

WASHINGTON PARISH COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
Minutes of October 6, 2015

A properly advertised Washington Parish Communications District Board meeting was held on October 6, 2015 at 54100 Dollar Road, Franklinton, LA at 6:00 PM.

Members present were:	Mr. James Coleman	Chairman
	Mr. Mike Stogner	Vice-Chairman
	Mr. Gary Fenner	Treasurer
	Mrs. Cynthia August	Secretary
	Mr. Cook Byrd	
	Mr. Stephen Richardson	

Members absent were: Mr. Olander Smith

Others present were:	Joanna Thomas	Director
	Dan Foil	Attorney

Chairman Coleman called the meeting to order at the appointed time of 6:00 p.m. Mr. Fenner opened with prayer and the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States.

ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

Mrs. Thomas called the roll. The results of that roll call are recorded above.

Mr. Coleman called for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the September, 2015, meeting. The minutes were mailed out to each member prior to this meeting. Mr. Byrd made the motion to dispense with the reading of the September meeting minutes. Mr. Stogner seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Coleman called for a motion to approve the September, 2015, meeting minutes. Mr. Stogner made the motion to approve the September, 2015, meeting minutes. Mr. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

This office has been active during the month of September with both the normal daily operational issues of the office plus supporting our special projects

For the month of September we issue 33 new addresses they were:

Franklinton	20
Bogalusa	07
Pine	02

Varnado 04
Total 33

Daily Operational Issues

All 9-1-1 equipment is operational. The second Bogalusa Police Department position has been returned to service. All technical issues concerning this position have been resolved.

The parish council approved Mr. Smith as our new board member and we will swear him in at our next meeting.

The accounting system is working well. Mr. Fenner and I continue to input the monthly financial data.

It is requested that the board approve the following road name change.

Public Safety Road Name Petition:	Petition Number 2015-1
Current Road Name:	R. Strictland Rd
Proposed Road Name:	R. Strickand Rd
Date:	October 6, 2015
Reason:	To Correct Spelling

Mrs. Moore continues to do the addressing and both Ms Moore and Ms Jones continuing to work on map updates on a daily basis.

Special Projects

Sherriff Randy Seal and Mayor Wendy Perrett of Bogalusa came out here yesterday to have their picture made showing their agreement to move their dispatchers to our facility. There isn't a date set as of now but according to Mayor Perrett she is hoping to be out here by November 1, 2015. We still have some things we need to do to complete so that we are completely ready for them and to insure a smooth transition.

These issues will be addressed by two groups, (1) the Technical Group and the (2) Operations Group. The Technical Group will work on technical issues involving computers, networks, and telephones. The Operations Group will work on operational issues such as procedures and work practices.

This has been an interesting and productive month for our office. I would like to thank the board for their support and inputs.

Mr. Coleman called for any questions concerning the Director's Report. Hearing none, Mr. Coleman called for a motion to accept and approve the Director's report. Mr. Fenner made the motion to accept and approve the Director's Report as given. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Public 911 Education

The site was visited by 106 new users with 180 page hits in September. Visitors from China, and Germany were among those who visited our site.

Special Projects

Technical Group

A meeting of the Technical Group was held on October 6, 2015, to address and coordinate solutions to issues related to the re-location of dispatchers to the Communications Center.

Republican Executive Committee

The Republican Executive Committee tour and meeting in our conference room is now scheduled for after the election.

Bogalusa Rotary Club

The Bogalusa Rotary Club will held its September meeting at the Washington Parish Communications Center on September 22nd and it was followed by a tour.

Louisiana Department of Public Safety

A tour of the facility was accomplished on September 2, 2015.

Operations Manuals for EOC

The 75 page, Communications Unit Leader Manual", is still in progress. Its current length is 175 pages.

