ALABAMA 9-1-1 BOARD MEETING AUM Center for Advanced Technologies 400 South Union Street, Suite 125 Montgomery, Alabama 36104

Minutes of January 18, 2013 Meeting

Prior notice of this regularly scheduled meeting of the Alabama 9-1-1 Board was given in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

The roll was called and the following members were present:

Roger Wilson, Chairman

Riley Blount

Ernie Blair

Bill Brodeur

Chris Heger

Melissa Dove

Johnny Hart

Jerry Renfroe

Donnie Smith

John Nettles

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 10:04 am by Chairman Roger Wilson who acted as presiding officer of the meeting.

Roger Wilson informed the Board of the letter he received from Kevin Grimes stating he is resigning from the Board. Johnny Hart nominated Riley Blount to fill this position and Chris Heger seconded the nomination. Johnny Hart made the motion to close, then seconded by Chris Heger.

Upon motion by Jerry Renfroe and seconded by Bill Brodeur, the Agenda which was previously published on the Board's website was unanimously approved.

Upon motion by Melissa Dove and seconded by Jerry Renfroe, the Minutes of the December 21, 2012 meeting was unanimously approved.

The first order of business was the Board expense report. Mr. Brodeur requested the travel forms be approved by the Board due to the weather conditions in North Alabama. Mr. Brodeur reported attorney fees for the month were \$2,379.38 along with \$200 for John Ellison for the Board's website.

Upon motion by Jerry Renfroe and seconded by Johnny Hart, the expense report presented by Bill Brodeur was approved.

The next order of business was in regards to the Administrative Rules. Mr. Sasser discussed the rules that were emailed out to the Board on yesterday. The rules were in reference to taking the Emergency Rule regarding how we will determine base rate and making it a permanent rule. There is also a rule regarding definitions containing a code, they are a combination of NENA definitions as well as some from Florida, Mr. Sasser mentioned another rule regarding annual certifications for ECD's. There is a regulation that addresses situations where an ECD or a carrier does not provide the requested information/documentation. Mr. Sasser mentioned there is a similar rule in the Wireless Board that states they can withhold distributions until funds or information has been received. The problem is as it relates to wire-line carriers is they take out their 1% before the funds are sent so they do not receive distributions from the Board like a wireless carrier for cost recovery. Mr. Sasser suggested the Board suspends their right to have the 1% withheld, however this may be challenging to enforce. In regards to Lifeline, Mr. Sasser mentioned there is a statue as it relates to the customers from a wire-line side we don't have a statue that specifically relates to the wireless so the regulation states the wireless carriers must collect the 911 fee from their customers as the wire-line carriers. Lastly, Mr. Sasser informed the Board that a standard should be set regarding counting lines. Roger Wilson stated he sent a copy of the Board's Act and Emergency Rules definitions to someone in D.C. who is a retired technical consultant in the industry who has agreed to look into this for the Board. Chris Heger stated she was not pleased with the Emergency Rule regarding the definitions due to some of them seeming to be extremely limited. Roger suggested the Board review the rules; if there is any input it should be given to Mr. Sasser and he will make the necessary adjustments and have them back to the Board at least 7 days before the next meeting.

Upon motion by Chris Heger and seconded by Bill Brodeur, the motion to allow Mr. Sasser to move forward with the baseline, Lifeline, ECD certification, and withholding the funds from an ECD was approved.

The next order of business was the State Plan. Roger sent out a proposal for the Board to review on January 17, 2013, however it will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

Old Business

Riley Blount researched some information in regards to office space and staff. He will be working with Jerry Renfroe and Donnie Smith on this project.

In regards to the ANGEN report, Roger stated the agreement with INetwork has been signed with AT&T and the extra equipment that was needed has been ordered.

Roger discussed the meeting regarding the AUM Study where they discussed all the ECD's baseline information that had been submitted. Roger stated there was several ECD's that the Board will need to request additional information from. A Board member asked if an ECD post on the Open Meetings Act, are they required to give a 7-day notice for a regular meeting, if not 7-days does 2 days mean 48-hours. Mr. Sasser stated he will research this and get back with the Board.

Lastly, Roger mentioned speaking with Art Faulkner at EMA about the AUM Study. Mr. Faulkner offered the assistance of one of his administration employees to assist in contacting the telephone providers. Riley Blount has already contacted the cable telephone companies and submitted the information to Tom Petee with the AUM Center for Government. Charles met with the Public Service Commission and was able to access a database that was able to provide all of the information needed. Jerry Renfroe was also able to provide information about ILEC and CLEC. Tom Petee is now creating a new database for the telephone providers and will send out a packet to the telephone providers.

It is agreed that the next Board meeting will be on February 15, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the Bailey Building on South Union Street, Montgomery, Alabama.

Upon motion by Jerry Renfroe and seconded by Bill Brodeur, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:35 a.m.

Approved this 27th day of <u>February</u>, 2013

SECRETARY