

The METCAD Policy Board convened for an electronic meeting on Thursday, April 23, 2020, via Zoom with the following in attendance electronically:

MEMBERS MPB:

Chief Tony Brown, Village of Rantoul Police Department
Chief Paul Cundiff, Rural Fire Chief's Association
Mike DeLorenzo, University of Illinois
Sheriff Dustin Heuerman, Champaign County Sheriff's Office
County Executive Darlene Kloeppel, Champaign County
Chief Gary Ludwig, City of Champaign Fire Department (proxy Deputy Chief Roger Cruse)
Mayor Diane Marlin, City of Urbana
Interim Chief Matt Myrick, University of Illinois Public Safety
Chief Bryant Seraphin, City of Urbana Police Department
Joan Walls, City of Champaign

ABSENT:

Scott Eisenhauer, Village of Rantoul
Chief Mike Metzler, Rural Police Chief's Association

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

Ralph Caldwell, Director
Jeff Wooten, Deputy Director
Betsy Smith, Operations Manager
Karen Clevenger, Supervisor
Dave Miller, Network Administrator
Kristin Wright, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS:

Chief Anthony Cobb, City of Champaign Police Department
Tom Yu, City of Champaign Legal Department

Chair Mike DeLorenzo called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Roll call was taken. There were 10 members on the call and 2 members were absent (Mr. Scott Eisenhauer had technical issues and joined the meeting at 8:40 a.m.). There was one proxy as noted in the attendance list. Chair DeLorenzo asked for a motion to suspend the rules and approve the temporary rules that were attached to the agenda. Deputy Chief Roger Cruse made the motion; Chief Cundiff seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken – 10 members voted “yes”, 2 members were absent. Chair DeLorenzo asked if there were any electronic communications. Director Ralph Caldwell indicated that one proxy had been received and was noted in the attendance list. Chair DeLorenzo asked if there was any audience participation. Director Caldwell reported that there was an e-mail address that was published that allowed people to send in any comments and there were none prior to the meeting. Chair DeLorenzo asked for a motion to approve the March 5, 2020 minutes; Ms. Joan Walls made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 5, 2020 METCAD Policy Board meeting; Deputy Chief Roger Cruse seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken; 10 members voted “yes”, 2 members were absent. Motion carried.

Chair DeLorenzo called Resolution 20-02: Authorizing the City of Champaign City Manager to Approve a Purchase with Dell, Inc. for the Purchase of Monitor, Desktops, and Laptops. Director Ralph Caldwell explained that this is part of the Tyler CAD purchase. Hardware is needed to move forward. The cost is \$83,791.44 which is underbudget from what had been budgeted in the Capital Plan. Deputy Director Wooten mentioned that staff needs the hardware inhouse by June so that they can be configured for the build and later training, eventually moving into Dispatch once the cutover happens which will likely be in January. This is a sole source purchase made through the Midwest Higher Education Compact which has been approved by the City of Champaign Finance Department. County Executive Darlene Kloeppel made the motion to approve Resolution 20-02; Mayor Diane Marlin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, 11 members voted “yes” and 1 members were absent.

Director Caldwell provided a legislative update. There hasn’t been much change because the Board hasn’t been able to meet and the legislature isn’t in session. There has been discussion to go ahead and extend the sunset another year and continue discussion regarding the language re-writes that had previously started.

Deputy Director Wooten provided a technical services update. The radio tower project has been completed. There weren’t any major changes during the contract. The new telephone system has been ordered but has been delayed due to Covid so Deputy Director Wooten did send an e-mail to the State requesting an extension to the grant due to the circumstances. He hasn’t received a response but will continue to follow-up with them. The logging recorder has been installed but it needs to be configured once the telephone system is installed. The GIS work has almost been completed. Pay requests have been made to the State. The reimbursement checks have been received on a timely basis.

Ms. Smith provided a personnel update. Currently there are five trainees. One is deployed to New York state in the Navy Reserves, the other four are progressing through the training phases. She is continuing with the hiring process with virtual interviews.

In Director comments, Director Caldwell mentioned that since this meeting was held, the meeting scheduled for May 7 will be canceled. The next meeting is scheduled for June 4. Everyone seems to be healthy. He also thanked several staff members for their help with the first electronic meeting.

Chief Cundiff made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Scott Eisenhauer seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, 11 members voted “yes” and one member was absent. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 a.m.