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CONSOLIDATED EMERGENCY DISPATCH AGENCY COMMISSION **MINUTES**

February 17, 2021

Regular Meeting Minutes
1:00 p.m.

City-County Administration Building
1010 10th Street, Board Chambers – Basement Level
Modesto, CA 95354
www.sr911.org/consolidated.shtm

1.0 Open and Welcome

Meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Vice President, Vito Chiesa

Commission Members Present: Vice President, Vito Chiesa; Riverbank City Manager, Sean Scully, Modesto City Council, David Wright; Modesto City Manager, Joe Lopez; Modesto Interim Police Chief, Brandon Gillespie; Stanislaus County Director of OES\Fire Warden, Richard Murdock; Stanislaus County CEO, Jody Hayes

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

3.0 Public Comment Period

None.

4.0 Consent Calendar

4.1 Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting, November 18, 2020

Motion to Approve Consent Calendar made by Commissioner Hayes, seconded by Commissioner Lopez, Approved 7-0 unan.

5.0 Regular Agenda

5.1 Accept the Stanislaus Regional 9-1-1 Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Midyear Financial Report

Stanislaus Regional 9-1-1 (SR911) Administrative Service Manager, John Bettencourt (Bettencourt) presented the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Midyear Financial Report for SR911.

Motion to Accept the Stanislaus Regional 9-1-1 Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Midyear Financial Report Approved by Commissioner Murdock, seconded by Commissioner Scully, Approved 7-0 unan.

5.2 Approve the Stanislaus Regional 9-1-1 Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Proposed Budget

SR911 Executive Director, Wendy Silva (Silva), shared the SR911 Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Proposed Budget. The Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget closed with a surplus in the amount of \$362,325. As supported by the Advisory Board and recommended by staff, the Commission approved at the September 2020 Commission meeting, the allocation of surplus funds to offset charges to partners in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021. The 2021-2022 Proposed Budget for staffing is similar to the 2020-2021 Final Budget. SR911 has 59 allocated full-time positions. Salary costs have been balanced to reflect historical trends and include projected costs necessary to fully-fund allocated base salaries, overtime costs and extra help (part-time) employees. The Salary Budget represents an increase of 3.9% over last year's budget. This is due primarily to the salary increases negotiated for dispatch staff. Also included is a 5% vacancy rate in dispatch operations staffing. Retirement costs are increasing 8.74% and an increase of approximately 5% for health insurance which goes into effect January 1, 2022. The 2021-2022 Proposed Budget totals \$9,290,549 with \$8,548,639 in cost allocated to partners. This represents an increase in costs allocated to partners by 7.1%. The Dispatch Advisory Board (DAB) approved the SR911 Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Proposed Budget at the February 10, 2021 Special Meeting with a recommendation for staff to allocate potential Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget surplus funds to the final budget, reducing charges to the partners. The DAB also discussed the impacts of a flat budget. Staff reviewed the impacts and determined service levels would be severely and negatively impacted. Reducing the overall budget by an additional 5% totaling a 10% reduction, would require reducing staff by a minimum of five (5) full-time employees (FTE). A reduction in FTE's would require fixed post to be reduced from six (6) to five (5), creating extended answer times for 9-1-1 and non-emergency calls. Additionally, combining radio channels would create a severe impact to public safety personnel. SR911 staff do not recommend reducing service levels at the risk of public safety. SR911 staff is requesting the approval of SR911 Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Proposed Budget as presented, with a recommendation for staff to allocate any Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget surplus

funds to the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Final Budget. Commissioner Murdock suggested they revisit the cost sharing formula, which was created over 5 years ago, for the next fiscal budget. Commissioner Lopez suggested they have a subcommittee of at least three (3) representatives, one from the City, one from the County and one (1) additional. Commissioner Lopez also suggested taking it back to the Dispatch Advisory Board once the subcommittee has met. Commissioner Scully mentioned he would be interested to know what specifically staff mean by severe impact in terms of wait times, wait times for people on the radio, etc. Any of those types of details would be helpful to know.

Motion to hold off on the approval of the Stanislaus Regional 9-1-1 Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Proposed Budget and form a subcommittee made up of the County, the City of Modesto and the City of Riverbank Approved by Commissioner Lopez, seconded by Commissioner Wright, Approved 7-0 unan.

6.0 Informational

6.1 Monthly Dispatch Staffing Report

Silva presented the Dispatch Staffing report included in the packet.

6.2 Status Report Regarding Stanislaus Regional 9-1-1 Technical Projects

SR911 Deputy Director, Desiderio Calzada provided an update on technical projects.

6.3 Executive Director Report

Nothing to report.

7.0 Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Chiesa welcomed Modesto City Councilmember David Wright as the new Commission member. Councilmember Wright shared a little about himself. Commissioner Gillespie shared they will continue to utilize their Real Time Crime Center and provide enhanced customer service and work with dispatch to limit call times and provide assistance to people calling in non-emergency type calls. Commissioner Gillespie also shared that he appreciates the partnership with Dispatch. Commissioner Murdock mentioned that there was a demonstration by a vendor for Mobile Dispatch Computers for the fire agencies. They are looking at replacing some of the outdated computers they currently have and utilize the AB109 funds for that Communication Project.

8.0 Correspondence

None.

9.0 Adjournment

Regular meeting adjourned at 1:37 pm

ATTESTED: Melissa Parikh
Consolidated Emergency Dispatch Agency Commission Clerk

The above is a summary of the minutes of the governing board of the Consolidated Emergency Dispatch Agency Commission. Complete audio minutes are available from the Stanislaus Regional 9-1-1 Administrative Office.