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JOINT POWERS AGENCY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

January 31, 2008

8:30 a.m.

Modesto Police Department
600 Tenth Street – Public Meeting Room #101
Modesto, CA 95354

Commission members present: Chairman, Will O'Bryant; Vice Chairman, Bill O'Brien; Fire Warden, Gary Hinshaw; Fire Chief, James Miguel; Interim City Manager, Jim Niskanen; C.E.O. Rick Robinson; Mayor, John Fantazia; Deputy City Attorney, Phaedra A. Norton; County Counsel, Mick Krausnick

Absent: Sheriff, Adam Christianson; City Attorney Rolly Stevens

Chairman, Will O'Bryant called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Chairman O'Bryant thanked Paul Stein for his term of service as Director of Stanislaus Regional 9-1-1 as he prepares to retire.

O'Brien/Robinson Approved minutes for July 17, 2007 meeting.

V. Consent Calendar

A-1 - A-3 Chairman O'Bryant opened for discussion or vote for items on the consent calendar.

Robinson/Miguel Unan (all three consent items) **A-1** Approved authorization to enter into an agreement with the State of California 9-1-1 Program and Nine One One, Inc. for purchase and installation of a new telephone system at Stanislaus Regional 9-1-1.

A-2 Chief Miguel commented regarding Delta Wireless' positive working relationship with the City of Modesto and feels sure that Stanislaus Regional 9-1-1 will experience the same level and quality of service that his department is already enjoying. Approved authorization to enter into a contract with Delta Wireless for radio backbone maintenance.

A-3 Accepted the 2007-2008 Year-to-date Budget Report.

VI. Scheduled Matters

B-1 Discussion occurred regarding the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement. Members felt they had not had enough opportunity to review the proposed changes in the agreement. The Commission members are comfortable with the department's operational workflow remaining under the supervision and guidance of the Advisory Committee, but there are questions and felt the need to meet with the City Attorney and County Council for further clarification. Commissioner O'Brien reinforced that he feels it best to bring policy back to the Joint Powers Commission for review due to its structure of elected and appointed members. Cost sharing was referenced, and the representation of a small city by a member of the Commission is best left in the hands of the Commission as opposed to the Advisory Board. Chairman O'Bryant agreed and stated the importance of having oversight of policy by the Joint Powers Commission rather than the Advisory Board. All agreed that day-to-day, operational functions are handled very well at the Advisory Board level, however policy issues should be further reviewed before changes are made to the Agreement. Chief Miguel spoke to further define the tasks and responsibilities of the Advisory Board and the Commission, referencing some immediate changes about to take place in leadership, seeking definition of responsibilities of each of the governing bodies.

Robinson/Niskanen unan Motion to continue to support the day-to-day operations oversight by the Advisory Board and that the areas of influence where the JPA commissioners would exercise its authority are in policy and budget. Further that staff return and work with legal counsels and the Advisory Board to develop a proposed final draft for the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement

Interim City Manager Jim Niskanen updated the commission regarding he and Mayor Ridenour attending the National Conference of Mayors that occurred in Washington D.C. the week previously. Issues of crime and crime prevention were at the top of the agenda for the conference.

While in Washington D.C, they had an opportunity to meet with Congressman Radonovich, and staff members of Senators Feinstein, Boxer and Congressman Cardoza. Of particular note was a meeting with Senator Feinstein's staff regarding the interoperability work that has had such a high priority in this county. With the effort of the Chief of Police, the Sheriff and their staffs a report card was compiled of the progress to date and progress needed in the future. That report card was presented to Senator Feinstein's staff. Her staff member shared with Mayor Ridenour and Interim City Manager Niskanen that he had met with Senator Feinstein just that morning, and that she is now requiring a report card from every community that asks for support from her office, so ours was delivered in advance of that mandate being issued by Senator Feinstein. That trip will be followed up with a trip of a more regional nature with a return in March that will reinforce the work the Mayor did this last week.

Chief Wasden presented an item that was too late for the agenda. Due to Director Stein's retirement from Stanislaus Regional 9-1-1 and the need to fill his position, Chief Wasden, as a member of the Advisory Board, recommended approval to vacate the civilian director position and appoint a Modesto Police Department Captain as the Director of the Emergency Dispatch

Communications Center, and a Sheriff's Office Lieutenant as the Deputy Director, therefore providing continuity between the agencies and the operation of the communications center.

County Counsel Mick Krausnick confirmed that this is an appropriate matter and meets the criteria as an item "too late for the agenda."

Robinson/Miguel unan Moved that this is an appropriate matter, and will be made available for publication subsequent to the publication of the agenda

Comments and remarks were shared among the Commission and the audience, including Chief Miguel, Fire Warden Hinshaw, Vice-Chairman O'Brien and Undersheriff William Heyne to support the content and subsequent discussion of the item too late for the agenda.

Robinson/Niskanen unan Motion to accept recommendation from Advisory Board to vacate the civilian director position and appoint a Modesto Police Department Captain as the Director of the Emergency Dispatch Communications Center, and a Sheriff's Office Lieutenant as the Deputy Director

Adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

ATTESTED: Kaye-Marie Newell, Joint Powers Agency Commission Clerk. The above is a summary of the minutes of the Governing Board of the Consolidated Emergency Dispatch Agency. Complete audio-taped minutes are available from the Stanislaus Regional 9-1-1 Administration office.