



**JOINT POWERS AGENCY COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES**

January 15, 2009
10:00 a.m.

City-County Administration Building
1010 Tenth Street, Board Chambers
Modesto, CA 95354

Commission members present: Dick Monteith (Alternate); Fire Warden, Gary Hinshaw; Chief of Police, Roy Wasden; City Manager, Greg Nyhoff; CEO, Rick Robinson; County Counsel, John Doering

Absent: Chairman, Will O'Bryant; Vice-Chairman, Bill O'Brien; Mayor (City of Newman), John Fantazia; City Attorney, Rolly Stevens

Vice-Chairman (Alternate) Dick Monteith called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

Wasden/Robinson Approved minutes for November 13, 2008 meeting.

V. Consent Calendar

Robinson/Hinshaw Unan **A-1** Accepted Auditor's Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2008.

VI. Regular Calendar

Wasden/Nyhoff Unan **B-1** SR9-1-1 Deputy Director Mike Parker reviewed the acknowledgement/acceptance of COPS Technology Funding Grant that had been approved by the Board of Supervisors, and accepted by the Sheriff on November 4, 2008. The grant in the amount of \$350,738 will be used to improve the 800 MHZ radio system, helping to develop the radio system along the Highway 99 corridor.

Police Chief Wasden commented that this grant is the result of the efforts of Washington D.C.'s acknowledging the critical need of public safety infrastructure, expressing gratitude that this money has come to our county and can be used to enhance public safety, applauding the efforts taken to achieve the grant.

Nyhoff/Robinson Unan **B-2** SR9-1-1 Director Lucian Thomas reviewed and requested permission to allocate existing funds originally budgeted to pay the PSIC grant administrative fee, as The State Office of Homeland Security paid the fee, freeing up the amount of \$17,750 to help pay the fees related to the new contract for the Radio Backbone Infrastructure starting February 2009, continuing through the end of the fiscal year. This was necessary as the contract covering some of the equipment expired at the end of January 2009. This also allowed all the backbone equipment to now be covered together under one contract, for 24x7 repair response and yearly maintenance

Fire Warden Hinshaw commented that this standardizes the department's ability to service and maintain the backbone, allowing the end users to be responsible for their components, and is consistent with the overall strategy for radio interoperability including enhancements with the previous item, complementing both the Director and Deputy Director on their fiscal and administrative efforts as this was critical to the overall success.

Police Chief Wasden remarked in agreement to Fire Warden Hinshaw's comments.

CEO Robinson also remarked in agreement with Fire Warden Hinshaw, and further complimented the Director and Assistant Director for SR911 for their outstanding performance in addressing so many issues over the last year as the department has transitioned from management team to another, expressing his appreciation and great confidence in them and their recommendations to the Commission.

Adjourned at 10:12 a.m.