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COUNTY OF CAMERON §

**CAMERON COUNTY EMERGENCY
COMMUNICATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 18, 2018**

The Board Of Managers of the Cameron County Emergency Communication District (CCECD) met at the Cameron County Emergency Communication (9-1-1) District (CCECD) Building Board Room, located at 501 Camelot Drive, Harlingen, Texas, at 10:00 A.M., on Wednesday, April 18, 2018.

Present:

Board Members: B. Aston, D. Diaz, S. Ortega, M. Prado & R. Rodriguez
Board Members Absent: I. Bramlett
Directors: S. Barajas, J. Davila
Corporate Counsel: B. Janis
Others: A. Garrido (CCECD) & J. Garcia (CCECD)

Item 1. Call to Order (& Pledge of Allegiance).

Call to order at 10:00 A.M. to open the meeting, to confirm the existence of a voting quorum (of five), and to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Thereafter, the Board went to Item 2 below.

Item 2. Swearing in of AT&T Representative Gabriel Moreno.

After the Official Oath was administered to Gabriel Moreno, he was hereby appointed by the CCECD Board to serve as a CCECD Board Member.

Item 3. Consideration & Action on appointing a Board Secretary.

After a brief discussion, a Motion was made by Mr. Aston to appoint Gabriel Moreno to serve as the CCECD Board Secretary. Seconded by Sam Ortega. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 4. Approval of March (03-21-2018) Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by Mr. Aston to approve the March (03-21-2018) Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Mr. Diaz. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 5. Approval of Bills (& Cash Flow Report).

Motion made by Mr. Aston to approve the bills and to acknowledge the Cash Flow Report as presented (by Ms. Barajas), in which CCECD has a large account balance and an anticipated \$9,735,827.33, including a large sum of funds that was expected to come from AT&T to do upgrades for CCECD. Seconded by Mr. Rodriguez. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 6. Approval of Budget Amendments.

Motion made by Mr. Rodriguez to table this item for the reason that there was nothing to discuss at this time. Seconded by Mr. Aston. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 7. Financial (& Banking) Report.

Motion made by Mr. Rodriguez to acknowledge the Financial (& Banking) Report (by Ms. Barajas), involving bank and CD deposits which have a large account balance in the sum of \$9,735,827.33. Seconded by Mr. Aston. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 8. Director's Report, by Silbia Barajas, including a Building Report by Joel Davila, a GIS Report by Alfonso Garrido, and a Public Education/Training Report by Joe Garcia.

Motion made by Mr. Prado to acknowledge the aforesaid report(s), which addressed a litany of emergency communication matters. Seconded by Mr. Rodriguez. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 9. AT&T Report.

Motion made by Mr. Prado to acknowledge the AT&T Report by Mr. Blankenship to address a busy year for 9-1-1, involving additional tasks, to follow a checklist for

systems improvement to upgrade the virtual services now (by AT&T & Motorola), noting the influence at AT&T Vesta projects, which would enhance telephone service, involving T-C-C firewalls). Seconded by Mr. Aston. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 10. Board Committee Report.

Motion made by Mr. Rodriguez to acknowledge the report about various CCECD matters. Seconded by Mr. Prado. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 11. Legal Counsel's Report.

Motion made by Mr. Aston to acknowledge the report (by Mr. Janis) about certain legal issues in connection with the Annual Audit and Report, the FCC's efforts to oversee CCECD (etc.), the improper tax liens imposed on the CCECD Building property, "moving" CCECD "items" to the new CCECD Building, hiring more personnel, acquiring some vehicles, the matter of "allowable expenses," working with the City of Harlingen as to vendor matters, the Addressing Project (which involved a letter to the County addressing the termination of the CCECD - County Project/Service Agreements, as approved by the CCECD Board), training for CCECD employees, the matter of staggered CCECD Board Members, the renewal of liability insurance for the District, recent FCC rulings, the development of and the finalization of a Personnel Policies Manual, efforts by various governmental entities in the County that are attempting to have CCECD finance "their" projects (as well as other items on the Agenda), a question about CCECD having the right to assign addresses throughout the County, a reference made to a Worker's Compensation Claim against Haraway Construction (as to the CCECD Building), for both (of which) CCECD is not liable, and a possibility of ECD Special Law Districts and additional Special Sessions of the Texas Legislature in the near future, as well as other matters that arise from time to time (and may be on this Agenda), with a focus on compliance with various statutes that govern CCECD, in contemplation of upcoming workshops and Memorandums Of Law (in manuals)

regarding the same. Seconded by Mr. Diaz. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 12. Consideration & Approval of AT&T VESTA 9-1-1 Refresh for Lease/Purchase Agreement in the amount of \$1,616,938.40.
Motion made by Mr. Rodriguez to approve the AT&T VESTA 9-1-1 Refresh for Lease/Purchase Agreement in the amount of \$1,616,938.40. Seconded by Mr. Prado. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 13. Request for San Benito EOCS by Chief of Police Michael Galvan.
Motion made by Mr. Ortega, having discussions about laptops that are needed, to improve communications for Cameron County usage, to provide security for County residents due to overwhelmed dispatchers. Seconded by Mr. Diaz. Mr. Rodriguez abstained. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 14. Adjournment.
Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Prado at 11:07 a.m. Seconded by Mr. Diaz. The motion carried unanimously.

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Approved this 16th day of May, 2018.

Approved: Mario M. Prado
President, Board Of Managers

Attested: Isabel M. ...
Secretary, Board Of Managers