

AUSTIN COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT

FEBURARY 14, 2026

The regular meeting of Austin County Emergency Communications District of Austin County, Texas, was held on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 9:04 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 February 4, 2026. The following board members were present:

Russell Grimes - President
Roy Mercer – Vice President
Walter Morrow – Treasurer
Ray Roberson – Board Member
Bobby Rinn – Board Member
Jason Hammons – AT&T representative
Brandi Tilman – Austin County Appraisal District

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 am.

Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Quorum was declared by roll call. Dana Garcia was absent.

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

Public Forum – None

Consideration of Minutes – Roy Mercer made a motion to accept the January 14 and 22 2026 minutes; second made by Bobby Rinn – Motion carried.

Consideration of Treasurer’s Report – The January 2026 reconciliation reports were not available; bank statements were presented. Roy Mercer made a motion to accept January 2026 bank statements; second made by Ray Roberson – Motion carried.

Consideration of Invoices (Profit & Loss Reports) – The January Statements of Activity (profit & loss) reports were not available at this time. Roy Mercer made a motion to table report, and credit card statements were present as no expenditures during January 2026; second made by Bobby Rinn – Motion carried.

Old Business

- a. Update on AT&T equipment and fiber link – Discussion about installation of a fiber link being installed at the court. Contact county's IT department to place a request with AT&T. Need to check with dispatch to confirm if fiber link has been installed at the Sheriff's Office. No further action was required.
- b. Replacement of server – Research and contact BIS and have a discussion with Community Development Office to investigate the utilizing the same server as the county. No further action was required.
- c. GeoComm's Maintainer – all personnel are entering addressing and working well. No action. No further action was required.
- d. Update on NENA membership/advertisement of Director's position/Workforce Solutions. No Action
- e. Ratification of Memorandum of Understanding with Austin County – Walter Morrow made a motion; to ratify the Memorandum of Understanding with Austin County second made by Ray Roberson – Motion carried.

New Business

- a. Consideration of outsourcing financial responsibilities to Certified Public Accountant – Roy Mercer presented Donna Cerny's qualifications and letter of engagement with the district. Walter Morrow made a motion to contract financial services with Donna Cerny CPA; giving Donna access to all financial accounts; second by Bobby Rinn – Motion carried.
- b. Consideration of current assets –
 - 1) Discussion to have a third party to inventory all current assets, Roy Mercer will bring information to next meeting, no action required.
 - 2) Copy machine is still being rented, Roy Mercer will be contacting the rental company to have the machine delivered to courthouse office. Roy Mercer made a motion to move the copier; second made by Walter Morrow – Motion carried.
 - 3) All other assets will stay in place until an audit can be made. No further action was required.
- c. Consideration to proceed with paperless best practices – Made a motion to pursue the paperless route starting with a Dropbox Professional account. Bobby Rinn made a motion to subscribe to Dropbox not to exceed \$500 annually; second made by Walter Morrow – Motion carried.

Executive Session & Reconvening

Executive Session: The Board recess into Executive Session at 10:04 am to deliberate and discuss the following items, as authorized by the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551:

Reconvene Regular Session: The Board reconvene in open session at 10:24 am.

1. Section 551.074: Personnel Matters – See New Business section a.
2. Section 551.089: Security Audits or Devices – No Action

Concluding Items (Information Only & Adjournment)

Report from rural addressing:

- a. New addresses for January 2026 - 23
- b. Report from AT&T – No Report
- c. Consider Action – No Action
- d. Items from Board Members/Announcements – None at this time.

Adjournment

Roy Mercer made a motion to adjourn meeting; second made by Walter Morrow – Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

ATTEST:

Russell Grimes, President
Austin County Emergency Communications District