



## JOINT POWERS AGENCY COMMISSION MEETING

### MINUTES

March 29, 2010  
2:00 p.m.

City-County Administration Building  
1010 Tenth Street, Board Chambers  
Modesto, CA 95354

Commission members present: Chairman, Mayor Jim Ridenour; City Manager, Greg Nyhoff; C.E.O, Rick Robinson; Sheriff, Adam Christianson; Fire Chief, Jim Miguel; County Counsel, John Doering; City Attorney, Rolly Stevens

Absent: Vice-Chairman, Bill O'Brien; Mayor, Mayor, City of Newman; Ed Katen

Chairman Ridenour called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

Miguel/ Christianson Unan Approved minutes for January 14, 2010 meeting.

#### V. Regular Calendar

- Christianson/Nyhoff (Unan) **A-1** SR 9-1-1 Director Lucian Thomas presented and reviewed the Stanislaus Regional 9-1-1 2010-2011 Budget updating the Commission that the department was requested by the Advisory Board to reduce the department budget by 5% for the coming fiscal year, which has been accomplished by the staff taking a 5% reduction in salary, which comprises approximately 3% of the overall department budget. Two dispatch positions and one call taker position will be unfunded. Previously, the Director's Personal Services Contract was budgeted at the fully loaded employee rate, which has been reduced to the contract amount was reduced by the 5% salary reduction as well and unloaded the holiday and vacation time that was originally calculated but are unpaid hours, which reduced the overall contract obligation and provides a more true number for the hours the Director is working. There are some anticipated savings with respect to retirement costs which will true up by June when the Department will present its final budget to the Commission. This will return some anticipated savings to the user agencies. The budget was approved
- Christianson/Robinson (Unan) **A-2** SR 9-1-1 Director Lucian Thomas presented and reviewed the Communication Center Emergency Dispatch Services Director Personal Service Contract with the Commission, repeating the discussion earlier as to how the PSC contract was also reduced by 5% to reflect the overall department wage reduction as well as reducing the hours by 10%, which was the holiday and vacation hours that was adjusted out of the original contract amount. Director Thomas is very flexible in his hours and will still be present in the department on the same schedule he is currently working.
- Sheriff Christianson reaffirmed that Director Thomas' leadership along with Lt. Darrell Freitas has brought stability and consistency to the communications center, and that now is not the time to find someone else to run an organization that is running very well and is providing a good level of service to the community. Sheriff Christianson earnestly supported keeping Director Thomas in place. The contract was approved.
- Robinson/Miguel (Unan) **A-3** SR 9-1-1 Director Lucian Thomas presented and reviewed the maintenance contract with Delta Wireless. It was originally felt that the maintenance contract should reside under the authority of the JPA Commission. The contract is in its 2nd of 7 years. There are expected increases and decreases of the contract with the addition or removal of equipment. The back-up radio site on Fowler Peak recently came off warranty which is reflected as an addition to the current maintenance contract. Director Thomas also sought permission to sign future renewals (5) of the contract with a cap of \$200,000 yearly. If the contract exceeds this limit then it would come back before the Commission for review and approval permission to sign. City Manager Greg Nyhoff sought clarification of the contract amount for this year, which is \$12,485.00 (per month), which increased in January to \$13,664.00 (per month). The overall total cost last year was approximately \$155,000.00. The City Manager encouraged the department to pursue conversations with all the participating vendors in order to reduce or keep our contracts at the lowest possible price point. Director Thomas indicated he was comfortable that these types of conversations have occurred and that he is comfortable as well with the reason for the increase. The Delta Radio Contract was approved.

Adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

ATTESTED: Kaye-Marie Newell, Joint Powers Agency Commission Clerk. The above is a summary of the minutes of the Governing Board of the Consolidated Emergency Dispatch Agency. Complete audio-taped minutes are available from the Stanislaus Regional 9-1-1 Administration office.