

AUSTIN COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT

DECEMBER 10, 2024

The regular meeting of the Emergency Communications District of Austin County was held at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at the Austin County Emergency Communications District Office, at 842 W. Main, Bellville, Texas, with the following present:

Jay Reeves - President
Roy Mercer – Vice-President
Bobby Rinn – Board Member
Walter Morrow – Treasurer
Jason Smalley – Board Member
David Watson – Board Member
Jason Hammons - AT&T
Vicki Strieder – ACECD Administrative Assistant
Casey Lyde – LJA Engineering
Megan Nunn - Accountant

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Quorum was declared by roll call.

Consideration of Agenda – Roy Mercer made a motion to accept the agenda; second made by David Watson – Motion carried.

Public Forum – None

Consideration of Minutes – David Watson made a motion to accept the November 13, 2024 minutes; second made by Bobby Rinn – Motion carried.

Consideration of Treasurer’s Report – David Watson made a motion to accept the November 2024 reconciliation summary, bank statement, and accounts balance; second made by Jason Smalley – Motion carried.

Consideration of Invoices (Profit/Loss Reports) – Jason Smalley made a motion to accept the November 2024 Profit/Loss reports; second made by Bobby Rinn – Motion carried.

Old business

- Update on progress of processing of files/maps from SO to Dispatch/GeoComm update, new computer – Casey Lyde, with LJA, continues to work on the data migration, which is almost complete. GeoComm will do another training session on the new maintainer tool for the new director. The Board agreed with Casey’s recommendation to start with the street entrance as the point for new addresses. Casey contacted BIS for rough estimates for a server and SQL server license. He also suggested contacting the County about possible interlocals to host a database for ACECD. David Watson pointed out the County has four servers that are not being regularly used. These could possibly be used for our needs. David will contact the County’s IT coordinator regarding this possibility. Casey continues to highly recommend upgrading our internet speed to accommodate the new software programs, training sessions, etc. The new computer was delivered and set up on 11/25/2024.
- Reactivating certain vendor accounts – Approval to reactivate ESRI license was given at last meeting. It has been determined no other vendors are required at this time.
- Roy Mercer and Jason Hammons (AT&T representative) continue to work with Donna Pair (AT&T) to look at our accounts and our equipment. Since there hasn’t been any recent movement, Jason will contact the

AT&T office to see if he can get some kind of resolution/direction. If there is no resolution, the Board will consider legal action. We will continue to look into fiber link.

- Update on progress of the sale of the ACECD truck – The truck sold for \$15,199 and has been retrieved by the new owner. The bill of sale will be given to the accountant so the insurance can be cancelled and a refund obtained.
- Update on next audit from Seidel Schroeder – The accountant informed the board that she provided Seidel Schroeder with requested reports from TCDRS. Roy Mercer stated they just asked him a few questions, and they are moving forward with the audit.
- Update on progress to building repairs – Repairs will start 12/17/2024.

Report from rural addressing:

- New addresses for **NOVEMBER 2024**: 0 due to computer issues
- Existing address letter requests **NOVEMBER 2024**: 11

New business –

- **Transferring dispatch services for County EMS and Fire to Westcom** – Roy Mercer made a motion to coordinate with AT&T, Westcom (after they are contracted for implementation), SO, and Sealy PD to have the consoles/buttons reprogrammed; second made by Jason Smalley – Motion carried.

Report from AT&T – No issues reported.

Executive Session

A. Personnel Matters under Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 - To deliberate the appointment, employment, or duties of a public officer or employee. Executive Session started at 9:57am and reconvened at 10:30am.

- Executive Director - Roy Mercer made a motion to do an Executive Session interview process for applicants for the Executive Director position at the Austin County Courthouse for 10:00am on 12/18/2024; second made by Jason Smalley – Motion carried.

Items/Announcements from Board Members – No announcements

Roy Mercer made a motion to adjourn meeting; second made by Jason Smalley – Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

ATTEST:



Jay Reeves, President