Capital Budget

		Cost 2015	Status
Jeep replacement - Oldest	13	\$ 3,000	Ongoing
IT- Check Florida ECS-1000 for compatibility with present unit	14	\$ 4,000	Scheduled for October
IT- Install security ESET on all computers	15	\$ 4,000	Scheduled for October

Replace field addressing map software with updated version	16	\$	5,000	Completed
IT- Change out temporary, non-POE switch at comm. center	17	\$	1,000	Scheduled for Dec
IT- Install Cisco switch at FPD	18	\$	1,000	Scheduled for Dec
IT- Connect tower mounted cell phone antenna to telephone system	20	\$	3,000	Completed
IT - Remote control of Kenwood radio features	21	\$	1,000	Completed
IT- Enable tower light email notification of problems	22	\$	1,000	Completed
Hook up new 300KW generator to Radio Bunker electrical system	24	\$	5,000	Completed
IT- Connect tower mounted TV antenna to Audio Visual System	29	\$	3,000	Completed
Install satellite broad band connection	32	\$	10,000	Completed

Mr. Coleman called for any questions concerning the Chairman’s Report. Hearing none, Mr. Coleman called for a motion to accept and approve the Chairman’s report. Mr. Stogner made the motion to accept and approve the Chairman’s Report as given Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Mr. Fenner reviewed the September, 2015, financial statements, the income and budget statements, the check register, the cash receipts, the account reconciliation statement, the YTD spending compared to the 2015 budget, and the 911 funds statement with cash disbursements.

Mr. Coleman called for a motion to accept and approve the Treasurer’s report, the September, 2015, financial statements, checklist, and YTD spending as compared to the 2015 budget. Mr. Fenner made the motion to accept and approve the Treasurer’s report, the September, 2015, financial statements, the YTD spending as compared to the 2015 budget, and the 911 funds statement with cash disbursements. Ms. August seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Coleman called for a motion to approve the two cooperative endeavor agreements and the resolution as listed below:

COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE WASHINGTON PARISH COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT AND THE WASHINGTON PARISH SHERIFF’S OFFICE

COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE WASHINGTON PARISH COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF BOGALUSA

Resolution No. 01 -2015

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE WASHINGTON PARISH LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION DRAFT AND SUPPORT LOCAL LEGISLATION RELATIVE TO THE WASHINGTON PARISH COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ASSESSMENT

**OF A FIXED RATE SERVICE CHARGE FOR WIRELESS COMMERCIAL
MOBILE RADIO SERVICE CONNECTIONS**

Mr. Fenner made the motion to approve the two cooperative endeavor agreements and the resolution 01-2015. Mr. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no participation by the public.

Mr. Byrd made the motion to adjourn. Ms. August seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote. Meeting of the Board adjourned at 7:00 PM.

As recorded by: Mrs. Joanna Thomas.

Approved by: _____ Mrs. Cynthia August, Secretary

**COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE WASHINGTON PARISH
COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT AND THE WASHINGTON PARISH SHERIFF'S
OFFICE**

WHEREAS, the Washington Parish Communications District, Parish of Washington, State of Louisiana, created as per Ordinance 22 on May 10, 1988 by the Police Jury of said Parish, is a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana validly organized and created in accordance with Chapter 31 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, (La. R.S. 33:9101 *et seq.*); and

WHEREAS, the Washington Parish Sheriff's Office, Parish of Washington, State of Louisiana, is a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana as defined in La. Const. art. VI, Sec. 44(2). *See* La. R.S. 33:9001 *et seq.*); and

WHEREAS, Chapter 31 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, (La. R.S. 33:9105 *et seq.*); requires that:

A. The emergency telephone system shall be designed to have the capability of utilizing at least one of the following four methods in response to emergency calls:

(1) "Direct dispatch method", that is a telephone service to a centralized dispatch center providing for the dispatch of an appropriate emergency service unit upon receipt of a telephone request for such services and a decision as to the proper action to be taken.

(2) "Relay method", that is a telephone service whereby pertinent information is noted by the recipient of a telephone request for emergency services, and is relayed to appropriate public safety agencies or other providers of emergency services for dispatch of an emergency service unit.

(3) "Transfer method", that is a telephone service that receives telephone requests for emergency services and directly transfers such requests to an appropriate public safety agency or other provider of emergency services.

(4) "Referral method", that is a telephone service that, upon the receipt of a telephone request for emergency services, provides the requesting party with the telephone number of the appropriate public safety agency or other provider of emergency services.

