistant Director, which is 8 years old. The current Assistant Director's vehicle will go to Jeff Clark, who responds to tower site emergencies. Motion made to recommend to Executive Board to purchase vehicle for Assistant Director.

Motion: Waldeck
Second: Jones

The motion carried unanimously.

Auditor Update – Suttle and Stalnaker's audit report is due December 15, 2009. It was decided to call them and get an in-depth update.

Old Business – None.

New Business – There is an IRS Notice that has been mailed to the County. It would appear that the County underpaid our taxes in 2001 and since then they have filed away the notices without notifying Metro. With accounting now in-house, we reviewed the notice and are working with Mr. Chambers' firm to assess the situation. Mr. Chambers said we have all but determined that we owe \$14,000 to the IRS in back taxes, with interest the total is a little more than \$23,000. Mr. Jones asked if we could maybe get the IRS to put the interest and penalties on hold while the situation was being investigated, to which Bill advised that his experience was no. They'd wave penalties, but their position was if you're sitting on the money, then they want the money and the interest. Mr. Wells then said that it seemed to him that the County was partially negligent. Sheriff Rutherford said he didn't see where it was partially, seemed it was totally. There was discussion on what the strategy should be and it was discussed that it should be taken to the County and request they pay for it since it was their mistake. Mr. Chambers then suggested that maybe make a compromise – Metro pay the \$14,000 and the County pay the interest. Bill Chambers plans on meeting with the County to discuss a process to get this notice taken care of.

Public Comment – None.

Motion was made to adjourn.

Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 11:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carolyn M. Clark". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the "Respectfully submitted," text.