

AUSTIN COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT

AUGUST 13, 2024

The regular meeting of the Emergency Communications District of Austin County was held at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, August 13, 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 (via phone)
Walter Morrow – Treasurer
Jason Hammons – AT&T
David Watson – Board Member
Casey Lyde – LJA Engineering consultant
Vicki Strieder – ACECD Administrative Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Quorum was declared by roll call. Sandra Alaniz was absent.

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

Public Forum – None

Consideration of Minutes – Walter Morrow made a motion to accept the July 9, 2024 minutes; second made by David Watson – Motion carried.

Consideration of Treasurer's Reports – Roy Mercer made a motion to accept the July 2024 reconciliation reports, bank statements, and account balances; second made by Walter Morrow – Motion carried.

Consideration of Invoices (Profit/Loss Reports, excluding the credit card statement) – Roy Mercer made a motion to accept the July 2024 Profit/Loss reports excluding the credit card statement; second made by David Watson – Motion carried.

Old business –

- 2024-2025 ACECD Budget - On 8/12/2024, the Commissioners' Court approved the 2024-2025 ACECD Budget.
- Processing of files/maps from SO to Dispatch – Casey Lyde gave an update on GeoComm. We have elected to go with the GeoComm maintainer tool which has been discussed previously. We will also move forward in obtaining the computer software previously approved.
- The accountant and treasurer continue to be in contact with our credit card agency, and they are resolving the issues. Once these issues are resolved, QuickBooks will be reinstated.
- Roy Mercer and Jason Hammons (AT&T representative) will be working with Donna Pair (AT&T) to look into and understand where we are with all of our equipment.
- Vicki Rudloff at the AT&T store in Brenham is doing discovery runs on all lines that will improve communications.

New business –

- **Sale of ACECD truck** – Roy Mercer made a motion to sell the ACECD truck; second made by Walter Morrow – Motion carried. ACECD Board President Jay Reeves will handle the truck sale through GovDeals.
- **Review and possible adoption of the Austin County Emergency Communications District Policy Manual** – Roy Mercer made a motion to table the adoption of the ACECD Policy Manual until the next meeting; second made by Walter Morrow – Motion carried.
- **CDs** – Roy Mercer made a motion for Treasurer Walter Morrow to find the best rate and term for our CDs and to re-establish those CDs at that rate/term; second made by Walter Morrow – Motion carried.
- **Website design** – Roy Mercer informed the board that he will be meeting with the website company to discuss design factors.
- **Extra email addresses** – The accountant's ACECD email and former Director's email will be dropped. We will have the ability to add another email for a new Director when one is hired.
- **GenStar insurance claim check** - Vicki Strieder will contact GenStar regarding clarification of the \$895.31 check received and will request itemized claim information.
- **Roof repair** - PCT 2 employees will repair the roof. Bobby Rinn will determine if we have an Interlocal Agreement with the County.
- **Internet speed** – Roy Mercer will research internet options.

Report from rural addressing:

- New addresses for **JULY 2024**: 15

Report from AT&T – No issues reported.

Executive Session – None

Items/Announcements from Board Members

- Jay Reeves informed the Board of dates he will be out of the office.
- Roy Mercer will be attending the Alliance Meeting in Harris County on 09/04/2024.

Walter Morrow made a motion to adjourn meeting; second made by David Watson – Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

ATTEST:



Jay Reeves, President