

**Metro Emergency Operations Center
Special Executive Board**
via Conference Call
August 20, 2020
Minutes

Present: Jennifer Herrald
Mark Strickland for Mayor Amy Goodwin
Jeremy Nelson
Sheriff Mike Rutherford at 10:11
Chuck Boggs

Staff: John Rutherford
Russell Emrick
Lindsay White
Amy Larch
Joanna Edwards
Dave Erwin
David O'Brien

Ms. Herrald called the meeting to order at 10:06.

President Herrald introduced the topic for which we called this special Executive Board meeting, which was to discuss and request approval on new 7500e Statewide Radio System to replace the current 15-year old radio system at a cost of \$1.5 million. This will include Metro, the EOC, KC-1, and alternative PSAP.

Director Johnny Rutherford discussed that this radio system replacement is for a system that has not been upgraded since Metro has been in its current building. The Director stated that this system would allow direct-connect with the statewide radio system, which would allow more flexibility in dealings with law enforcement, EMS, and fire departments. He stated that Metro was able to secure the system that covers all needed areas at a cost below estimated even seven years ago.

President Herrald reiterated that this purchase has been expected for some time and, accordingly, is budgeted. She stated that the Commission will pay Metro \$250,000 for EOC & KC1's portion. Director Rutherford commended the efforts of everyone involved in negotiations and the project thus far.

Motion made to move forward with this Motorola purchase of \$1.5 million, upon final approval of the Board President and Director Rutherford.

Motion: Boggs

Second: Nelson

The motion carried unanimously.

Lindsay White requested approval of moving previously-approved purchases from FY20 to FY21 Budget, including

- Ratification of \$29,000 for 2020 Ford Explorer (approved by President Herral in July to move forward with and to ratify budget amendment from FY20 to FY21 at the next Board meeting)
- \$250,000 for the generator, transfer switch, and UPS system budget from FY20 to FY21

Motion: Nelson

Second: Boggs

The motion carried unanimously.

President Herral commended Metro's finance department for their extra work in maintaining, preparing, and submitting Metro COVID reimbursement requests monthly. Lindsay White stated that Metro has been approved for approximately \$1.1M for two months' worth of expenses and that we have submitted several other months of expenses and plan to continue doing so as long as the window is open, which we expect to be through the end of December 2020. White stated that with this magnitude of federal funding, Metro will be subject to a Single audit for FY20.

Director Rutherford noted his appreciation for Russell Emrick's contributions to various projects as well.

Motion made to adjourn.

Motion: Nelson

Second: Boggs

Meeting adjourned at 10:16.



Respectfully Submitted,