

**MINUTES OF A BOARD MEETING OF THE
SOUTH EAST REGIONAL EMERGENCY SERVICE AUTHORITY
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m. at the Roseville City Manager's Conference Room, 29777 Gratiot Avenue, by Chairperson Duchane with the following Board Members present:

Adkins, Smith and Woodcox

Absent: Holland

Adoption of Agenda:

Motion by Woodcox, seconded by Smith, to adopt the agenda, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Meeting Minutes: (None)

Correspondence:

Director Bartram informed the Board that there was no correspondence.

Executive Director Report:

SMART911 Update – Director Bartram informed the Board that from April 1st to May 1st we had twenty-seven new enrollments in SMART911; provided download dashboard from the SMART911 Program to the Board; only presentation scheduled is at the Roseville Library in June; dispatchers haven't reported any specific incidents using the texting feature; received forty-six 911 telephone calls associated with profiles in April; 169 times during April we have used the SMART911 feature to text back people who have called us. Chairperson asked if there were any discussions to have a presentation at the Senior Center. Director Bartram replied that she would contact them.

Payroll Services – Director Bartram informed the Board that training is set up for next Tuesday on how to use the software; asked Mr. Walters if he got a price on the training. Mr. Walters replied that he did not receive that information yet. Director Bartram commented that the reason to look at payroll services was to eliminate the redundancy; don't know how Police keep their schedule but we enter the information on a spreadsheet and if it would upload to the payroll services, it would eliminate the redundancy. Chairperson Duchane commented that he thought it was an exception based scheduling system. Board Member Adkins replied that it does do that. Director Bartram informed the Board that June 9th is the soft date to go live and the union is unhappy that they will not be getting lump sum checks.

Performance Status Report – Director Bartram informed the Board that there were three performance review inquiries which resulted in action taken – one from St. Clair Shores regarding officer safety concern, two from Roseville – one regarding citizen complaint of dispatcher being rude and refused to dispatch a call and one generated from an audit by the Roseville Police Department.

Peninsula Fiber Connection – Director Bartram informed the Board that she talked with Ms. Wolber and trying to get a meeting set up in June; researched a little bit more and concerned about the Peninsula Fiber Connection because they assured us that when the money runs out in Michigan, currently 911 lines are paid for by the State of Michigan, the connection to 911 through fiber will be paid for by the State of Michigan except this money that is paying for them was created through a lawsuit in 2004; this fiber connection is draining the funds and depending on who you talk to it will be drained by the end of 2017 or first quarter of 2018; talked with Mr. PFN and he told her don't worry about it because the State is on the hook after the money is gone and when she talked with the State they said they are not on the hook because the County is signing the agreements with PFN; thinks we need to have the meeting so Macomb County knows what the fiber connection is and maybe back away because there is legislation that the communication directors are really pushing for but they are not even unified in their direction; there are two different pieces of legislation they are trying to get – one is a \$10.5 million appropriation to stop the bleeding and if they can't get that, they would really like to have a twenty-five cent increase to the 911 surcharge at the State level because currently it is nineteen cents; raising it up twenty-five cents would also take care of next generation 911; wireless carriers and big companies are pushing against this; think this \$10.5 million will take care of it for the next four years but hesitant to put our name on a fiber connection for our 911 lines because once you sign you can't go back to the copper lines and what happens in four years because if counties in the State keep signing on with PFN it will be less than four years; going to have the meeting but hesitant to move us on to fiber. Vice Chairperson Smith asked who is paying for the copper lines. Director Bartram replied the State but when the money runs out who is going to pay for the copper lines. Vice Chairperson Smith asked how much more is the fiber than the copper. Director Bartram replied that no one has that figure right now. Vice Chairperson Smith commented that the locals are going to be left holding the bag if the State doesn't have the money to fund it. Board Member Bartram informed the Board that the Upper Peninsula hooked all their dispatch centers to the peninsula fiber network about four years ago; up until then this pot of money had been used since 2006 and then the Upper Peninsula starting using this fund and in four years the fund has been completely drained. Vice Chairperson Smith asked if the pot of money was being used to pay for copper as well as fiber. Director Bartram replied yes. Chairperson Duchane asked if the source of funding is a service fee on wireless and landline bills. Director Bartram replied yes and the work group that is pushing for this legislation of \$10.5 million would be enough to get the State of Michigan through the next four years but nothing has been sponsored at this time. Vice Chairperson Smith commented that there was always a surcharge but at some point, someone wasn't paying their fair share of the surcharge so they sued them and that is where that pot of money came from; probably what happened they had enough in the surcharge to pay for the copper and took the windfall and upgraded to fiber but that money is getting used up. Director Bartram responded that when the Upper Peninsula connected all of their telephone lines so they could have complete redundancy in their PSAPs they petitioned the State of Michigan and asked could they use that fund to pay for this and the State of Michigan said sure. Vice Chairperson Smith commented that there still is money coming in to pay for some of it, but not enough so that is why the smarter choice is to raise the surcharge. Director Bartram commented that legislators would like to consider having the counties, without voter approval, be able to raise the county surcharge from forty-nine cents to fifty-five cents but she objected to that because we don't have a surcharge. Chairperson Duchane commented that he was notified verbally that the State is not going to pay for the T1 line to service the Court anymore and now the City should make provisions because the bill will be coming to you and Headlee lawsuit is partially based on the State dictating cost shifts and asked if anyone else had heard of this. Vice Chairperson Smith and Board Member Adkins both said they have heard it.

Disbursements:

Motion by Adkins, seconded by Smith, to approve Disbursement No. 20 for \$32,161.22 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Smith, seconded by Adkins, to approve Disbursement No. 20 Pay #21 for \$45,770.36 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Budget and Expenditure Report:

Motion by Smith, seconded by Adkins, to authorize Mr. Walters to rollover the CD (\$150,000) at the rate of 1.25% for one year.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Woodcox, seconded by Adkins, to receive and file the budget and expenditure report, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Committee and Liaison Reports:

Fire Operations Committee – CLEMIS Update –Director Bartram informed the Board that they are busy trying to get all the paperwork required by CLEMIS from the Fire Departments and third party vendors.

Law Operations/TAC Committee – Chief Berlin informed the Board that they have not met since the last meeting.

Old Business: (None)

New Business: (None)

Director Bartram asked that the Board consider moving the July 12th meeting because of her vacation request.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Woodcox, to cancel the July 12, 2017, SERESA meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

Board Member Adkins asked the Director what needs to be done since we are all going to be working with the County regarding animal control. Director Bartram replied that she would need to use St. Clair Shores' policy and mirror that for Roseville.

Chairperson Duchane commented that he heard that Fraser is in budget throws but have to remain their own dispatch; said that SERESA takes too long to dispatch calls and asked if there is any interest by the professionals in the field to do something with SERESA. Chief Berlin informed the Board that Fraser doesn't want the union battle to go to SERESA.

Hearing of the Public:

Chairperson Duchane announced the Hearing of the Public, with no public participation.

Adjournment:

Motion by Woodcox, seconded by Smith, to adjourn the meeting at 2:53 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Linda S. Lince, Acting Secretary