



JOINT POWERS AGENCY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

March 5, 2009
10:00 a.m.

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

Commission members present: Mayor Jim Ridenour (Alternate); Fire Warden, Gary Hinshaw; Fire Chief Jim Miguel; Vice-Chairman, Bill O'Brien; City Manager, Greg Nyhoff; CEO, Rick Robinson; County Counsel, John Doering; City Attorney, Rolly Stevens

Absent: Chairman, Will O'Bryant; Chief of Police (City of Newman), Adam McGill (alternate for Mayor, City of Newman)

Vice-Chairman (Alternate) Mayor Jim Ridenour called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Miguel/Nyhoff Approved minutes for January 15, 2009 meeting.

V. Regular Calendar

Miguel/Nyhoff Unan **A-1** SR 9-1-1 Director Lucian Thomas introduced Scot Nickerson, the new Administrative Systems Manager at SR9-1-1, taking the position that had been previously filled by Jan James. Director Thomas presented the Stanislaus Regional 9-1-1 2009-2010 proposed Budget. The final budget presentation will take place in June 2009. He advised the Commission that the dept. will come in approx \$76,000 under last year's budget. Director Thomas explained the COPS Grant income and expense offset that might otherwise appear as a discrepancy. SR911 will be keeping open 2 call takers and 2 dispatcher positions. Overtime expenses will be reduced next year after CAD training is completed. Increases in the budget are reflected in retirement contributions, (unfortunately however, that's not specific to SR9-1-1, but is a county wide budgetary impact). There is an increase in the Radio Maintenance contract costs for the full year as well as Fowler Peak interoperability contract. The department also experienced a 3% salary increase for employees. SR911 is expecting a 10% reduction in building maintenance costs, cooperatively working with GSA, however the utilities are expected to increase 17%. The department will review costs from GSA to insure charges are budgeted appropriately.

Chief Miguel added remarks appreciating the efforts SR911 has made to keep the budget at the level presented.

City Manager Nyhoff questioned the anticipated overtime costs. Director Thomas explained that the costs were related to the CAD training and anticipated cash outs for existing employees should they request it. Chief Miguel further supported the explanation with more information regarding the CAD training expectations.

Fire Warden Hinshaw contributed further comments regarding costs saving exploration with GSA, and Fowler Peak interoperability enhancements and government grants to help offset those costs. Chief Hinshaw spoke to next year's challenge with expected wireless requirements and asked Director Thomas to speak more specifically on this upcoming service.

Director Thomas informed the Commission that there are 5-6 carriers currently providing wireless service in cooperation with the CHP dispatch for wireless callers attempting to contact 9-1-1 in the event of an emergency. The State of California is aggressively seeking to transfer that responsibility to the local dispatch centers. There will be some analysis conducted and the possibility that SR911 will take one of the medium size carriers to determine what the call load will eventually become. CHP can easily receive 50 calls from wireless users reporting one accident, and they are helpful in screening the call volume and not transferring every call from every cell phone to SR911 for a specific incident or accident. Once the responsibility is transferred from CHP to SR911 for a carrier, it will remain with SR911 permanently. The Advisory Board has approved full staffing for the part time call taker positions, which allows us 10 people to be able to handle that additional call load.

Director Thomas also reminded the Commission that there will be a maintenance contract for the new CAD system after the first year of implementation, which could easily be \$300,000, so that will have to fit into the budget processes for 2010-2011.

VI. Consent Calendar

Hinshaw/O'Brien Unan **B-1** The Commission recognized the upcoming rotation of the Commission members effective June 1, 2009. Seating for the coming term will be Sheriff Adam Christianson, representing Stanislaus County, and Fire Chief Jim Miguel representing the City of Modesto.

Adjourned at 10:19 a.m.