

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

Minutes of November 16, 2012 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
Kevin Grimes
Johnny Hart
Wayne Hutchens
Jerry Renfroe
Donnie Smith

Board members Mark Brown and John Nettles were absent

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 10:07am by Chairman Roger Wilson who acted as presiding officer of the meeting.

Upon motion by Mr. Renfroe and seconded by Ms. Heger, the Agenda which was previously published on the Board's website was unanimously approved.

In regards to the Minutes of the October 19, 2012 meeting, a Board member suggested a correction be made to the Line 3 discussion on page 2 of the minutes. It should read: "The Board referred to the law (1198-1 page 2) which dictates 10-digit numbers must be counted." This correction has been since made.

Upon motion by Mr. Renfroe and seconded by Mr. Hutchens, the Minutes of the October 19, 2012 meeting was unanimously approved.

The first order of business was the Board expense report. Mr. Brodeur reported a travel request for Ernie Blair for last month for \$135.02. Attorney fees for the month were \$5406.00. There was a discussion from Johnny Hart in regards to his travel last month for \$276.26, the State Examiners informed him that he was unable to claim per diem which is \$75 per day. Johnny states he should be compensated for mileage as well. The \$276.26 that was reported in last month's meeting was corrected after the October 19, 2012 meeting.

Upon motion by Mr. Renfroe and seconded by Mr. Smith, Bill will present these expenses to the Wireless Board for payment was unanimously approved.

The next order of business was in regards to the Administrative Rules. Mr. Sasser began the discussion regarding Emergency Rule 1, which was effective October 30, 2012, as it relates to termination of active voice communication connections and how we can account for these for the purpose of conducting the study to determine the base rate. Mr. Sasser suggested there needs to be a permanent rule established to maximize the number of connections that can be collected from while being both fair and reasonable. There was also a discussion about addressing the issues in regards to the Emergency Rule for the ECD's who increased their wireline rates in the 7 month period after fiscal year 2011. Mr. Sasser suggested this rule be made a permanent rule. In regards to Lifeline connections, Mr. Sasser mentioned a statute that relates to Lifeline on the wireline side however there is nothing that specifically on the wireless side. He proposed a rule be established that allows his committee to address this issue from the wireline as well as wireless side. Lastly, Mr. Sasser proposed a rule be established to require each ECD to annually certify.

Upon motion by Mr. Renfroe and seconded by Ms. Heger, the rules in regards to Board Operations and Meetings were approved. Motion carried.

The next order of business was in regards to the AUM Study on level rates. Mr. Wilson informed the Board that the information from the ECD's has gone out; they have until December 3rd to have everything submitted. There was a good response from the ECD's showing the providers they get money from as well as a good repose from the districts. There was a suggestion from meeting attendee, Gary in regards to the study. He stated there is not a minimum starting date in regards to the rate increase. The Board was able to verify the law states January 1st. His suggestion was to have the document include this date. The question was asked if there is a projected date for the carriers. Mr. Wilson stated he will get this information to the Board once he speaks with Tom Petee.

The next order of business was in regards to the State Plan. The Public Examiners have requested information from the districts which was to be submitted by November 5th. Mr. Wilson received confirmation via email stating out of 88 ECD's only 2 were turned back due to insufficient information. Wayne Hutchens has agreed to be the chairman of this committee. Mr. Hutchens and Mr. Wilson discussed using Auburn University's group that handles Efficiency in State Government surveys as well as creates plans. Mr. Wilson will contact Auburn University for more information and should be able to present this information to the group by the next Board meeting. Board member suggested using the University of Alabama for this study as another option. Mr. Wilson stated a recommendation will be brought back to the Board at a later date. Board member mentioned a provision in the law that deals with the pre-paid issues that says after 2 months a report must be given. Mr. Wilson explained we do not have the first report yet. He also stated they collected in September, it was due to pay in October and as of last Friday the Wireless Board has not received the first payment from pre-paid POS from Department of Revenue.

Old Business

The next order of business is the discussion of the Board website. Mr. John Ellison stated the basics of the website are up and it has been up and running since the last Board meeting. The website address is: AL911Board.com. The website domain has been bought. There is an adaptive theme which means when it is viewed from you tablet or cell phone you will notice it may display differently from a desktop view. There is a link under everyone's listing that allows the public to send a message; however the public will not have access to the Board's personal email unless they reply back to the message. Another feature that has been added allows the user to be notified anytime a meeting is created or edited. It also serves as a repository for the minutes from prior meetings. Mr. Ellison suggested the Board using Google Apps which provides a secure place to have documents and exchange information; email can also be done here which allows the user to keep their domain name.

New Business

The next order of business is the discussion to open an office location and staff it. Mr. Brodeur asked the Board's opinion on opening an office with administrative type help. Ms. Heger suggested contacting the state about contracting out to have someone serve as administrative help to assist in directing questions about the state plan, level rate, or administrative rules instead of Mr. Wilson being the only contact person. Mr. Wilson stated he met with Deputy Attorney General for State EMA who confirmed the Board can contract out staff. Ms. Heger suggested contacting the state to inquire about office space for an Administrative Assistant. Board member suggested using Cathy Johnson who headed up the Broadband Initiative for the Governor as the administrative person for the Board. She has the background from the telephone company from working with AT&T.

Upon motion by Ms. Heger and seconded by Mr. Smith, the authorization for the chairman to contact the state or other agencies for office space and contracting out employees was approved. Motion carried.

The next order of business was to discuss ANGEN. Mr. Ellison provided an update in regards to the Gulf Coast 911 Conference in October. He did 3 training sessions to train to use the 911 dashboard. The final session was a general overview. He stated that information provided was received well. Attendees were positive and enthusiastic. Mr. Wilson did a national webinar on the ANGEN process. Alabama Department of Transportation choose us as a success story on how grant money moves to the next generation field. The company INetwork, the contractors who are putting in the brains of this system, have done various test removing calls to be sure it is installed. The Alabama Supercomputer Authority is providing the network and waiting for the ok from the Board to go get pricing. Mr. Ellison reported he is still waiting on AT&T connecting with tandems; he should have progress to report on this within the next two weeks. Board member asked was there plans for ongoing training? Mr. Ellison replied INetwork has contracted to deliver 5 onsite training geographically around the state. Webinars will also be available along with on-line self-paced training modules. Self-paced modules from the Gulf Coast Conference will also be available on-line at the ANGEN.org website.

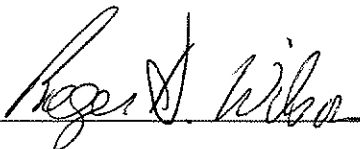
It is agreed that the next Board meeting will be on December 21, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., January 18, 2013 at 10:00 a.m., and February 15, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the Bailey Building on South Union Street, Montgomery, Alabama.

Upon motion by Mr. Hart and seconded by Mr. Renfroe, There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:13 a.m.

Approved this 21 day of December, 2012



SECRETARY



CHAIRMAN