



East Bay Regional Communications System Authority



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

REGULAR MEETING

DATE: March 1, 2019

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

**PLACE: Alameda County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services and Homeland Security
4985 Broder Blvd.
Dublin, CA 94568**

MINUTES

1. **Closed Session:** None.

2. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** 10:02 a.m.

Boardmembers Present:

G. Ahern, C. Andersen, J. Calabrigo, A. Ciaburro, T. Dupuis, S. Haggerty, J. King (Alternate), R. McBain, P. Meyer, C. Nice (Non-Voting alternate) S. Perkins, M. Roberts, M. Shorr, C. Silva, C. Simmons, J. Tudor, D. White

Staff Present: T. McCarthy, R. Donoghue, C. Soto

Guests: G. Poole, Motorola; unnamed individual that did not sign in.

3. **Report on Closed Session:** None.

4. **Public Comments:** None.

5. **Presentations:** None.

6. **Approval of Minutes**

6.1 Approval of Minutes from the Special Board Meeting of October 8, 2018

On motion of Bm. Roberts, seconded by Bm. Silva and by unanimous vote, the Board of Directors approved the minute of the Special Board meeting of October 8, 2018.

7. **Written Communications:** None.

8. **Public Hearings:** None.

9. **Action Items:**

9.1 **Adopt 2019 EBRCSA Calendar Committees and Board Meetings**

Director McCarthy presented the staff report and agreed that the approval of next year's calendar would be earlier, for planning purposes.

On motion of Bm. Andersen, seconded by Bm. Silva and by unanimous vote, the Board of Directors approved the 2019 EBRCSA Calendar of Committee and Board meetings.

10:06 a.m. Bm. Haggerty arrived.

9.2 **Annual Election of Board Chair and Vice Chair as required by the JPA Agreement and Bylaws**

Director McCarthy presented the staff report and advised that he had received interest from both Chair Ahern and Vice Chair Casten to continue in their present positions for another year. No other nominations were received.

On motion of Bm. Perkins, seconded by Bm. King and by unanimous vote, the Board approved the appointment of G. Ahern as Chair and M. Casten as Vice Chair, of the Authority for another year.

9.3 **Amendment to Agreement with California Generator for Scheduled Three-Year Preventative Maintenance, Coolant System Services, and Budget Change**

Director McCarthy presented the staff report and advised that this agreement would be for the three-year maintenance services of seven generators. It would be an increase of \$16,845 and required a budget change. California Generators was currently maintaining the generators, but this was three-year maintenance that was above and beyond the monthly maintenance they provided. It would be an expense every three years. Life expectancy of generators was 7-10 years but could even go up to 20 years. Because of the length of this contract, it would soon be necessary to rebid it.

On motion of Bm. Haggerty, seconded by Bm. King and by unanimous vote, the Board of Directors adopted the **Resolution No. 19-01** Authorizing the EBRCSA Chair to Execute, and the Executive Director to Implement, an Amendment to Agreement with California Generator Service for Maintenance, and to Amend the EBRCSA Budget Regarding Same, and guidance to examine rebidding the contract.

9.4 Walton Lane Simulcast Site Add On

Director McCarthy presented the staff report and advised Walton Lane was an area in Antioch where there were issues with radio coverage. Although Antioch Police did not join the Authority when it started, there were other users that were affected by the outage - Contra Costa County Fire, East Bay Regional Parks District (EBRPD) and Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office. This item was previously discussed by the Operations Committee for consideration, but was not approved to move forward to the Finance Committee or the full Board. This item needed to be revisited because the area was growing, as was the number of police and fire agencies that were on the System in that area. When they were in that area, they could not communicate with their dispatch centers. Antioch Police was using their old system when they are in that area. The old radio system is not maintained or recorded, and can fail at any time. Director McCarthy had visited the site with Motorola and the Contra Costa County radio shop. City of Antioch still had their site and tower that they were not using. If Antioch agrees, the Authority can put up a new shelter, use their tower, change the antenna and fill the void area improving Antioch, Pittsburg Police, Contra Costa County Fire, EBRPD, and AMR Ambulance. Director McCarthy had spoken to Chief Tammany Brooks, Antioch Police, and asked him to his advocate with the City to relinquish the site to the Authority. He put forward a request for UASI grant funds but was denied. Director McCarthy was asking for authorization to do a cost analysis on the Antioch site and bring it back to the Committees and the Board for consideration.

