

ST. MARY PARISH 911 COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
1200 DAVID DR. BUILDING B
MORGAN CITY, LA 70380
AUGUST 9, 2007
10:00 A.M.

Chairman Mark Fryou met with the 911 Board of Commissioners on August 9, 2007. Present at the meeting were Chairman Fryou, Vice Chairman Neal Hebert, Major Steve Veal, Mr. Duval Arthur, and Chief Gerald Minor. Mr Matt Mayon and Mr. Scott Verret were not in attendance.

All members were provided a copy of the July 2007 minutes. Mr. Minor made a motion to accept the minutes as provided. Mr. Veal seconded the motion. All members were in favor and the motion carried.

Mr. Fryou addressed the members with the expense statement for the month of July 2007. Expenses for the 911 center totaled \$51,741.00. After a brief review of the expenses, Mr. Fryou called for a motion to accept the expense report. Mr. Hebert made the motion to accept the report and Mr. Minor seconded the motion. All members were in agreement and the motion carried.

Mr. Fryou then turned the discussion to the income statement for the month of July 2007. He noted that the income for the month was \$62,051.91. Mr. Hebert noted that the District had received the quarterly fees. Mr. Fryou asked for a motion to accept the income statement. Mr. Minor made a motion to accept the income. Mr. Veal seconded the motion. All members were in favor and the motion carried.

Chairman Fryou asked that the minutes reflect Mr. Mayon is now in attendance.

Old Business: Chairman Fryou informed the members that he, Vice Chairman Neal Hebert, Ms. Anderson and Ms. Bergeron attended the council meeting held on July 25, 2007, to speak to the council about the proposed intergovernmental agreement between 911 and the fire departments. Chairman Fryou told the members the council asked the 911 board to reconsider the fees agreed upon at the January 2006 meeting. The council suggested 911, fire department representatives and other stakeholders meet to get a contract suitable for all parties. He noted that the board had previously voted to go forward with the intergovernmental agreement. Mr. Arthur made a motion to reconsider the fee previously adopted by the 911 board of commissioners. Mr. Veal seconded the motion. Mr. Minor reminded the members that when 911 was first introduced to the parish it was a transfer station only. He wanted to know if the center was in violation of using 911 surcharges to support any other services. He asked Ms. Anderson to write a letter to the Attorney General for a legal opinion and move forward from there. Mr. Hebert agreed with Chief Minor. Mr. Mayon asked Mr. Hebert what extra funds were being used, besides training, to dispatch for the fire departments. He included that if that were the case, 911 had been in violation since the 1990's. He recommended that the agreement state that the fire departments be responsible for all repairs to each agency's own equipment. Chairman Fryou advised that a verbal agreement to that effect is in place. Mr. Arthur requested that the letter to the Attorney General be made part of his motion, and to temporarily suspend the intergovernmental agreement in place at this time. Mr. Minor seconded the amended motion. All members were in agreement and the motion carried.

Chairman Fryou asked all members to look at the 911 addressing ordinance now in place. Ms. Anderson told the members now that the ordinance was in place, 911 would begin addressing for the parish starting at St. Peter St. and enforcing the rules of the ordinance. Letters had been created, giving residents and businesses thirty days to correct infractions. After the thirty-day period, the area would be checked again to assure progress. Parish President Paul Naquin requested the letters be given to all residents and

businesses without an address, or with an incorrect address. Ms. Anderson said it would take well over a year to get the addresses corrected.

New Business: Ms. Bergeron told the board since the new ordinance had been adopted, the addressing of the parish would involve extensive travel and requested the purchase of a new vehicle for addressing. Mr. Minor agreed that the mileage would be significant and suggested getting with the parish president to see about purchasing a 911 vehicle on the state contract. Chairman Fryou asked for input from the board on how much more travel would be anticipated. Mr. Arthur commented that it would be money well spent. Mr. Minor agreed. Mr. Arthur mentioned to the members that using a personal vehicle for company use could cause problems with personal vehicle insurance should an accident occur. Mr. Hebert was concerned about the wear and tear on personal vehicles, and agreed that the purchase of a company vehicle would be in order. Mr. Arthur made a motion to purchase a company vehicle, and to check the state contract. Mr. Hebert seconded the motion. All members were in favor and the motion carried.

Chairman Fryou noted that Ms. Anderson had been with the District for almost a year, therefore requiring an evaluation from the members. After a discussion among the members it was agreed to evaluate Ms. Anderson.

Mr. Duval Arthur, OEP representative and Homeland Security Director, introduced the new 700 MHz radio system. This new system allows all departments in the parish to communicate. Twenty-eight radios are in service, including two at the 911 Center. The state has a large amount of funds allotted for public safety communications. He gave the members an overview of the new system. Ms. Anderson added that the new system is mandated by the year 2012.

General Discussion: none

Public Comment: Parish President Paul Naquin thanked the 911 Center for creating the new addressing ordinance, and for taking a positive approach to correcting the parish addresses for the good of the public.

Adjournment: Mr. Arthur made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Veal seconded his motion. All members were in favor and the motion carried.

APPROVED: _____
Mark Fryou, Vice Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Marich Anderson, Director