B. The governing authority of the district shall select the method that it determines to be the most feasible for the district, and

WHEREAS, the Washington Parish Communications District is committed to providing the citizens of their Parish with the most technologically advanced features for their 9-1-1 System that can increase effectiveness and decrease response times, and thereby save lives and property; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Parish Communications District has determined as per Louisiana R.S. 33:9105 Paragraph B that the answering of 9-1-1 calls and providing an appropriate emergency response should include the utilization of the “direct dispatch method” as per Louisiana R.S. 33:9105 Paragraph A (1), in order to increase effectiveness and decrease response times, and thereby save lives and property; and,

WHEREAS, the centralized dispatch center and the associated emergency telephone system referred to in Louisiana R.S. 33:9105 Paragraph A (1) is currently located at 54100 Dollar Road, Franklinton, LA 70438; and,

WHEREAS, Article 7 Section 14(C) of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, permits the entering into an Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between two political subdivision of the State of Louisiana for a public purpose, by stating, “For a public purpose, the state and its political subdivisions or political corporations may engage in cooperative endeavors with each other, with the United States or its agencies, or with any public or private association, corporation or individual.”; and,

WHEREAS, Louisiana Attorney General Opinion 09-0133 states that in order for an expenditure of public funds to be permissible under both Art. VII, Sec. 14(A), and Art. VII, Sec. 14(C) of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, the public entity must have the legal authority to make the expenditure and must show: (i) a public purpose for the expenditure or transfer that comports with the governmental purpose for which the public entity is in charge of undertaking; (ii) that the expenditure or transfer, taken as a whole, does not appear to be gratuitous; and (iii) the public entity has a demonstrable, objective, and reasonable expectation of receiving at least equivalent value in exchange for the public funds it expends; and,

WHEREAS, the Washington Parish Sheriff’s Office desires to utilize the equipment of the Washington Parish Communications District in the process of providing law enforcement and other public safety related services to the citizens of Washington Parish; and,

WHEREAS, the Washington Parish Communications District under La. R.S. 33:9105 *et seq.* has the legal authority to make expenditures, and (i) a public purpose exists for the expenditure or transfer that comports with the governmental purpose for which the public entity is in charge of undertaking; and (ii) that the expenditure or transfer, taken as a whole, does not appear to be gratuitous; and (iii) the public entity has a demonstrable, objective, and reasonable expectation of receiving at least equivalent value in exchange for the public funds it expends; and,

WHEREAS, this Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Washington Parish Communications District and the Washington Parish Sheriff’s Office meets the requirements of both Art. VII, Sec. 14(A), and Art. VII, Sec. 14(C) of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana; and,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington Parish Communications District will, provide access to the emergency telephone system and related system components at the Washington Parish Emergency Communications Center, 54100 Dollar Road, Franklinton, Louisiana 70438, for use by Dispatcher(s) employed by the Washington Parish Sheriff’s Office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in consideration of the terms contained herein, that the Dispatcher(s) employed by the Washington Parish Sheriff's Office and located at the centralized dispatch center equipped with the associated emergency telephone system referred to in Louisiana R.S. 33:9105 Paragraph A (1), at 54100 Dollar Road, Franklinton, LA 70438, will (1) Assist in the answering of 9-1-1 calls according to the standards of the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO) International; (2) Transfer emergency medical service related 9-1-1 telephone calls to the appropriate ambulance service which operate under the provisions of Washington Parish Ordinance 11-540; (3) Transfer law enforcement related 9-1-1 telephone calls to the appropriate law enforcement agency; (4) Transfer fire service related 9-1-1 information to the appropriate fire department via telephone and/or radio transmissions, and (5) Comply with the Policies and Procedures which will be jointly developed by the Washington Parish Sheriff's Office and the Washington Parish Communications District concerning use of equipment and personal behavior of the dispatchers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washington Parish Sheriff's Office (1) Will be responsible for the normally incurred expenses related to their employee(s) so located at the centralized dispatch center which include but is not limited to pay, benefits, insurance and miscellaneous office supplies, (2) Will be responsible for the supervision and performance of their employees, and (3) Will furnish non 9-1-1 related telephones and telephone lines for the Sheriff's Office private use at the facility, if such are needed.

