

Metacomet Emergency Communications Center (MECC)

Minutes of Meeting

January 8th, 2020

A meeting of the MECC Board of Directors was held on Wednesday January 8th, 2020 at the MECC, 14 Sharon Ave, 2nd Floor, Room EOC #231, Norfolk, MA 02056. Board members present: Jamie Hellen, Blythe Robinson and Kevin Sweet. Jennifer Thompson was absent. Executive Director Gary Premo and Deputy Director True were present. Others in attendance: Charles Stone, Justin Alexander, James Klich, Joseph Barbieri, Thomas Lynch, Christine Wingfield, Antonio Marino and James McLaughlin.

CALL TO ORDER: Board Chair Hellen called the meeting to order at 8:07 am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: NONE

The Alpine fire RMS project was discussed at length. There is a general level of frustration is felt by all. A key Alpine employee left. Chief Marino reminded the group that the original contract with Alpine has been fulfilled. This is the second phase of the project. The modifications we have requested are something Alpine doesn't currently offer for sale. Blythe Robinson suggested Gary Premo call the owner directly.

Jamie Hellen asked if a "plan B" needs to be discussed. Chief Marino suggested waiting an additional 30 days to see if progress has been made on the requested changes. Chief McLaughlin suggested a meeting with the owner of Alpine. Chief Marino commented that Alpine has a level of commitment to the four fire departments. The board requested that staff put together a memo of options to resolve the issues we are having with the Alpine system.

The board discussed the FY2021 budget dragt includin looking at the unemployment costs OPEB expenses and increases to health insurance premiums.

Mr. Sweet requested year to date spending for FY2020. Jamie Hellen requested five-year budget projections, as well as a capital budget forecast.

ITEMS FOR ACTION: NONE

EXECUTIVE SESSION: NONE

ADJOURN: Motion to Adjourn by Robinson. SECOND by Sweet. Meeting adjourned 8:49 am