



MOBILE COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 8, 2023

PRESENT:

Chief A. Shayne Lovitte, City of Saraland
Mr. Eddie Kerr, Mobile County
Executive Director Lawrence Battiste, City of Mobile
Mr. Mike Evans, MCEMA
Mr. Jay Ross, Adams & Reese
Mr. George McCall, City of Prichard
Mrs. Diane Murphy, MCEMA
Mrs. Renetta Thames, MCEMA

ABSENT:

Mr. Ronnie Adair, MCEMA

Chief Lovitte called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. and recognized that Mr. Jay Ross was present.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2023 MINUTES: Director Battiste made a motion to approve the January 2023 minutes; Mr. Kerr seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2023 CHECK REGISTERS: Mr. Kerr made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Director Battiste. The January check registers were approved.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2023 FINANCIAL REPORTS: Mr. Kerr made a motion to approve the financial reports. Director Battiste seconded the motion, and the January financial reports were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Warehouse Construction Project – Mr. Evans reported the dirt work is completed and the next step is to pour the concrete as the weather permits.
- Siren Removal Project – This project is currently underway and involves two phases. The contractor learned it was more efficient to remove the sirens and then return to remove the poles. Two have been completely removed, eighteen sirens are down, and they are anticipating completion by the end of this month.
- NOAA Sidewalk Project – Roy Lewis Construction has measured this project and will be sending a bid soon. There are two sidewalks in discussion: from EMA to NOAA and from EMA to MCCD. There will be two separate bids, as MCCD will pay for their sidewalk. After the sidewalk to NOAA is completed, they will install an awning.
- Personnel Actions – The Fiscal Services Manager position was opened as an internal promotion, and it has been filled by Diane Murphy.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Legal Notices: Press-Register Digital – On February 26th, the Press-Register printed newspaper ends. Is it necessary to continue with a digital subscription to post legal notices? There was a discussion of how other agencies handle legal notices. Mr. Ross stated that AL.com (Alabama Media Group) is legal and appropriate, as well as Call News and Lagniappe. It was decided to defer to AL.com and let the subscription end.
- Prichard Settlement Negotiation Letter – We received a letter from the City of Prichard offering a negotiation on their outstanding debt. This balance is post-bankruptcy, and the bankruptcy settlement has been paid. They are offering a settlement of \$104,081.90, which is 50% of the outstanding balance of \$208,163.80. This balance represents their pro-rata appropriation for 2020 through January 2023.

There was a discussion about the bankruptcy amounts and recent payments. Mr. Ross said there is nothing in State law that does or does not allow reducing municipality debt. One concern is whether Prichard will file for bankruptcy again in the future. Another concern would be if another municipality defaults. Councilman McCall stated Prichard has no plans to file bankruptcy again and intends to move forward with paying the monthly pro-rata. Chief Lovitte noted that it does set a precedent for other municipalities if they are unable to pay their full amount. It was agreed that our counter letter accepts this 50% payment with the understanding that if Prichard defaults within a certain period (to be determined), then the full amount will be due. If Prichard stays current with future payments, then the debt will be forever forgiven. Mr. Ross will draft a letter to be reviewed at the March meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: The next meeting will be held on March 8th, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. With no further business to be discussed, Chief Lovitte made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Battiste and the meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

APPROVED AND SIGNED THIS 8th DAY OF March, 2023:

R. McCall
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