

AUSTIN COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT

FEBRUARY 11, 2025

The regular meeting of the Emergency Communications District of Austin County was held at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, 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
Walter Morrow – Treasurer
Bobby Rinn – Board Member
Jason Smalley – Board Member
Vicki Strieder – ACECD Administrative Assistant
Casey Lyde – LJA Engineering
Peter Marquez – AT&T
Billy Blankenship – AT&T
Donna Pair – AT&T
Megan Nunn – Accountant (partial attendance via phone)

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Quorum was declared by roll call. David Watson and Jason Hammons were absent.

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

Public Forum – None

Consideration of Minutes – Roy Mercer made a motion to accept the January 14, 2025 minutes; second made by Bobby Rinn – Motion carried. Jason Smalley made a motion to accept the January 29, 2025 minutes; second made by Walter Morrow – Motion carried.

Consideration of Treasurer’s Report – Roy Mercer made a motion to table the Consideration of Treasurer’s Report until after the Executive Session; second was made by Bobby Rinn. Walter Morrow made a motion to accept the January 2025 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 table the Consideration of Invoices until after the Executive Session; second was made by Walter Morrow. Jason Smalley made a motion to accept the January 2025 Profit/Loss reports; second made by Bobby Rinn – Motion carried.

Executive Session

A. Personnel Matters under Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 - This chapter does not require a governmental body to conduct an open meeting to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee. Executive Session started at 9:16am and reconvened at 10:01am.

- Personnel matters – Walter Morrow made a motion to not accept the proposed contract from and separate services with Twice the Love Bookkeeping. A second made by Bobby Rinn – Motion carried.

Old business

- Update on progress from LJA – Casey Lyde continues to work on day-to-day mapping issues with ACECD since we are basically at a standstill until a new Director is hired.

- Update on AT&T equipment and fiber link – The AT&T representatives discussed equipment, fiber link, and applications that ACECD will be transitioning to in the future. Roy Mercer made a motion to go with AT&T's GeoComm platform; second was made by Jason Smalley – Motion carried.
- Update on next audit from Seidel Schroeder – Roy Mercer reported that Seidel Schroeder is very close to completing the 2023 audit. Once that is complete, the 2024 audit will be started.
- Update on progress to building repairs – Building repairs are complete. The motion detection light has been repaired. Ceiling tiles still need to be replaced. Bobby Rinn will contact the contractor regarding the conference room door not closing properly.
- Update on transferring dispatch services for County EMS & Fire to Westcom – Hardware has come in, but it has been determined there is not adequate space in the facility that was originally supposed to house the equipment. A new fiber line will need to be run to another facility.
- Discussion and Action – Consideration of a NICE Recorder for Sealy PD – Roy Mercer made a motion to add the NICE Recorder to Sealy PD and a firewall for both PSAPs; second made by Jason Smalley – Motion carried.

Report from rural addressing:

- New addresses for **JANUARY 2025**: 195 (including 50 for Rexville Ranch Estates and 114 for Hunters Crossing Section 2)
- Existing address letter requests **JANUARY 2025**: 24

New business –

- Discussion and Action – ACECD GIS Services 01/22/2025 – Roy Mercer made a motion to go with AT&T's GeoComm platform; second was made by Jason Smalley – Motion carried.

Report from AT&T – Jason Hammons was absent, but there were no issues reported.

Items/Announcements from Board Members – Walter Morrow reported the renewal for Workman's Comp has been started. Jay Reeves reported that he will be out for approximately 2 weeks starting 02/13/2025. Walter Morrow will contact Megan Nunn regarding the separation of services with Twice the Love Bookkeeping. Roy Mercer will contact Seidel Schroeder regarding the separation of services with Twice the Love Bookkeeping.

Roy Mercer made a motion to adjourn meeting; second made by Bobby Rinn – Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

ATTEST:



Jay Reeves, President