



IMPERIAL VALLEY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY (I.V.E.C.A.)

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Emergency Communications Project Coordinator

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Monthly meetings are held on the 4th Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING – VIRTUAL MEETING – MARCH 25, 2021 – 1:30 P.M.

IVECA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Economic Development Department
1249 W. Main Street
El Centro, CA 92243

Governor’s Executive Order N-25-20 (March 17, 2020) allows the Board Members and the public to participate in the meeting via teleconference.

El Centro Public Works is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: IVECA Board Meeting
Time: March 25, 2021 01:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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Economic Development Department - 1249 W. Main Street, El Centro, California.

All supporting documentation is available for public review in the Imperial Valley Emergency Communications Authority “IVECA” office located at 2514 La Brucherie Road, Imperial, CA, 92251, during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this public meeting, you should contact the office of IVECA at (442) 265-6029. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable IVECA to make reasonable accommodations, modifications, or arrangements to assure accessibility to this public meeting.

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AGENDA

March 25, 2021 1:30 p.m. Virtual Meeting

Board Members Present: Ms. Piedra, Chief Sawyer/Chief Duran, Mr. Campos, Chief Estrada, Sheriff Loera, Chief Johnson, Chief Favila, Mr. Rouhotas, Chief Silva, and Mr. Wells.

Project Coordinator Mark Schmidt Present.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

1. Verify the quorum of Board Members. **Quorum achieved.**
2. Verification of posting of Agenda. **Agenda posted March 18, 2021.**

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS: *This is a public meeting. The IVECA Board welcomes your input and you may address the Board on items that are within the jurisdiction of IVECA but are not on the agenda. Members of the public may comment on items that are on the agenda when that item is being addressed by the Board. Please state your name and address for the record. Speaking time is limited to three (3) minutes. The Board is prohibited from discussing or taking any action on any item not appearing on the agenda.*

III. CONSENT AGENDA: *Consent agenda items are approved by one motion. IVECA Board or members of the public may pull consent items to be considered at a time determined by the President.*

- Approval of IVECA's Minutes: Regular Meetings.
- Approval of IVECA's Monthly Financial Reports.

Recommendation: Approval of the Consent Agenda.

Final Action: Motion made by Chief Favila, and seconded by Chief Silva to approve the Consent Agenda and Financial Reports. Motion was approved unanimously.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Discussion/Action:** Appointment of Chief Jimmy Duran, Police Chief, City of Brawley, to the IVECA Board. Chief Duran replaces El Centro Deputy Chief Robert Sawyer.

Recommendation: Accept the appointment of Brawley Police Chief Duran to the IVECA Board.

Final Action: Motion was made by Chief Johnson and seconded by Deputy Chief Sawyer to accept the appointment of Chief Duran to the IVECA Board. Motion approved unanimously.

2. **Discussion/Action:** Review and consider payment Scenario Number 6 for payments beginning June 1, 2022 for Next Generation RCS infrastructure costs. Payment source is IVECA'S Account 05-Facilities.

Recommendation: Adopt payment Scenario Number 6 for future year's payments.

Synopsis: Mark Schmidt discussed the history and background of this agenda item. Previous board action resolved that the monetary source for the 10-year note that IVECA possesses with the County of San Diego for Next Generation RCS infrastructure costs is Account Number 05-Facilities. Yearly note payments of \$508,613.13 began June 1st, 2017 based upon Scenario Number 5 which was approved by the IVECA Board at the March 23, 2017 IVECA Board Meeting. Scenario Number 5 expires June 1, 2021. Scenario Number 5 allows for all or part of the payment from the existing Account 05-Facilities fund balance. The final payment on the note is due June 1, 2026. Future demands against Account 05-Facilities might increase as UPS replacement, which was already Board approved, battery charger and battery replacement, cache radio, and microwave system replacements are all necessitated. Future board discussion and subsequent action on Scenario Number 6, if approved, may be necessary depending on need. Mr. Schmidt also emphasized that the amount of \$254,321.00, which is charged to the JPA membership, would continue unchanged for the replenishment of Account Number 05-Facilities.

Final Action: Motion made by Mr. Campos and seconded by Mr. Wells to adopt Scenario Number 6 for future year's payments. Motion approved unanimously.

3. **Information/Discussion:** Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Regionalization Plan concerns noted by City of Brawley Principals.

Recommendation: None requested.

Final Action: None requested.

