#### **E911 TELEPHONE AUTHORITY**

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2022

# 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Rick Reigenborn at 3:04p.m.

Rick Reigenborn, Chairman - Present

Stuart Sunderland, Treasurer - Present

Dave Ramos - Present

Clint Nichols - Absent

Jim May – Present

### OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Joel Estes - Adams County Communications Center

Teneyia Wilson – Adams County Communications Center

Tonia Fuller - Adams County Communication Center

Ryan Tharp – Attorney to the Board

#### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. December 8, 2021, March 2, 2022, March 18, 2022

**Motion:** Stuart Sunderland made a motion to approve of the December 8,

2021, March 2, 2022, and March 18, 2022 minutes.

**Second:** Dave Ramos

**Approval:** Motion Carried

## 3. REPORTS

# a. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Authority Financials:

Stuart Sunderland – Those were sent out. There is nothing remarkable about the financials. We had a couple of very old invoices that Lumen let us know about. There is not proof that they had been paid. They made the decision to pay them. One is about \$1,600.00 and one was \$2,500.00. They were back from 2016 and 2017.

**Motion:** Stuart Sunderland made a motion to approve the Treasurer's

report.

**Second:** Jim May

**Approval:** Motion Carried

#### b. ADCOM UPDATE

Joel Estes – The Admin Building is stalled at the moment as we have get the abatement done for asbestos around the perimeter of the foundation. When it was initially tested two and a half years ago it came back as non-friable. Now it came back as friable. We have 2 quotes, one for approximately \$350,000.00 and one for \$300,000.00. The lower does not include any hydro back approach. We are told if there are any contaminates in the soil around the base of the foundation, hydro back is the way it needs to be removed. The company did not quote for this as they do not have proof if there is anything in the soil. There are concerns about this as the state says there is. We are hoping to get one more quote. They should provide it by next week.

Staffing is an issue, we are down 14 on the Operations side.

CAD to CAD went really well. We had a few concerns 2 weeks prior, and there a few still outstanding. Everybody worked hard to get them resolved. And Rob Morris was

very instrumental in getting all of the done. Thank you to North Metro for the help. Launch went well. We had a structure fire and got Thornton there 3 minutes quicker than we could have gotten North Metro there. It is a big plus.

Infrastructure Upgrades – We have \$326,000 in the budget for this year that is for the Storage Area Network replacement. EOL. We were just informed that \$326,000.00 is not going to cover costs. Reasons are the shipping shortage has pushed the price sky high and we need additional capacity as we have seen over the past year and a half. The amount of storage as gone up significantly. RMS is taking quite a bit of space and we saw CAD to CAD increase. Not sure that is a configuration issue or that is the way it will work.

NextGen911 – It is coming online this year. We do not have all the applications yet.

This will push the cost to approximately \$500,000.00 plus. These are costs that will be incurred now. As we have not ever spent more that 80% of what was requested, we should be okay.

These were not foreseeable. The cost will be allocated to E911. We will wait until closer to the end of the year to see where the budget is, and may have to amend the budget. The flip is also that we asked for significant amount of money for the operations employees, but since we are so short, we are not using those funds. It might be sufficient to offset.

Shout out to our Operations Manager, Jackie Reynolds, for reaching out and supporting other PSAPs during Telecommunicators Week. She suggested that at the 911 Task Force and there was a lot of support. We found a smaller center to support. They do not have funding and they are very small. We decided to help them out so they could be celebrated. It was well received and will be a standard going forward.

#### c. 911 TASK FORCE UPDATE

Joel Estes – There is not much going on at the moment. There is a request from Lumen, they want to increase the tariff. The tariff used to pay for the concurrent sessions. They want to include ECats. The Emergency Call Tracking System. Real Time reporting ability. There are so many people that requested it that there is a big push for that tariff to pay for it instead of agencies.

#### 4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. 911 Fee Increase. Notices sent to the carriers.

Ryan Tharp – Not much to report, the notices were sent out and wanted to notify you of this. We should be seeing revenues increasing on June 1 for those. It will take a month or two to start seeing a bump in revenues.

# b. Updated IGA:

Ryan Tharp – The request from Northglenn was to clean up the IGA. What was the timeframe to have this completed, now or by the end of the summer? Stuart Sunderland – We should have it done and signed by the end of the year. Jim May concurs. Ryan will draft the document and send out to the board for circulation.

