

Minutes of the Special Atoka City Emergency Management Authority Meeting of **April 3, 2023**, 6:00 p.m., Atoka City Hall, 353 East A Street, Atoka, Oklahoma. Original Agenda Posted **March 31, 2023**, at 4:00 p.m.; Atoka City Hall, 353 East A Street, Atoka, Oklahoma.

I. Convene Meeting

- A. Meeting Called to Order- 6:22 PM
- B. Welcome- Chairman Brian Cathey
- C. Roll Call- Trustee Coby Sherrill, Trustee Erica Pogue, Trustee Pat Turner, Trustee Diane McGee, Chairman Brian Cathey
- D. Public Recognition- Carol Ervin, Cindy Wallis, Travis Mullins

II. Public Comments - (limited to 3 minutes per speaker)

III. Business Agenda

A. Public Hearing

None.

B. Chairman/Trustees Agenda Items

1. Discussion and action regarding approving or rejecting the minutes of the meeting of January 3, 2023. (Attachment #1)

A motion was made by Trustee Pogue and seconded by Trustee McGee to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 3, 2023. Voting aye, Pogue, Turner, McGee, Sherrill, and Chairman Cathey. Voting nay, none. Motion carried.

2. Discussion and/or action regarding approving or rejecting the minutes of the special meeting of February 21, 2023. (Attachment #2)

A motion was made by Trustee McGee and seconded by Trustee Pogue to approve the minutes of the special meeting of February 21, 2023. Voting aye, Turner, McGee, Sherrill, Pogue, and Chairman Cathey. Voting nay, none. Motion carried.

3. Discussion and/or action regarding accepting or rejecting the Emergency Management Director Report (Attachment #3)

Emergency Management Director, Travis Mullins, briefed the Board of Trustees on the issues with the current Communication Tower. Rhino or Rise Broadband had an outdated lease agreement which is being addressed. Mr. Mullins stated that he is looking into adding to the tower for the Choctaw Nation, and it has been brought to his attention that the current tower is outdated and in need of replacement which could cost around \$800,000, not including tower removal. All emergency communications throughout the county are on this tower and Mr. Mullins is looking into grants to assist with this replacement.

Mr. Mullins went on to discuss propane and fuel in the generators and the need to replace old fuel and refill the propane. Trustee McGee then asked where the communication tower was

located, which she was answered that the tower is located on the left side of Scratch Hill. Chairman Cathey asked what the an outdated tower issues could do, and Mr. Mullins stated that it is a liability for emergency services, as this tower is used by the Fire Department, Police Department, Weather Services, and Tribal services. Mr. Mullins will be working with Tammi Miller to apply for a communications grant for this project and should receive a letter of support from the National Weather Service out of Washington.

Mr. Mullins then stated that the Outdoor Sirens will now test every Saturday at 12:00 PM with chimes to be different from a warning signal and stated that he has the ability to skip a test should an event be taking place in town. Mr. Mullins also gave an update on Blackboard Connect users increasing.

A motion was made by Trustee McGee and seconded by Trustee Pogue to accept the Emergency Management Director Report. Voting aye, McGee, Sherrill, Pogue, Turner, and Chairman Cathey. Voting nay, none. Motion carried.

C. Public Requested Agenda Items

IV. Consent Agenda Items

V. Executive Session

VI. New Business

VII. Trustee Comments

VIII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee McGee and seconded by Trustee Pogue to adjourn this meeting at 6:36 PM. Voting aye, Sherrill, Pogue, Turner, McGee, and Chairman Cathey. Voting nay, none. Motion carried.

Adjourned:6:36 PM

Attest:

(seal)

Kayle Wallis, Secretary

Brian Cathey, Chairman