

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Date: August 20, 2019
Bowers Conference Room
Room 417, Rembert C. Dennis Building
10:00 am

Subject: Minutes of the South Carolina 911 Advisory Committee Meeting

Attendees: *Committee Members* – David Morrison – RFA SC 911 Program Manager, Dent Adams – Wireless Rep. FTC, Ben Spearman – Wireline Rep. Comporium, Mitch Fulmore – PSAP Rep. Florence County, Rick Blackwell – PSAP Rep. Greenville County, Adam DeMars – GIS Expert/RFA, Misty Wise – RFA Appointee (by phone), Mike Flynn – PSAP Rep. Spartanburg County. Neil Baxley – PSAP Rep. Beaufort County. *Staff* – Paul Athey – RFA Division Director, Amy Simpson – RFA SC 911 Program Coordinator. *Guests* – Elaine Golden. *Phone Guests* – Jim Lake, Joseph Williamson, Mark Whitby.

- I. David Morrison called the meeting to order at 10:00am.
- II. David Morrison presented the July 30, 2019 meeting minutes with the Members and asked if any member had edits or questions. Ben Spearman made a motion to approve the minutes. Mike Flynn seconded the motion. All members voted aye in favor, and David Morrison declared the minutes approved as written. (*See attached*)
- III. Election of Chair and Vice Chair
 - A. Neil Baxley nominated Rick Blackwell as Chair. Hearing no other nominations, all remaining members voted aye in favor. Rick Blackwell was elected Chair of the South Carolina 911 Advisory Committee.
 - B. Dent Adams nominated Ben Spearman as Vice Chair. Hearing no other nominations, all remaining members voted aye in favor. Ben Spearman was elected Vice Chair of the South Carolina 911 Advisory Committee.
- IV. Adoption of the SC 911 Advisory Committee Membership / By-Laws
 - A. David Morrison led discussion on the proposed amendments to the SC 911 Advisory Committee Membership / By-Laws with the ratification of Bill H.3586. Rick Blackwell notated that with this amended version, the Chair only votes in the event of a tie and confirmed that members were required to file an annual report with the State Ethics Commission because committee members are appointed.
 - B. Mike Flynn made a motion to adopt the amended by-laws. All remaining members voted aye in favor. The amended SC 911 Advisory Committee Membership / By-Laws were adopted.

V. National 911 Grant Program

- A. David Morrison updated the committee on the status of the South Carolina 911 grant application submitted on March 19, 2019. RFA has received official notification of awarded funds totaling \$2.33 million. This award will supplement existing funds to implement a statewide transition to NG9-1-1.
- B. Chairman Blackwell inquired if South Carolina would be required to match grant funds and if a time table for expenditures had been established? RFA Deputy Director, Paul Athey, responded that the state of South Carolina would have to match 40% of total grant funds within three years of April 2019; however, that deadline may be extended due to the delay in processing the awards.

VI. Other Items for Discussion

- A. GIS Coordinator, Adam DeMars, advised the Committee his section is in the final drafting stages of an RFP for a statewide ortho mission. Barring any procurement issues, the ortho mission would begin in January 2020 and run through March 2020. The imagery collected will be distributed for state agencies and all interested 911 centers and local governments across the state. Current funds available are non-recurring; however, the program goal is to acquire recurring funding sources through buy-in from local governments and other state agencies.

- VII. With no further business pending, a vote was taken to adjourn the meeting. All members voted aye in favor, and the meeting adjourned.

Attachments: Agenda, Meeting Materials

Public Notice of this meeting was posted at: <http://rfa.sc.gov/e911>

These minutes were approved on 10/8/19.
Amy Simpson 