WHEREUPON, the above and foregoing having been submitted to a vote, on this, the _____th day of _____, 2015, the vote thereupon resulted as follows:

YEAS: August, Coleman, Fenner, Richadson, Stogner, Byrd

NAYS: none

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Smith

WASHINGTON PARISH COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT

By: _____
Chairman, Washington Parish Communications District

By : _____
Secretary, Washington Parish Communications District

THUS EXECUTED on this _____ day of _____, 2015.

WITNESSES:

**WASHINGTON PARISH SHERIFF'S
OFFICE**

By: _____

(Please Print Name)

Its : _____

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF WASHINGTON

PERSONALLY appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the said parish and state, on this _____ day of _____, 2015, within my jurisdiction, the within named _____, who acknowledged that he is the _____ of _____ and that for and on behalf of the said POLITICAL SUBDIVISION, and as its act and deed, he executed the above and foregoing instrument, after first having been duly authorized by said POLITICAL SUBDIVISION so to do.

WITNESSES:

(Please Print Name)

(Please Print Name)

Notary Public

THUS EXECUTED on this _____ day of _____, 2013.

WITNESSES:

**WASHINGTON PARISH
COMMUNICATION DISTRICT**
A Component Unit of Washington Parish Government

By: _____

(Please Print Name)

Its : _____

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF WASHINGTON

PERSONALLY appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the said parish and state, on this _____ day of _____, 2015, within my jurisdiction, the within named James M. Coleman, who acknowledged that he is the Chairman of Washington Parish Communication District, and that for and on behalf of the said POLITICAL SUBDIVISION, and as its act and deed, he executed the above and foregoing instrument, after first having been duly authorized by said POLITICAL SUBDIVISION so to do.

WITNESSES:

(Please Print Name)

(Please Print Name)

Notary Public

**COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE WASHINGTON PARISH
COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF BOGALUSA**

WHEREAS, the Washington Parish Communications District, Parish of Washington, State of Louisiana, created as per Ordinance 22 on May 10, 1988 by the Police Jury of said Parish, is a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana validly organized and created in accordance with Chapter 31 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, (La. R.S. 33:9101 *et seq.*); and

WHEREAS, the City of Bogalusa, Parish of Washington, State of Louisiana, is a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana as defined in La. Const. art. VI, Sec. 44(2); and

WHEREAS, Chapter 31 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, (La. R.S. 33:9105 *et seq.*); requires that:

A. The emergency telephone system shall be designed to have the capability of utilizing at least one of the following four methods in response to emergency calls:

(1) "Direct dispatch method", that is a telephone service to a centralized dispatch center providing for the dispatch of an appropriate emergency service unit upon receipt of a telephone request for such services and a decision as to the proper action to be taken.

(2) "Relay method", that is a telephone service whereby pertinent information is noted by the recipient of a telephone request for emergency services, and is relayed to appropriate public safety agencies or other providers of emergency services for dispatch of an emergency service unit.

(3) "Transfer method", that is a telephone service that receives telephone requests for emergency services and directly transfers such requests to an appropriate public safety agency or other provider of emergency services.

(4) "Referral method", that is a telephone service that, upon the receipt of a telephone request for emergency services, provides the requesting party with the telephone number of the appropriate public safety agency or other provider of emergency services.

B. The governing authority of the district shall select the method that it determines to be the most feasible for the district, and

WHEREAS, the Washington Parish Communications District is committed to providing the citizens of their Parish with the most technologically advanced features for their 9-1-1 System that can increase effectiveness and decrease response times, and thereby save lives and property; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Parish Communications District has determined as per Louisiana R.S. 33:9105 Paragraph B that the answering of 9-1-1 calls and providing an appropriate emergency response should include the utilization of the "direct dispatch method" as per Louisiana

R.S. 33:9105 Paragraph A (1), in order to increase effectiveness and decrease response times, and thereby save lives and property; and,

WHEREAS, the centralized dispatch center and the associated emergency telephone system referred to in Louisiana R.S. 33:9105 Paragraph A (1) is currently located at 54100 Dollar Road, Franklinton, LA 70438; and,

WHEREAS, Article 7 Section 14(C) of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, permits the entering into an Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between two political subdivision of the State of Louisiana for a public purpose, by stating, “For a public purpose, the state and its political subdivisions or political corporations may engage in cooperative endeavors with each other, with the United States or its agencies, or with any public or private association, corporation or individual.”; and,

