

## AUSTIN COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT

**NOVEMBER 12, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Emergency Communications District of Austin County was held at 9:00 A.M. on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at the Austin County Emergency Communications District Office, at 842 W. Main, Bellville, Texas, with the following present:

Roy Mercer – Vice – President  
Walter Morrow – Treasurer  
Bobby Rinn – Board Member  
Ray Roberson – Board Member  
Russell Grimes (arrived late)  
Dana Garcia – Board Member  
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. Jason Hammons – AT&T Representative was absent.

**Consideration of Agenda** – Bobby Rinn made a motion to move the Executive Session to after the financial information; second made by Walter Morrow – Motion carried.

**Public Forum** – None

**Consideration of Minutes** – Walter Morrow made a motion to accept the October 8, 2025 minutes; second made by Bobby Rinn – Motion carried.

**Consideration of Treasurer's Report** – Bobby Rinn made a motion to accept the June-September 2025 reconciliation reports, October 2025 bank statement, and October 2025 Statement of Position (balance sheet); second made by Dana Garcia – Motion carried.

**Consideration of Invoices** (Profit & Loss Reports) – Ray Roberson made a motion to accept the June-September 2025 Statements of Activity (profit & loss) and October 2025 Profit & Loss report; second made by Bobby Rinn – Motion carried.

### Old business

- Update on Geo-Comm data transfer progress – All new roads have been added. All updates are now being provided directly to ACAD and the SO.
- Update on AT&T equipment and fiber link – No new information
- Update on setting up Starlink business account/services – BIS stated once everything is in place with the new Starlink business account, they will be able to tie it in quickly. Walter Morrow was able to change the automatic billing to a \$5 monthly standby fee until we can get everything worked out.
- Update on generator quotes/need for purchase – It still needs to be determined if a generator is actually needed since Geo-Comm's data is stored in "the cloud". We have a current maintenance agreement with Zenith for them to do an annual service check. The server backup battery needs to be replaced. Walter Morrow made a motion that we attempt to install the replacement battery. If we are unable, we will pay BIS \$950 per their quote and have them do it; second made by Bobby Rinn – Motion carried.
- New Ubeo contract – Bobby Rinn made a motion to accept Option 1 presented by Ubeo; second made by Walter Morrow – Motion carried.
- NENA membership – Walter Morrow made a motion to renew the advertisement for the Director's position; second made by Russell Grimes – Motion carried.

### New business

- Welcome new Board member, Russell Grimes, appointed by City of Sealy
- Term limits for officers of ACECD Board - Bobby Rinn will write the information regarding term limits which will be presented at the next Board meeting. It will then be added to the ACECD Policy Manual.

- Election of Board members/officers – Walter Morrow made a motion to postpone elections until January 2026 since 50% of the Board is new; second made by Bobby Rinn – Motion carried.
- Electronic voice mail/phone answering – Vicki Strieder will get information from AT&T regarding TruWave to be presented at the next Board meeting.
- ACECD representative to attend Commissioners’ Court meetings – The Board feels none is needed.
- Review applications for Directors’ position

**Report from rural addressing:**

- New addresses for **OCTOBER 2025**: 374 (Includes 100 in Millbrooke Estates & 241 in Westward Pointe Subdivision)
- Existing address letter requests **OCTOBER 2025**: 22

**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 9:36a.m. and reconvened at 10:01a.m.

The Board voted to move the NENA membership and applications over to Roy Mercer, and we will advertise the Director’s position in Workforce Solutions. There was no action taken on the current applicants.

**Items/Announcements from Board Members** – The office will be closed 11/26–11/28 for Thanksgiving. Per Roy Mercer’s request, the meeting binders will be reorganized.

Walter Morrow made a motion to adjourn meeting; second made by Ray Roberson – Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

ATTEST:



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Roy Mercer, Vice-President