AUSTIN COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT

July 22, 2026

The regular meeting of Austin County Emergency Communications District of Austin County, Texas, was held on Wednesday, July 22, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at the Austin County Courthouse, 1 East Main St, Bellville, Texas. For the purpose of conducting and acting upon such business as stated in this agenda posted July 16, 2026. The following board members were present:

Russell Grimes - President
Roy Mercer – Vice President
Ray Roberson - Board Member
Dana Garcia - Board Member
Bobby Rinn – Board Member
Kylie Pavlicek - Non-Voting Member; 911 Rural Addressing

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am.

Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Quorum was declared by roll call. Walter Morrow was absent.

Consideration of Agenda – Bobby Rinn made a motion to approve the agenda; second made by Roy Mercer – Motion carried.

Public Forum – None.

Consideration of Minutes – Roy Mercer made a motion to accept the May 13, 2026 & June 10, 2026 minutes; second made by Ray Roberson – Motion carried.

Consideration of Treasurer's Report – The May 31, 2026 & June 21, 2026 reconciliation report and bank statements were presented. Dana Garcia made a motion to accept the May 31, 2026 & June 21, 2026 reconciliation report and bank statements; second made by Bobby Rinn – Motion carried.

Consideration of Invoices (Profit & Loss Reports) – The May - June Statements of Activity (profit & loss) reports were presented. Credit card statements were not present. Bobby Rinn made a motion to approve the reports, second was made by Ray Roberson – Motion carried.

Old Business

a. Update on AT&T equipment and fiber line – Discussion about installation of a fiber line being installed at the Courthouse and the 911 District Board paying up to $15,000 for this upgrade. Discussion of 911 server being moved to the Courthouse, along with Starlink being purchased by the 911 District Board as a backup Wi-fi provider. Dana Garcia made a motion to approve the payment of the fiber line installation, so long as payment does not exceed $15,000; if payment exceeds $15,000, carry the agenda item over to the next meeting for approval, second was made by Ray Roberson. Bobby Rinn abstained from voting - Motion Carried.
b. Inventory of Current Assets (Update) - No one has been hired or assigned to take inventory of the current assets. Ray Roberson is going to gather information about a possible source to hire to complete this task. He will report back at the next regular meeting - No action/Tabled till the next meeting.
c. Setting Up Auto-Bill Pay (Update) - Walter Morrow was absent and unable to give an update on this item - No action/Tabled till the next meeting.
d. Intrado (ECaTS) System, Voiance, and Voice Products for 911 Dispatch - AT&T replaced the old equipment and resolved the issue 911 dispatch was having - No Action.

New Business

a. Consideration of Legacy Data Transfer for Harris County 911 for the WestCom Project - Roy Mercer suggested the 911 District make quarterly payments of $460 for file transfers and then check-in to see if the District can move to semi-annual or annual payments instead of quarterly. Roy Mercer made a motion to approve the quarterly payments of $460 for file transfers, Bobby Rinn made the second - Motion Carried.
b. Consideration of the 2026 - 2027 Fiscal Year Budget - Roy Mercer presented the proposed budget for the 2026 - 2027 Fiscal Year for discussion, no changes were suggested or made. Dana Garcia made a motion to accept the Proposed 2026 - 2027 Fiscal Year Budget, Ray Roberson made the second. Bobby Rinn abstained from voting - Motion Carried.
c. Zoom Meeting Proposition for Regular 911 District Meetings - Roy Mercer presented the idea of providing a Zoom meeting link to board members who are unable to attend regular meetings due to illness or vacation in order to form a quorum. At least three board members must be present in person to hold a meeting and conduct business. Each board member is only allowed to use the Zoom meeting link for two out of the six regular meetings held every year, unless specifically approved for special circumstances. Roy Mercer is going to check with the ethics board to see about providing the Zoom meeting link to the public or only board members and will report back at the next meeting - No action/Tabled till the next meeting.
d. Asset Release of Building and Other Assets - Agenda item was discussed during old business, nothing to report in new business - No Motion.
e. BIS Recommendation for a New Server - Roy Mercer is getting quotes and talking with Jonathan, the County Engineer, about server options. Roy will report back with an update at the next regular meeting - No action/Tabled till the next meeting.
f. Fiber Line Installation for the Austin County Courthouse - Agenda item was discussed during old business, nothing to report in new business - No Motion.
g. Starlink Backup Service - Agenda item was discussed during old business, nothing to

report in new business - No Motion.

Concluding Items (Information Only & Adjournment)

Report from rural addressing:

a. New addresses for May 2026 - 14 & June 2026 - 13
b. Report from AT&T – No Report
c. Consider Action – No Action
d. Items from Board Members/Announcements – Russell Grimes informed the Board that he has been talking with AT&T to get PSAP going in the temporary offices in Sealy - No action.

Adjournment

Bobby Rinn made a motion to adjourn the meeting; second made by Ray Roberson – Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

ATTEST:

Russell Grimes, President
Austin County Emergency Communications District