WHEREAS, Louisiana Attorney General Opinion 09-0133 states that in order for an expenditure of public funds to be permissible under both Art. VII, Sec. 14(A), and Art. VII, Sec. 14(C) of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, the public entity must have the legal authority to make the expenditure and must show: (i) a public purpose for the expenditure or transfer that comports with the governmental purpose for which the public entity is in charge of undertaking; (ii) that the expenditure or transfer, taken as a whole, does not appear to be gratuitous; and (iii) the public entity has a demonstrable, objective, and reasonable expectation of receiving at least equivalent value in exchange for the public funds it expends; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Bogalusa desires to utilize the equipment of the Washington Parish Communications District in the process of providing law enforcement and other public safety related services to the citizens of Bogalusa; and,

WHEREAS, the Washington Parish Communications District under La. R.S. 33:9105 *et seq.* has the legal authority to make expenditures, and (i) a public purpose exists for the expenditure or transfer that comports with the governmental purpose for which the public entity is in charge of undertaking; and (ii) that the expenditure or transfer, taken as a whole, does not appear to be gratuitous; and (iii) the public entity has a demonstrable, objective, and reasonable expectation of receiving at least equivalent value in exchange for the public funds it expends; and,

WHEREAS, this Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Washington Parish Communications District and the City of Bogalusa meets the requirements of both Art. VII, Sec. 14(A), and Art. VII, Sec. 14(C) of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana; and,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington Parish Communications District will, provide access to the emergency telephone system and related system components at the Washington Parish Emergency Communications Center, 54100 Dollar Road, Franklinton, Louisiana 70438, for use by Dispatcher(s) employed by the City of Bogalusa; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in consideration of the terms contained herein, that the Dispatcher(s) employed by the City of Bogalusa and located at the centralized dispatch center equipped with the associated emergency telephone system referred to in Louisiana R.S. 33:9105 Paragraph A (1), at 54100 Dollar Road, Franklinton, LA 70438, will (1) Assist in the answering of 9-1-1 calls according to the standards of the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO) International; (2) Transfer emergency medical service related 9-1-1 telephone calls to the appropriate ambulance service which operate under the provisions of Washington Parish Ordinance 11-540; (3) Transfer law enforcement related 9-1-1 telephone calls to the appropriate law enforcement agency; (4) Transfer fire service related 9-1-1 information to the appropriate fire department via telephone and/or radio transmissions, and (5) Comply with the Policies and Procedures which will be jointly developed by the City of Bogalusa and the Washington Parish Communications District concerning use of equipment and personal behavior of the dispatchers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Bogalusa (1) Will be responsible for the normally incurred expenses related to their employee(s) so located at the centralized dispatch center which include but is not limited to pay, benefits, insurance and miscellaneous office supplies, (2) Will be responsible for the supervision and performance of their employees, and (3) Will furnish non 9-1-1 related telephones and telephone lines for the City of Bogalusa's private use at the facility, if such are needed.

WHEREUPON, the above and foregoing having been submitted to a vote, on this, the _____th day of _____, 2015, the vote thereupon resulted as follows:

YEAS: August, Coleman, Fenner, Richadson, Stogner, Byrd

NAYS: none

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Smith

WASHINGTON PARISH COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT

By: _____
Chairman, Washington Parish Communications District

By : _____
Secretary, Washington Parish Communications District

THUS EXECUTED on this _____ day of _____, 2015.

WITNESSES:

CITY OF BOGALUSA

By: _____

(Please Print Name)

Its : _____

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF WASHINGTON

PERSONALLY appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the said parish and state, on this _____ day of _____, 2015, within my jurisdiction, the within named _____, who acknowledged that he is the _____ of _____ and that for and on behalf of the said POLITICAL SUBDIVISION, and as its act and deed, he executed the above and foregoing instrument, after first having been duly authorized by said POLITICAL SUBDIVISION so to do.

WITNESSES:

(Please Print Name)

(Please Print Name)

Notary Public

THUS EXECUTED on this _____ day of _____, 2013.