Bm. Silva asked what CSI's contractual obligation was.

Director McCarthy stated he brought CSI on in July to use as an independent radio engineering firm. He asked for a cost from them to work on an analysis of the site.

Bm. Ciaburro stated the investigation of the issue of coverage was important for EBRPD.

Bm. King stated in his time with EBRPD, there had been an issue there.

Bm. Andersen asked where they might find another gap in coverage like that. Should the Authority look at it now?

Bm. Ahern stated there were problems in both Counties, like Tesla Rd or Upper Lake Chabot Road, but the calls for service did not happen. The James Donlon area was now a major area of concern due to development.

Director McCarthy stated the City of San Ramon had conditions of approval for development that stated if the development impacted the radio coverage to less than 90% of what it was, the developer must pay to bring the coverage back to at least 90%. He would be meeting with member agencies to inform them about San Ramon's policy, as something they might consider. He could also bring back a presentation, for the Board, to show System coverage, at a future meeting.

Bm. Calabrigo stated from a policy standpoint, this was a public health and safety issue. His interest was ensuring that the Authority did not have to pay for something it should not have to pay for. The responsibility should fall first with whoever is making the modification.

Bm. Perkins asked if the JPA could impose such a condition, as stated by Bm. Calabrigo, on member agencies, in terms of health and safety issues.

Attorney Donoghue stated there had been some controversy in recent years about the ability of a JPA to enact an ordinance. But more and more JPAs are adopting ordinances that apply to cities and counties. She was not sure if that had been called out in the Authorities agreement. Generally, any power that the member agencies have, can be performed by the JPA. That would be one possibility, to look at an ordinance that would impose various requirements, a consultation requirement, a condition of approval requirement, or a cost requirement. She thought it possible. There is going to be tremendous pressure coming from the region and the State with new legislation to create housing and to vastly decrease or eliminate impact fees, etc. Now was the time to get the planning agencies thinking about this and getting on their radars, and getting conditions of approval put in to the process.

On motion of Bm. Perkins, seconded by Bm. Silva and by unanimous vote, the Board of Directors authorized the Executive Director to begin development of a plan to fill the radio gap at Walton Lane and James Donlon Boulevard in Antioch.

10. Committee Updates:

10.1 Receive Informational Report on Recent Finance Committee Activities

Bm. Calabrigo stated the Finance Committee had discussed everything the Board had discussed this morning.

10.2 Receive Informational Report on Recent Operations Committee Activities

Chair Ahern expressed thanks to agencies that attended to provide public comment regarding the James Donlon coverage issue.

11. Reports:

11.1 Receive an Update on the Time Division Multiple Access (TDMA) Upgrade

Director McCarthy stated the TDMA upgrade had been tested. He would be meeting with CSI to review the results of the testing. In reviewing with the engineers that had installed the upgrade, it had gone well. They would have the results validated and verified by CSI. Everything was going well, and looked like they would meet the June 2020 deadline.

11.2 Receive an update on Faria Preserve Project, City of San Ramon

Director McCarthy stated the Faria Preserve Development, in San Ramon, testing had gone well and there had been no problems.

11.3 Receive information on CalTrans and Paramedic Plus

Director McCarthy stated CalTrans was leaving the Authority. They were building their own system. They had paid debt service since the beginning of the Authority. Paramedics Plus lost their contract with Alameda County for ambulance service and Falk Ambulance would come on. They were already a member of the Authority.

Bm. Roberts asked if CalTrans was no longer paying debt service, would it have an impact on the System's budget.

Director McCarthy stated it should not.

12. Board Comments:

10:47 a.m. Bm. Haggerty left the meeting.


Bm. Perkins asked for update on Benicia.

Director McCarthy stated Benicia was doing well. He was waiting to see what was go to happen in Solano County. Solano was looking to build out the entire County. Fairfield and Vacaville were building their radio system and Benicia was waiting to see how it would tie into Solano and could they piggy back. Benicia was working great on the System.

13. Next Action Steps:

Chair Ahern announced the Authority's Attorney, Robin Donoghue was retiring.

14. Adjournment: With no further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned in honor of General Counsel Robin Donoghue and her dedicated service to the Authority, at 10:52 a.m.



Caroline P. Soto
Authority Secretary