

# AUSTIN COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT

JANUARY 14, 2025

The regular meeting of the Emergency Communications District of Austin County was held at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at the Austin County Emergency Communications District Office, at 842 W. Main, Bellville, Texas, with the following present:

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  
Kim Ward – Guest speaker from HGAC

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

Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Quorum was declared by roll call. Jay Reeves was absent. Jason Smalley arrived after the beginning of the meeting.

**Consideration of Agenda** – David Watson made a motion to accept the agenda; second made by Walter Morrow – Motion carried.

**Public Forum** – Guest Speaker Kim Ward discussed with the Board what HGAC can do for ACECD and information regarding the Director's position.

**Consideration of Minutes** – Bobby Rinn made a motion to accept the December 10, 2024 minutes; second made by Walter Morrow – Motion carried.

**Consideration of Treasurer's Report** – Walter Morrow made a motion to accept the December 2024 reconciliation summary, bank statement, and accounts balance; second made by Bobby Rinn – Motion carried.

**Consideration of Invoices** (Profit/Loss Reports) – David Watson made a motion to accept the December 2024 Profit/Loss reports; second made by Bobby Rinn – Motion carried.

## Old business

- Update on progress of migrating data into new NENA schema and city limits boundaries – Casey Lyde, with LJA, continues to work on the data migration, which is almost complete. The City of Sealy has provided their city limit boundaries. He gave information on a product/cloud service that GeoComm offers. It will give us web-based access. Casey will get prices for this product. He continues to highly recommend upgrading our internet speed to accommodate the new software programs, training sessions, etc.
- 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 still hasn't been any recent movement, Jason will attempt to contact the AT&T office (Donna Pair & Billie Blankenship) to see if he can get some kind of resolution/direction. We will continue to look into fiber link.
- Update on next audit from Seidel Schroeder – The accountant informed the board that she provided a new Seidel Schroeder employee in College Station with requested documents.

- Update on progress to building repairs – Repairs are complete. The motion detection light by the conference room door needs to be removed or repaired. Bobby Rinn will contact the contractor regarding the light and the stained ceiling tiles in the front office.
- Update on transferring dispatch services for County EMS & Fire to Westcom – The transfer should be completed by the end of February.

**Report from rural addressing:**

- New addresses for **DECEMBER 2024**: 33
- Existing address letter requests **DECEMBER 2024**: 10

**New business –**

- **Texas Health Benefits Pool** – Jason Smalley made a motion to table this item until next month to determine the cost of the benefits; second made by Bobby Rinn – Motion carried.
- **Consideration of a NICE Recorder for Sealy PD** – Walter Morrow made a motion to table this item until next month to determine if the funds are available; second made by Bobby Rinn – Motion carried.

**Report from AT&T** – Jason Hammons will contact Donna Pair regarding the price for fiber link.

**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 10:16am and reconvened at 10:45am.

- Executive Director – Jason Smalley made a motion to do another Executive Session to continue the interview process for applicants for the Executive Director position. It will take place at the Bellville PD for 9:00am on 01/29/2025. The interviews will be done virtually and/or in person. A second made by Bobby Rinn – Motion carried.

**Items/Announcements from Board Members** – Walter received an invoice from BIS. It will be put on next month's agenda.

David Watson made a motion to adjourn meeting; second made by Jason Smalley – Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

ATTEST:



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Jay Reeves, President