

Coffee County Communications Center Board meeting

December 20, 2023, at 6:00 pm

Members Present: Commissioner Tim Stubblefield, Commissioner Missy DeFord, Sheriff Chad Partin, Chief Bill Sipe, Chief Chase Sons, Director Scot LeDuc, and Operations Manager Robert Jarman

Members Absent: Alderman Mann and Alderman Hobbs

Guest: Manchester Times Editor John Coffelt and Kim Gullett

Chairman Sheriff Partin opened the meeting for business at 6:00 P.M.

Sheriff Partin requests some additions be made to the agenda to elect new board members for the Coffee County Communications Center Board. It was also added that the board would go into a private administrative session for an employee issue after our regular meeting. The agenda was approved with everyone in agreeance.

Sheriff Partin made a motion for Commissioner Missy DeFord for Chairman of the Coffee County Communication Center Board, and it was Seconded by Commissioner Tim Stubblefield. Motion Carries. Motion was made by Sheriff Partin for Chief Sons for Vice-Chairman and Seconded by Stubblefield. Motion carries. Motion was made by Sheriff Partin for Chief Sipe for Secretary of the board and seconded by Stubblefield. Motion carries.

Directors Report: Director LeDuc went over the upcoming changes with the CAD system and the issues with the phone lines. He stated Ben Lomand should be hooked up soon. He stated the administrative lines work most of the time but do come and go. Commissioner DeFord stated she had citizens complaining to her that they could not get through on the administrative lines on several occasions and she herself had tried calling and not been able to get through. Leduc advised the Tullahoma administrative line worked most all the time with Chief Sons advising they had a problem getting through on that line sometimes, also. DeFord stated she has a concern for the safety of the citizens not being able to call in on the lines. Sheriff Partin advised he was receiving the same complaints over the phone lines, and it had become an issue. DeFord stated this has been a problem for over a year and ask why AT&T did not fix it. LeDuc advised they had tried to get AT&T to fix it and was not having any luck that they advised it was a grounding problem due to lightening. Sheriff Partin stated to Mr. Coffelt who was there representing the Manchester Times as a guest to please advise in the newspaper to the public that if they cannot make contact on the administrative lines to call on the emergency E911 line. Leduc did advise that the dispatchers had government cellphones that could be used for them to conduct business with the officers or other agencies on. DeFord stated this was also a concern because these phone lines are not recorded, which is another issue. All phone lines are supposed to be recorded. LeDuc advised they have had a hard time contacting AT&T to get them to work on the phone lines and they will not fix the issue. There was some further discussion over the phone line issue.

Old Business:

Commissioner Stubblefield requested an update on the investigation from the last meeting on a certain wrecker service involved in an incident with Manchester Police Department. Chief Bill Sipe stated the

investigation had been completed and he requested this wrecker service be removed from the City of Manchester wrecker rotation list indefinitely. He advised that he had sent the wrecker service a letter to try and resolve the issue and the owner threw it away in front of the person who delivered it. Stubblefield asked did this effect this wrecker service on the county rotation list and the Sheriff advised the conflict had not spilled over into county business and they would remain on the county wrecker rotation list. Owner request from the public will not affect this wrecker service. Chief Sipe made a motion to take said wrecker service off the rotation list in the city and it was seconded by Stubblefield. Chief Sipe stated in the motion, it will not affect the automatic rotation list in the county or other cities and if something changes it could be reinstated later. Motion carries

New Business:

The radio system was discussed. We are waiting for a vendor to bring a written quote on the Tacking System to add capacity to the tower at Rippy Ridge Rd. Tullahoma is trying to get the same set up as the Manchester city and the county. Sheriff Partin stated that a partnership with Arnold Air Force Base was in the works for their tower and should help to clear up some of the radio problems with the county fire departments. He stated that Moore County will be coming on board soon and should hopefully close up some of the gaps with the radio. The use of the Air Force tower will really help. The Sheriff advised to keep the old radios because of the inoperability of the new radios with the surrounding counties.

Director LeDuc discussed the "Text to E911." He advised they are waiting on AT&T and Solacom to work together to get things working. Hopefully, it will be up and going soon.

Public Comments: None

Motion for Adjournment:

Made by Sheriff Partin and seconded by Commissioner Stubblefield at 6:41 P.M.

Motion carries.

A break was taken and the committee when into an administrative session.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Commissioner Missy DeFord