

MINUTES OF THE  
STATEWIDE 9-1-1 ADVISORY BOARD  
Tuesday, October 14, 2014 1:30 p.m.  
Embassy Suites Hotel & Conference Center  
2501 Conference Drive  
Norman, OK 73069

Board Members Present: M.T. Berry, Lanette Coppedge, Greg Fisher, Darita Huckabee, Darryl Maggard, Norman McNickle, Lynn Mell, Blaine Smith, Matt Stillwell, Steve Willoughby, Gene Thaxton,

Board Members Absent: Richard Ruhl, Diane Pedicord, Stephen Williamson

- I. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Chairwoman, Lanette Coppedge, at 1:35 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call:** Quorum present at 1:35 p.m.
- III. **Introduction of Guests: The list of guests that were present is available through the Board Secretary**
- IV. **Approval of March 13, 2014 regular meeting minutes:** An amendment to the date of the regular meeting minutes was suggested. The correct date is April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Motion to accept minutes made and seconded. The chairwoman declared the motion to have passed as follows:  
  
**Aye:** M.T. Berry, Lanette Coppedge, Greg Fisher, Darita Huckabee, Darryl Maggard, Norman McNickle, Lynn Mell, Blaine Smith, Matt Stillwell, Gene Thaxton, Steve Willoughby  
  
**Nay:** None recorded  
  
**Abstain:** None recorded
- V. **Senator Susan Paddack's Discussion of 911 Legislation for Oklahoma's 1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 55<sup>th</sup> Legislature:** Senator Paddack advised that Garvin County brought issues re: revenue, SB 1445; proposal to increase costs/fees. The bill did not pass, but she is still adamant about finding a solution. She spoke with the Board and phone companies about making a decision for a group to continue working on this issue. She made it clear that the same bill will not return, however she is hoping to come back with

something that will be feasible for all involved. The fee increases are going to be surveyed, as the phone companies require hard data for approval of an increase. Some of the requirements include annual reporting to the Feds, and the possibility of a portion of the fee going into a statewide pool. It has been determined that landline usage is down considerably, and therefore creates the need for fees to be reestablished on the wireless side. Senator Paddock encouraged all members/guests to be a voice for the people within their communities. Her email address is [paddock@oksenate.gov](mailto:paddock@oksenate.gov) for any additional comments/concerns.

- VI. **Discussion and possible action concerning the certification of funds for certain counties and the Annual Certification to the Oklahoma Tax Commission:** Gene Thaxton stated that each year the Board has to certify funds that will be paid out to various organizations to the Oklahoma Tax Commission. If a county has had an election making the fees available from Tax Commission, they must be certified. This is one time necessity. Norman McNickle asked whether or not certification for counties needed to be voted upon. Darita Huckabee stated that if there are other counties that want to be certified, they will have to wait until next year to begin generating revenue. Blaine Smith indicated that he would get the necessary information to Cotton County, as it is not clear at this time what other counties are looking to be certified. December meeting will be held with quorum in order to get this accomplished.
- VII. **Follow up discussion on Dispatcher training and certification:** Matt Stillwell advised that the committee has begun to gather data and discussing the pros/cons, as well as developing a strategy on how to move this through the legislation. The idea is to pull from areas large and small for better understanding of the issues. The committee is currently running behind, but there are other initiatives underway as well. Mr. Stillwell also advised that report cards at the National level are utilized to break down various areas of state demographics. They are hoping to have state level information available soon too, which will help package the initiative. Darryl Maggard inquired as to who can be contacted for access to the surveys. [www.okabco.org](http://www.okabco.org) should be able to provide this information.
- VIII. **Presentation and Board action on the Nomination Committee's recommended slate of officers and any other nominations from members present:** Blaine Smith stated that the committee has agreed to keep the same officers for one more year. Motion made by Blaine Smith, Seconded by M.T. Berry. Madam Chairwoman declared the motion to have passed as follows:
- Aye:** M.T. Berry, Lanette Coppedge, Greg Fisher, Darita Huckabee, Darryl Maggard, Norman McNickle, Lynn Mell, Blaine Smith, Matt Stillwell, Gene Thaxton, Steve Willoughby
- Nay:** None recorded
- Abstain:** None recorded

IX. **Discussion and possible action concerning meeting dates for calendar year 2015:** Gene Thaxton discussed the possible dates for 2015 meetings. Motion made by M.T. Berry, and seconded by Matt Stillwell. A list of these dates is available through the Board secretary. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed as follows:

**Aye:** M.T. Berry, Lanette Coppedge, Greg Fisher, Darita Huckabee, Darryl Maggard, Norman McNickle, Lynn Mell, Blaine Smith, Matt Stillwell, Gene Thaxton, Steve Willoughby

**Nay:** None recorded

**Abstain:** None recorded

X. **Public comments concerning 911:** None at this time

XI. **Chairman's Comments:** Madam Chairwoman reiterated the importance of speaking with senators and representatives to get as much information as possible in an effort to gather support for Senator Padduck's plan.

XII. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 2:19 pm, with a motion made by Steve Willoughby, seconded by Darita Huckabee

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Ms. Lanette Coppedge, Chairwoman