WITNESSES:

**WASHINGTON PARISH
COMMUNICATION DISTRICT**
A Component Unit of Washington Parish Government

By: _____

(Please Print Name)

Its : _____

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF WASHINGTON

PERSONALLY appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the said parish and state, on this _____ day of _____, 2015, within my jurisdiction, the within named James M. Coleman, who acknowledged that he is the Chairman of Washington Parish Communication District, and that for and on behalf of the said POLITICAL SUBDIVISION, and as its act and deed, he executed the above and foregoing instrument, after first having been duly authorized by said POLITICAL SUBDIVISION so to do.

WITNESSES:

(Please Print Name)

(Please Print Name)

Notary Public

WASHINGTON PARISH COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
54100 Dollar Road
Franklinton, Louisiana 70438
(985) 839-5625

RESOLUTION
Resolution No. 01 -2015

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE WASHINGTON PARISH
LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION DRAFT AND SUPPORT LOCAL
LEGISLATION RELATIVE TO THE WASHINGTON PARISH
COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ASSESSMENT
OF A FIXED RATE SERVICE CHARGE FOR WIRELESS COMMERCIAL
MOBILE RADIO SERVICE CONNECTIONS**

WHEREAS, the public has high expectations for effective and accessible 9-1-1 emergency services regardless of the communications technology used or the means of purchasing the technology; the funding of wireless 9-1-1 emergency services is critical to meeting the public's expectations for effective and accessible 9-1-1 services; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Parish Communications District is dedicated to provide such a service for its citizenry and acquires the funding to do so by (a) the assessment of a fee not to exceed five percent (5%) upon the tariff rate of both residential and commercial wireline telephone subscribers per month, (b) \$0.85 per month on wireless commercial mobile radio service (CMRS) connections whose subscribers' billing address is within the Parish and (c) a prepaid wireless 911 service charge of 2 per cent; and,

WHEREAS, the public has come to expect that their "telephone" will provide immediate access to emergency services by dialing "9-1-1," that their call will be answered by local personnel who can dispatch first responders to the scene, and that their location and phone number will be provided automatically; and

WHEREAS, the much of the equipment necessary for the reception of 9-1-1 emergency telephone calls in Washington Parish, along with the dispatching of emergency responders, has reached the end of its useful life and has become obsolete, thus endangering the health and well-being of the citizens of Washington Parish; and

WHEREAS, this presently used obsolete equipment is not capable of receiving data transmissions of photos and video from wireless commercial mobile radio service devices; and,

WHEREAS, an end of service life announcement effective January 25, 2016, has been received from the 9-1-1 equipment manufacturer; and,

WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in its SECOND REPORT AND ORDER AND THIRD FURTHER NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING, Adopted:

August 8, 2014, states, “we affirm the Commission’s commitment to ensuring access to emergency services for all Americans. The Commission’s rules must evolve as legacy networks and services transition to next generation technologies, and as consumer expectations and needs evolve. Current trends in mobile wireless usage show the continued evolution from a predominantly voice-driven medium of communication to one based more on text and data transmissions. “

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Washington Parish Communications District Board, that the Washington Parish Legislative Delegation be requested to draft and support local legislation for the purpose of collecting a fixed rate service charge not to exceed either a) 1.00 dollar per month in addition to the statewide rate per wireless commercial mobile radio service (CMRS) connection for a period not to exceed 2.5 years, or b) 0.40 dollars per month in addition to the statewide rate per wireless commercial mobile radio service (CMRS) connection for a period not to exceed 10 years, in order to fund the replacement of current 9-1-1 equipment in the parish of Washington through fees payable directly to the Washington Parish Communications. At the expiration of the period of time so specified, the fixed rate wireless commercial mobile radio service (CMRS) connection will revert to the statewide rate in effect at that time.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Washington Parish Council for concurrence and after concurrence, to all of the members of Washington Parish’s Legislative Delegation.

WHEREUPON the motion was put to a vote and the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: August, Coleman, Fenner, Richadson, Stogner, Byrd

NAYS: none

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Smith

I, Cynthia August, Secretary of the Washington Parish Communications District Board, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the assembled Board during regular meeting held on October 6, 2015.

Given under my official signature on this 7th day of October, 2015.

Cynthia August, Secretary
Washington Parish Communications District