



CAECD Board of Managers | Summary Minutes

10:30 a.m. or upon adjournment of the Executive Committee

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

6800 Burleson Road

Building 310, Suite 165

Austin, Texas 78744

Present (22)

Judge James Oakley, Burnet County, **Chair**
Mayor Lew White, City of Lockhart, **1st Vice Chair**
Commissioner Debbie Ingalsbe, Hays County, **2nd Vice Chair**
Council Member Matthew Baker, City of Round Rock, **Secretary**
Mayor Jane Hughson, City of San Marcos, **Parliamentarian**
Mayor Brandt Rydell, City of Taylor, **Immediate Past Chair**
Council Member Mackenzie Kelly, City of Austin
Commissioner Clara Beckett, Bastrop County
Mayor Connie Schroeder, City of Bastrop
Council Member Kevin Hight, City of Bee Cave

Mayor Rachel Lumpee, City of Blanco
Commissioner Joe Don Dockery, Burnet County
Judge Hoppy Haden, Caldwell County
Judge Dan Mueller, Fayette County
Council Member Ron Garland, City of Georgetown
Council Member Esme Mattke Longoria, City of Leander
Commissioner Steven Knobloch, Lee County
Mayor Pro Tem Doug Weiss, City of Pflugerville
Council Member Janice Bruno, City of Smithville
Judge Andy Brown, Travis County
Commissioner Cynthia Long, Williamson County
Commissioner Russ Boles, Williamson County

Absent (3)

Judge Brett Bray, Blanco County
Judge Ron Cunningham, Llano County
Commissioner Ann Howard, Travis County

1. **Call to Order and opening remarks by the Chair**

Judge Oakley called the meeting to order at 11:25 a.m.

2. **Consider Approving Minutes for the February 8, 2023 Meeting**

Judge Oakley asked the board to consider the minutes. A motion was made by Commissioner Long to approve the Feb. 8, 2023, meeting minutes. Commissioner Ingalsbe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **Consider Adopting a Resolution Recognizing National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week** **Richard Morales Jr., Director of Emergency Communications**

Ms. Renee Bell, CAPCOG emergency communications assistant director, noted that National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week is the second full week of April, April 9 and 15, and each year CAPCOG recognizes the week as such to support the hard work performed by the region's more than 800 emergency telecommunicators. She added that the Texas Governor and the U.S. President officially recognize the week.

A motion was made by Mayor Hughson to adopt a resolution recognizing National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. Council Member Longoria seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Consider Funding AT&T Virtual Private Network (AVPN) Fiber Construction Cost**

Richard Morales Jr., Director of Emergency Communications

Ms. Bell said the board approved AT&T Virtual Private Network to conduct a copper to fiber conversion in July 2022. At the time, there was no construction cost identified by the commercial carries; however, it was later determined that 11 miles of fiber would need to be laid by Frontier to complete the Llano County PSAP portion of the project. Ms. Bell said the construction cost is estimated not to exceed \$60,000. She noted the project as a whole would save CAPCOG about \$290,000.

A motion was made by Mayor Hughson to fund the AT&T Virtual Private Network Fiber construction cost. Council Member Longoria seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Consider Approving Appointments to Committee

Deborah Brea, Executive Assistant

Ms. Brea said Commissioner Long was recommending the appointment of Kate Wolf to the Emergency Communications Strategic Advisory Committee.

A motion was made by Mayor Hughson to approve the appointment. Commissioner Long seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Staff Reports

Betty Voights, Executive Director

Ms. Voights said she needed to provide an update before getting to 911 issues. CAPCOG has sent letters to jurisdictions in the four CDBG MIT-MOD counties — Bastrop, Caldwell, Fayette and Lee — to confirm participation, and is calling one more meeting with the county judges and commissioners to discuss the proposed funding allocations.

Ms. Voights said Representative Guillen filed a bill to extend the 2024 deadline for emergency communications districts and COGs to spend ARPA money allocated by the state for Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) infrastructure improvements and another bill has been filed to allow expenditures beyond the biennium. Ms. Voights explained that the Texas 9-1-1 Alliance is trying to get last year's House Bill 2911 filed again even though there is no expectation of it passing. It's important for there to be an ongoing recognition that a permanent increase in the wireless fee revenue is needed to provide a predictable stream of revenue to support long-term expenditures. Judge Oakley said the funding provided by HB 2911 was needed last session and made it to the very end before dying. He said the funding is still needed and the current fee of 50 cents was set in 1996, which would be \$1 now if accounted for inflation. He noted that the districts were asking for 75 cents of that \$1. Judge Oakley said the cost to maintain 9-1-1 has increased because of technology.

7. Adjourn

Judge Oakley adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.



Council Member Matt Baker, Secretary
Board of Managers
Capital Area Emergency Communications District

4/12/2023
Date