

January 2022 Minutes

Webster Parish Communications District

The Board of Commissioners of the Webster Parish Communications District met in special session on Thursday, January 13, 2022, at 6:00 PM at the office of Webster Parish Communications District at 410 Main Street, Minden, Louisiana, 71055.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Billy Dorsey, Kip Mourad, Chris McGarity, Hank Haynes, Ray Brown, Grady Smith.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ursulla Hullaby

PUBLIC HEARING: To hear comments concerning the proposed 2022 Budget of the Webster Parish Communications District.

There were no comments or concerns regarding the proposed 2022 Budget of the Webster Parish Communications District.

PUBLIC HEARING: To hear comments concerning the disqualification of Advanced EMS under Webster Parish Police Jury Ordinance 984.

Gary Jones, Owner of Advance EMS spoke on behalf of his company to explain changes made in the past weeks to become compliant with the ordinance.

Jim Bonsall, President Webster Parish Police Jury, spoke in support of lifting the disqualification to keep 2 EMS services available in Webster Parish.

Greg Pafford, of Pafford EMS spoke in support of lifting the disqualification to keep 2 EMS services available in Webster Parish.

Allen Mosely, Webster Parish Coroner's Office spoke in support of lifting the disqualification to keep 2 EMS services available in Webster Parish.

Ray Brown, Webster Parish Communications District board member spoke in support of the disqualification as well as implementing a 60-day trial period and review at next board meeting.

Chris McGarity Webster Parish Communications District board member spoke in support of the disqualification as well as implementing a 60-day trial period and review at next board meeting.

Billy Dorsey Webster Parish Communications District Chairperson spoke in support of the disqualification as well as implementing a 60-day trial period and review at next board meeting.

There were no other comments or concerns regarding the disqualification of Advanced EMS under Webster Parish Police Jury Ordinance 984.

The meeting was called to order at 6:16 PM by Chairman Billy Dorsey.

The invocation was given by C. McGarity.

Guests: Angie Chapman-Executive Director 911, Cohen Stockman-Dispatch Supervisor Webster 911, Brian Williams- WPF 7, Greg Pafford-Pafford EMS, Emily Nale-Pafford EMS, Robert Moore -Pafford EMS, Gary Jones- Advanced EMS, Gavin Hall-Webster Parish 911, Patrick Jackson (via zoom), Michael Morse-WPF 11, Allen Mosley-WP Coroners Office, Jim Bonsall-WPPJ, Ben Gorman-WPF 10, Bonnie Culverhouse-Webster Parish Journal, Fred Stewart-WPF 10, Gary Loftin-WPF 3, Billy Caldwell-WPF 3, Heather Feedback-WPF 3.

Call for new items to be added to the agenda: No new items

Public Comments-None

On a motion made by C. McGarity, seconded by K. Mourad, the following resolution was unanimously approved: Resolved, the minutes of the November 2021 meeting were approved as presented.

On a motion made by C. McGarity, seconded by R. Brown, the following resolution was unanimously approved: Resolved, continue to table the old business item regarding the back up call center.

On a motion made by K. Mourad, seconded by H. Haynes, the following resolution was unanimously approved: Resolved, lift the current disqualification of Advanced EMS and place back on rotation effective Monday, January 17, 2022, for a 60-day trial with review at next 911 board meeting scheduled for March 3, 2022.

On a motion made by C. McGarity, seconded by K. Mourad the following resolution was unanimously approved: Resolved, table discussion regarding the communications service request letters for fire districts; and notify all fire chiefs and board presidents when placed back on agenda.

On a motion made by C. McGarity, seconded by G. Smith the following resolution was unanimously approved: Resolved, adopt 2022 Budget of the Webster Parish Communications District as presented.

On a motion made by C. McGarity, seconded by R. Brown the following resolution was unanimously approved: Resolved, approve financial statements as presented.

On a motion made by C. McGarity, seconded by K. Mourad, following resolution was unanimously approved: Resolved, approve invoices for payment as presented.

On a motion made by C. McGarity, seconded by R. Brown, following resolution was unanimously approved: Resolved, continue the 3% retirement contribution match set forth in April 2018, but correct the verbiage to include all employees participating in the plan.

C. Stockman gave the communications report.

There were no employee concerns to discuss.

K. Mourad announced his resignation from the 911 board effective January 31, 2022, and recommended Brian Williams as his replacement.

Meetings for 2022: March 3, 2022, May 5, 2022, July 7, 2022, September 1, 2022, November 3, 2022

There being no further business, on a motion made by H. Haynes, seconded by K. Mourad to adjourn, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:52 PM.