

**EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL
E911 MEETING**

Thursday, June 25, 2020; 8:30 a.m.

Board members present: Mike Bartley (County Commission), Paul Briseno (City Manager), and Larry Jensen (County Commission).

Others present: David Erickson (BPD), JoLynn Longville (Communications), Marty Stanwick (SO), Bob Hill (County Emergency Management/Zoning), Darrell Hartmann (Brookings Fire Dept.) and Stacy Steffensen (Commission Dept. Director).

Members Absent: Patty Bacon (City Council)

Others present: None

Call to order: Meeting was called to order by Bartley. **Jensen / Briseno moved to approve the agenda for June 25, 2020. All present voted aye. Motion approved.**

Old Business:

2021 Operating Expenditures:

Erickson said the budget is anticipating a surplus of approximately \$120,000. The plan is to use \$90,000 of that for FY2021 expenses. Erickson reviewed the individual budget lines. He said there is a slight increase in travel and training. He said there is \$40,000 in savings with database services due to no longer having to go through Swiftel.

Erickson said there are several new budget line items to better identify what is being spent. He said there is an overall reduction of \$113,251 from FY2020, which includes leaving \$31,304 in reserves.

Erickson said there was discussion on doing away with the required \$30,000 reserve and relying on the city's sinking fund and billing the county for 1/3 of any emergency expenses incurred. He did say they are forecasting being over budget with overtime in 2020. Steffensen said the Joint Powers Agreement would need to be amended and approved by both the County Commission and City Council if the required \$30,000 in reserves would be eliminated.

Jensen asked about an emergency dispatch center. Erickson said no decision has been made yet and will depend on the potential for a new law enforcement center and where that would be located.

Briseno/Jensen moved to approve the 2021 operating expenditures as presented. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

10 Year Capital Expenditures:

Erickson reviewed the 10 year capital expenditures plan. There was discussion on digital versus analog radio usage.

Briseno/Jensen moved to approve the 10 year capital expenditures as presented. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

New Business:

COVID-19 Reimbursements:

Briseno said they can seek reimbursement for E911 expenses from the state for COVID-19. He said the county would need to request for 1/3 of the costs and the city would request for 2/3.

Member reports:

Hartmann said they are working on an update on the Brookings Fire Department repeater to ensure good coverage. Erickson asked if anyone is hearing from the small town fire departments after the changes were made to repeaters in the county. Both Hill and Hartmann said they have not received complaints. Stanwick said they seem to be answering calls right away now.

- ◆ Next meeting: Thursday, July 16, 2020 at 8:30 AM.
- ◆ Regular quarterly meetings are held in January, April, July, and October on the third Thursday of the month. Budget discussion is held in May.

Adjourn

Submitted by Stacy Steffensen