Synopsis: Mark Schmidt stated that a meeting was held on February 9, 2021 at the Brawley City Management Complex to discuss with city principles concerns the City of Brawley have with the PSAP Regionalization Implementation Plan. Present at this meeting were Brawley City Manager Mr. Salcedo, Police Chief Duran, Fire Chief York, and the IVECA Project Coordinator Mark Schmidt. Concerns were discussed. It was suggested by Mark Schmidt that a narrative be developed by the City of Brawley to accurately convey to the IVECA Board Brawley's concerns with the PSAP Regionalization Implementation Plan

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adopted by the IVECA Board. Said narrative was included in the board packet. Mark Schmidt then introduced Brawley Police Chief Duran to present Brawley's concerns to the IVECA Board regarding the PSAP Regionalization Implementation Plan. Chief Duran stated that the plan, which was proposed, contained many unanswered questions. He conveyed to the Board at this time that his recommendation was to bring this item back to the IVECA Board once the finances get better, or until they plan for an upgrade.

Mr. Campos commented that no agency has committed either way. It is a plan that has been in play for a long time and the goal is to get a final direction or a report to whether it is a yes, it makes sense and it can be done, or as mentioned, it's nonsense and it needs to stop.

Mr. Rouhotas disused the historical side. He reported how this item was listed as part of the original MOU JPA in the document from 1995 about the need to move forward and how 26 years later, the Board is still discussing if it's a good idea or not. He added that back in 2015, he was vocal about not making expensive upgrades that are being discussed, and how it would have saved millions of dollars to not make those upgrades if headed for PSAP Regionalization. He mentioned that if the Board does not move forward, which the Board is just in the planning phase, to get to that phase again and the next step would only add further delay. Should the Board not move to the next step the Board cannot look at regionalization, funding opportunities or bonding opportunities. He added that he believes the present systems are not efficient, not safe, nor promote safety for agencies.

Ms. Piedra, asked Mark Schmidt for clarification about the actual expenditure to complete the plan and if it is already funded. She requested confirmation that no additional funds are going to be requested from the different cities to complete the plan and how they were ready to go into next phase. Mark Schmidt acknowledged that the funding is already there.

Ms. Piedra continued to say that a concern was the fact that they could incur additional cost, but if the funding is already there, they should have the jurisdiction to determine what direction to go. She added that once they move forward, it will allow the Board to see the costs and it might address Chief Duran's concerns. She acknowledged it is going to be costly but mentioned that City of El Centro would like to move forward and evaluate what options there are.

Mr. Campos noted how he is interpreting this as just a plan to get ready for that next stage and how a lot of money has already been spent. He would hate to see that money just gone, therefore, he is in, in the sense of getting the plan set up in order to make a clean decision.

Chief Duran mentioned how Mr. Rouhotas clarified many of the questions. He now understands this is the planning phase, and it is going to take several years. Therefore, it makes sense to plan now to be ready for the next upgrade. He added his intentions were not to rush the decision but sees how the Board is taking the time to move slowly and take the proper measures in order to make the right decision.

Chief Estrada requested Mark Schmidt to elaborate on conclusions concerning physical possibility, probability, or feasibility for this plan.

Mark Schmidt mentioned how a lot must happen before the plan is consummated. It needs to be reviewed and most likely will be presented to City Councils, Board of Supervisors, and other political entities. Funding streams must also be identified, whether it is through grants, bonds, or sale tax initiatives, which makes it difficult to put an exact time frame as to when this would happen. He added that even though is not something that is going to happen with true immediacy, the information foundation will be in place.

Mr. Rouhotas continued to say that is the building step to get to the next phase.

Chief Estrada concluded by saying this is another viable alternative resource that will be able to be considered with no fiscal commitment at this time. Once the plan is concluded, decisions can be made later.

4. **Discussion/Action:** The Board will consider the capital expenditure of \$2,734.11 for the purchase of two power supplies for the Sidewinder/Winterhaven/CHP and Palo Verde communication sites. Payment source is IVECA'S Account 05-Facilities.

Recommendation: Approve the purchase of two power supplies for \$2,734.11.

Final Action: Motion made by Mr. Rouhotas and second by Chief Favila to approve the purchase of two power supplies for \$2,734.11. Motion approved unanimously.

V. REPORTS:

1. Other: Reports from officers and committees.
 - a. CA Form 700 due April 1, 2021, wet signature copy, please – Mark Schmidt.

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VI. INFORMATION:

1. IVECA Updates.
 - a. Legal Counsel - Ryan Childers – Legal Counsel absent.
 - b. Emergency Communications Project Coordinator – Mark Schmidt.
2. Round Table.

VII. ADJOURMENT:

The next regular meeting date is April 22, 2021.