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9-1-1 Commission Holds May Meeting...

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Natchitoches, La., May 16, 2018 – Chairman Micky Dove called the regular meeting of the Natchitoches Parish 9-1-1 Communications District Board of Commissioners to order on May 15, 2018, at 2:00 pm in the Arts Center, located at 716 Second Street. Included in items of new business was the passage of three resolutions. Resolution Number 11 of 2018 approves the selection of the *Natchitoches Times* as the District’s official journal; Resolution Number 12 of 2018 authorizes a “cost of living” increase for the District’s Address Coordinator; and Resolution Number 13 of 2018 authorizes an expenditure not to exceed \$5,000 for the installation of a sewer lift station at the Natchitoches Parish Emergency Communications Center. Commissioners also received a briefing on a recent meeting of the Joint Operations Executive Management Sub-Committee related to a number of operational issues pertaining to the relocation of call taking/dispatching services to the new facility. 9-1-1 Director Willis Carter shared a brief overview of the Statewide 9-1-1 Consolidated Annual Report, which was prepared by the Louisiana Chapter of the APCO Legislative Committee and released on May 1, 2018. This report contains statistics and other information related to 9-1-1 services across the state of Louisiana. Carter also reported on the status of Senate Bill Number 264, which calls for enhancements to 9-1-1 call processing on a statewide scale. Mark Begnaud, legal counsel for the District, presented an informative session covering a portion of the reporting responsibilities required of those serving on the Board of Commissioners for the Natchitoches Parish Communications District. The final agenda item for the meeting was an update by George Minturn, the architect on the NATCOM project. He reported that progress is moving along on the final construction phase, which includes the installation of glass and doors, ceiling grids, raised floor grid and restroom tile along with base coat painting. Substantial completion is slated for June 4, 2018; however, a move-in date has not been set. The meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm.

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About the Natchitoches Parish Communications District (Natchitoches 9-1-1)

Natchitoches Parish 9-1-1 is committed to providing fast, efficient and effective access to emergency public safety services for all citizens of and visitors to Natchitoches Parish. Since 1988, the “District” has served a pivotal role in ensuring the safety of Natchitoches Parish residents and visitors by providing support services that connect citizens experiencing emergencies with emergency services via the use of one easy-to-remember and simple-to-use three-digit number, 9-1-1. The Natchitoches Parish 9-1-1 District provides the equipment and systems necessary to receive 9-1-1 calls from the nearly 40,000 residents of the parish, as well as the ever-increasing number of visitors to the area. We are proud to serve as “Natchitoches Parish’s Gateway to Public Safety Services.”

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