

MINUTES OF THE
STATEWIDE 9-1-1 ADVISORY BOARD

Thursday, December 4, 2014 1:30 p.m.

Oklahoma State Capitol Building

2300 N Lincoln Blvd, Rm 511 A

Oklahoma City, OK

Board Members Present: Lanette Coppedge, Greg Fisher, Darita Huckabee, Norman McNickle, Richard Ruhl, Blaine Smith, Gene Thaxton, John Johnson

Board Members Absent: M.T. Berry, Darryl Maggard, Lynn Mell, Kelly O'Malley, Matt Stillwell, Stephen Williamson

- I. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Chairwoman, Lanette Coppedge, at 1:30 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call:** Quorum present at 1:30 p.m.
- III. **Introduction of Guests:** **The list of guests that were present is available through the Board Secretary**
- IV. **Approval of October 14, 2014 regular meeting minutes:**

Aye: Lanette Coppedge, Greg Fisher, Darita Huckabee, Norman McNickle, Richard Ruhl, Blaine Smith, Gene Thaxton

Nay: None recorded

Abstain: John Johnson
- V. **Discussion of draft 9-1-1 Legislation for Oklahoma's 1st Session of the 55th Legislature:** Darita Huckabee hopes to have a bill drafted within the next week. There will be a proposal for wireless carriers, and the necessary additional requirements. The existing Board will be re-named and given a substantial increase in power, such as the ability to audit the wireless service providers. A portion of the fees accrued will go to a coordinator, and another portion toward a grant. Richard Ruhl asked about revenue sharing between small and large cogs. It is likely that that will happen, but we do not have a definitive answer yet. Darita advised that it is not yet known how much of the proposed fee would go toward a coordinator, but that it is unlikely that the fee will be enough to make-up for any landline loss. OMES and the Tax Commission both need to

be contacted with regard to a post-pay fee. An audit should be done on the pre-pay side. Ms. Huckabee wants to get a draft, and hold a special meeting so that the information can be relayed to the Legislature.

VI. **Discussion of advocacy for 9-1-1 Legislation with Legislators:** Darita Huckabee advised that between now and February 1, 2015 is the best time to invite legislators to various PSAPs to exhibit needs for funding. The tours could include budget talks and the crucial need for a fee increase.

VII. **Discussion and possible action concerning the certification of funds for certain counties and the Annual Certification to the Oklahoma Tax Commission:** Gene Thaxton spoke with Cotton County, and they have submitted their information for certification. Mr. Thaxton asked for a motion to accept that Cotton County has passed their requirements for approval. Motion made by Richard Ruhl, and seconded by Blaine Smith. Mr. Thaxton requested that another motion be made to include population of Cotton County. Motion made by Norman McNickle, and seconded by Blaine Smith. Both motions were declared to have passed as follows:

Aye: Lanette Coppedge, Greg Fisher, Darita Huckabee, Norman McNickle, Richard Ruhl, Blaine Smith, Gene Thaxton, John Johnson

Nay: None Recorded

Abstain: None Recorded

Norman McNickle asked about consolidation of counties with a smaller population. This is already being discussed with Woodward and Alfalfa counties, as well as Cotton and Comanche counties. It will be much cheaper for them to be able to have collective equipment and resources.

VIII. **Discussion of Annual Report to the Governor:** The Board is 6 months past due with regard to submitting a report. Gene Thaxton has gotten some verbiage complete, but not enough to submit to Chairwoman Coppedge. Hopes are high that this report will be ready by January 2015.

IX. **Board Member Resignation:** Lanette Coppedge advised that it has taken longer to fill the 3 vacant positions, than expected. Tier 3 position was vacated by Ron Strecker, the Tier 2 position is still vacant, which is a US Cellular position, and Diane Pedicord resigned. The Board plans to discuss replacement options and changes with the Legislature. Tommy Arnold is hoping to fill the Okla Nena vacancy, and a suggestion will be submitted for Stacey Cartwright, ATFT, to fill a position as well. Steve Willoughby has resigned, and by month's end, there will be a total of seven (7) vacancies. Richard Ruhl indicated that a full Board is necessary with the additional jurisdiction coming into place, and that he will take a look at current geographical representation.

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

XI. **Chairman's Comments:** Ms. Coppedge stated that she is encouraged by the new Bill being proposed. The 9-1-1 Board was created in 2005, by former Governor Brad Henry, in hopes to give the 911 process more of a voice. Consolidation efforts will be greatly appreciated moving forward. She welcomed John Johnson, and bid farewell to Blaine Smith, thanking him for his time and attention to the Statewide 9-1-1 Advisory Board.

XII. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 2:26 pm, with a motion made by Blaine smith, seconded by Gene Thaxton.

Date

Ms. Lanette Coppedge, Chairwoman