

ST. CLAIR COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT  
MEETING July 23, 2019

The St. Clair County Emergency Communications District met in special session on July 23, 2019 in the County Commission Chambers of the St. Clair County Courthouse in Pell City, Alabama.

Members Present: Paul Manning, Chairman  
Jeff Brown, Commissioner District One  
Ricky Parker, Commissioner District Two  
Tommy Bowers, Commissioner District Three  
Jimmy Roberts, Commissioner District Four

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Tina Morgan, Administrator  
Sandra Wolfe, Deputy Administrator  
Donna Wood, CFO  
Dan Dahlke, Engineer  
Gary Hanner, St. Clair Times  
James E. Hill, III, County Attorney  
Richard Harvey, Springville Fire and Rescue  
Billy Murray, Sheriff  
Lyman Lovejoy, Lovejoy Reality  
Mike Bowling, Probate Judge  
Ken Crowe, Revenue Commissioner  
Perry Poe, St. Clair Soil & Water  
Donald Ray Walker, St. Clair Soil & Water  
Gary Staples, St. Clair Soil & Water  
Charity Mitcham, St. Clair Soil & Water  
John McWaters, Sheriff Department  
Joshua Spencer, Lifeguard Emergency Medical  
Chris Key, Regional Paramedical Services  
Tommy Widmer, Shoals Ambulance

**CALL TO ORDER: E-911 Board Meeting**

The Chairman declared a quorum present at 9:05 a.m. and called the meeting to order.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the Agenda be approved as presented.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The first item of New Business was to discuss approving proposals for the countywide ambulance service. County Attorney James Hill gave some history to how the E-911 Board initially began the contracting for ambulance services. In the years before a contract existed, the county had certain deficiencies with emergency response services such as deployment, equipment and pricing. About ten (10) years ago, the E-911 Board created the Contract Oversight Group (COG) for the purpose of establishing better emergency response services for the St. Clair County citizens. Regarding the proposals at issue, the COG reviewed all three (3) proposals in a public meeting and unanimously recommended to award the contract to Regional Paramedic Services (RPS) for a variety of factors including

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their deployment plan, rate structure and evidenced financial stability. The RPS proposal was received in a box; however, because it was received first, this irregularity created no advantage to the proposer and was substantially compliant in all material respects. LifeGuard Ambulance Service was disqualified by the COG due to incomplete information in its proposal and it requested over five-hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) in subsidy. Shoals Ambulance did not provide a financial statement or continuation plan in case of a default. Richard Harvey, Chairman for the County Fire Association, spoke about how having a contract with a single source provider has helped the county citizens. As a result, it helps with coverage, equipment, accountability and price control. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the recommendation of the COG and County Attorney James Hill, as well as the factors set forth above, the proposal of RPS was deemed the most / best responsive and the contract will be formulated consistent with said proposal and considered by the E-911 Board pursuant to the RFP schedule. (Letter of recommendation to be made part of these minutes as Attachment #1)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned, at approximately 9:16 a.m. on a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye.

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Paul Manning, Chairman

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