

MINUTES OF MURRAY CABLE COMMISSION

July 26, 2017

4:00 P.M.

The Murray Cable Commission met in regular session on Wednesday July 26, 2017, at 4:00 p.m. in City Hall's Council Chambers with Chairman Dr. John Yates presiding.

Members Present: Dr. John Yates, Chairman; Buford Anderson, Brenda Rowland, Jane Shoemaker, and Janice Thomasson.

Staff Present: Mayor Jack Rose, H.R. Manager Cathy Morris, City Clerk Jim Osborne

Others in Attendance: Tina Cox, Mandy Phillips (Murray Electric System)

Chair Yates welcomed members and guests and called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Murray Cable Commission's June 28, 2017 meeting were presented for approval. **Ms. Rowland moved** to accept the minutes as presented; **seconded by Ms. Shoemaker**. All members present voted aye.

Chair's Report

Chair Yates began his report by discussing an excise tax and franchise fees on cable and communication services. Dr. Yates reported that Mayor Rose had requested to meet to discuss what the City of Murray wanted to do prior to making a final decision.

Chair Yates advised the Commission that since the last meeting, both he and City Clerk Jim Osborne had attempted to contact Carla Deaton with Spectrum to no avail.

Chair Yates recognized Tina Cox of Murray Electric. Ms. Cox spoke to the Commission about the annual donation to Murray and Calloway County school systems. Ms. Cox reported that since the money was no longer considered a grant, it would essentially be a true donation. She went on to state that Murray Electric would like to work directly with the schools so that they can evaluate what they need in the future. Ms. Cox advised the Commission that this year Murray Electric planned to treat the donation the same as they have in the past but wanted to look at a different model in the future. Chair Yates advised that he would attempt to contact Carla Deaton again to get her thoughts on the matter. He also expressed his desire for Spectrum to attend at least two meetings per year.

Mr. Anderson asked if there was any follow up to the Dish Network franchise fee questions from the last meeting. Ms. Morris advised she had looked into the matter and that Dish Network and DirecTV were grandfathered and not subject to the fees.

With no other business before the Commission, **Mr. Anderson moved** to adjourn; **seconded by Ms. Shoemaker**. All members voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.