## 5. **NEW BUSINESS**

#### a. Legal Update:

- i. Dish Wireless ETC Application Ryan Tharp Dish Wireless application to be an eligible telecom carrier to provide lifeline services to low-income people for a low cost. Several other carriers do this. If do it is on a prepaid basis, the question is do they do pay 911 fees. The position has been always yes. Most carriers were fine with that. TRAC Phone was not fine with it. It was litigated at the PUC and it ended up winning. And they were ordered to pay 911 fees.
- ii. Allo ETC Application After reviewing the application, I do not think it is necessary to intervene in this application. The reason is that Allo doesn't provide pre-paid wireless service. They are a facility-based carrier
- iii. FCC Wireless Emergency Alerts Rulemaking Ryan Tharp He doesn't know all the details as it is technical, and we have not dug into it beyond that. The question is Does the Adams Authority want to participate in the process as well. Joel can join the conversation as well. As it currently sits we are going to file comments on behalf of Jefferson and Arapahoe. We might join those comments with Larimer County. Or they will file separately. Not sure how it will work yet. Do you and the Adams Authority on those comments as well? Rick Reigenborn I think we should. Since you are doing the other ones, we should as we all have the same instructions. This came up in

Arapahoe County, after the Marshall Fire, there are wireless emergency alerts and there is reverse 911. Two different technologies, one for wireless and one for landlines. The issue is Arapahoe is asking about is why can't the carriers give us phone numbers so we can do ENS for wireless. Just like you can with landline customers. That is not a requirement, so what we are doing in league with this is making the point that we should require wireless carriers to provide for reverse 911 purposes a list of billing addresses and phone numbers. It is not going to be a perfect match, because some have billing addresses in other states and move to Colorado. But you would get a significant number of people if you had billing addresses. And phone numbers and you did that on an ENS bases or reverse 911 basis and coupled that with wireless emergency alerts. You would end up reaching a lot more people than you otherwise would. That is part of what we are addressing, in the rulemaking. We will add Adams to that. We have a call on the 21st with Tracy Oldenmyer. I will forward the information and you're welcome to participate in that.

- iv. PUC BESP/Diversity Rulemaking Ryan Tharp These piggybacks on what Joel was talking about earlier. It is a little bit separate. The diversity proceeding that happened really what was concluded out of that diversity proceeding is the issue that is holding back the diversity in Colorado is funding. CenturyLink came out with a number they said it would cost, 98mil to solve all the single points of failure. It is actually not all as it does not deal with PSAP connections, just single points of failure within CenturyLink's network. The ESP networks. For the state-wide 911 fee, the \$.13 gets paid to the PUC and then the PUC divvies that money out based on the number of concurrent sessions each 911 Authority has. And distributes that money to cover your BESP/911 charges. They want to increase that to \$.13 or \$.14 or some amount and use the excess money essentially as grant money to CenturyLink to allow them to improve their network. It is a hard situation, on one hand if you use public money to improve a private company's network, they have uses for that network that are in excess of the 911 service. It seems like a give a way to a private company. On the other hand, he does not know a better way to start addressing some of the diversity concerns. There is a hearing coming up in May before the ALJ and there are some comments also. He has read through the rule making and he is not sure we have comments right now. If any of the board has thoughts or comments or would like to see the rule making or the proposed rules, he would be happy to share them. If you have ideas on comments we should make, he is happy to discuss those as well. It is a pretty well thought out and within reason proposal so far.
- v. Application re: Concurrent Sessions Ryan Tharp This in regard to the application that was sent for the Weld County Back-Up Center. On Monday, Ryan sent Joel some questions and Joel responded back to Ryan so that all the information is ready to get it filed. Ryan will get it filed over the next couple of days. Once it is approved, the Authority will receive more money from the State-wide 911 pool of money to help offset the cost of the concurrent sessions at the Weld Back-Up Center. They should cancel out.
- b. Election of Board Officers (Chair, Vice-Chair/Secretary, Treasurer)

It was last spring when it was done. Rick Reigenborn – Does anyone want any changes? The current board interested in staying in their current positions. Clint is not here. Ryan Tharp - It is very informal and we do not need a vote if we are not changing anything.

# 6. PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS - NONE

# 7. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion:** Dave Ramos made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:31 P.M.

**Second:** Jim May

**Approval:** Motion Carried