

Weber Area Dispatch 911 and Emergency Services District Governing Authority Board Meeting Minutes May 14, 2020

Governing Board Members in Attendance: Scott Jenkins, James Harvey, Gage Froerer

Additional Attendees: Executive Director Tina Mathieu, District's Attorney Bryan Baron, and Office Manager Kathy Stokes

1. Welcome - *Chairman Scott Jenkins*
2. Public Comment
3. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approval of minutes from Governing Authority Board meetings on February 13, 2020

A motion to approve the meeting minutes from February 13, 2020 was made by Gage Froerer, a second by James Harvey. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

4. Director's Report - Tina Mathieu: We have 6 new hires that will be released to be on their own the end of June. As of today we are down 6 people. By the end of the month we will be down 7 because we are losing one of our I.T. people who is moving out of town. We lost our Training Specialist to VCS, he is going to be a supervisor at a dispatch center. Unfortunately we are unable to over hire because of the process and the background investigations, also to hire more than 6 people would be hard on our trainers. We are posting for the I.T. position and our Dispatcher positions in early June, which would mean their start date for the dispatchers would be the end of August. It is a long hiring process. Other dispatch centers in the State are having the same problems.

Senator Romney proposed a Patriot Pay Plan which would essentially be a temporary bonus of up to \$12 per hour for the months of May, June, and July. The employer would pay \$3 of the \$12 and the federal government would cover the other \$9. It has not passed yet. She was not sure if dispatch would be a part of it so she reached out to his office and they confirmed with him that dispatch would be covered. We could certainly use the COVID money we got to cover this, if it passes. She just wanted the Board to be aware. If it does pass she will let them know. It would cost about \$5,600 per employee. We still have \$168,000 of the COVID funds left. These funds have to be used specifically for COVID. So far we do not have any personnel costs that qualify. It can be used for a COVID Bonus, and we have used some it for cameras, keyboard covers, wipes, sanitizer and stuff like this. We continue to look for ways to utilize this money.

She received a phone call from a producer in L.A. who is doing a 911 reality program that has been picked up by ABC. They would like to include our center in the program. We would be highlighted, and use a few of our dispatchers. They would do voiceovers for all the callers and all personal information would be scrubbed. They also said that they would show us the program before airing it, and if we are unhappy with any of it they will modify it. She would like to know how the Board feels about doing this. There would be no cost

to the District. The Board unanimously voted to do this feeling it would be good for the District, the employees, and the County.

5. 2020 Budget Report - Tina Mathieu: Our Revenues are what they are, but we will be fine by the end of the year. For our expenses the only three categories that are above where we should be through the year are rent (because we pay our Bond payment early in the year), our telephones and line charges (because we pay maintenance quarterly).

Scott Jenkins indicates that the budget is very well managed. Most of our expenses and revenues remain the same each year and Tina controls it well. He also asks how we are doing as far as the loan we are expecting to have with the County this year. Tina indicates that we have budgeted \$12,000 for this year. Scott Jensen points out that because of the small tax increases we have turned all that around and are in the positive now. It is a positive story.

Tina adds that Legislation has also helped. We are getting a new 911 phone system this year and it will (before September) which would have cost the District \$1 Million, but UCA is coving that amount.

Scott Jenkins asks about UHP and where we are with them. Tina answers that she has met with the Auditor and given him all our information. They should be audited this year. They still owe us money for a contract we had with them about three years ago.

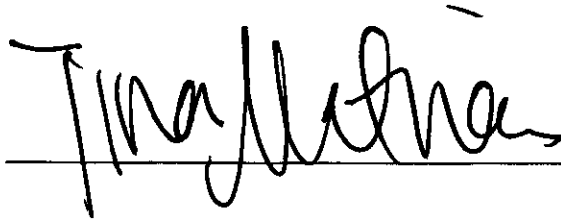
All the Board members agree that they are happy with the direction the budget is going. Tina expresses her gratitude to the Board for being willing to make us whole so we can be on the right track.

6. Next meeting August 13, 2020. A motion to adjourn was made by Gage Froerer, a second by James Harvey.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Stokes

Director: _____



Date: _____

