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CAMERON COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES November 20, 2019

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., for a Meeting of the Board of Managers, on Wednesday, November 20, 2019.

Present:

Board Members: Mario Prado (President), Bill Aston (Vice-President), Domingo Diaz,

Sam Ortega and Henry Etheridge

Board Members Absent: Gabriel Moreno

Directors: S. Barajas, and J. Davila

Corporate Counsel: Juan M. Pequeno, Jr.

Others: A. Garrido (CCECD), and J. Garcia (CCECD)

However, pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, codified as Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §§ 551.002 (Open Meetings Requirements) (Vernon 2017) ("Every regular, special, or called meeting of a governmental body shall be open to the public, except as provided by this chapter".)

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Item 1. Call to order (Pledge of Allegiance)

Call to order by Mr. Prado at 10:02 A.M. to open the meeting, recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Thereafter, the Board went to Item 2.

Item 2. Establishment of a Quorum.

After confirmation of a voting quorum (five of six), motion made by Mr. Aston to acknowledge of a quorum. Seconded by Mr. Diaz. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 3. Public Comment.

Mario Prado, Board President opened public comment on any agenda item to anyone attending the meeting by approaching the podium. After a brief time and with no attendees and no comments made, Mr. Prado closed public comment section. Motion made by Mr. Diaz to close public comment. Seconded

by Mr. Ortega. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 4. Approval of October 16, 2019 regular Board Meeting Minutes (as written).

Motion made by Mr. Prado to approve the said Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Seconded by Mr. Ortega. The motions carried unanimously for both items.

Item 5. Approval of Bills (& Cash Flow)

Mrs. Barajas presented the October 2019 Expense Report pertaining to regular monthly bills, after discussion by Board. Motion made by Mr. Prado to approve the said bills (& cash flow). Seconded by Mr. Etheridge. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 6. Approval of Budget Amendment

Mrs. Barajas requested a transfer of \$66,349 from the Building Expense and increase by the same amount into the Personnel Payroll to offset expenditures in this section. This change will not affect the overall budget amount for 2019. Motion made by Mr. Aston to approved the Budget Amendments. Seconded by Mr. Diaz. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 7. Financial Report (& Banking Report)

Ms. Barajas provided an update on financial reports and made note that a second payment was made to Pictometry. Motion made by Mr. Prado to approve the financial report as presented. Seconded by Mr. Etheridge. The motion carried unanimously. (The amounts of these reports were presented at the CCECD Board Meeting as with previous meetings.)

Item 8. Director's Report

Motion made by Mr. Prado to acknowledge and approve the said Director's Report as presented by Mrs. Barajas, which included no major system problems reported by PSAPs, receive daily reports of the monitoring of the system circuits, the Director's Meeting included: topics covering 911 Reliability Funding that could be introduced to regulatory and commerce committee, AT&T wants the districts to choose one 911 fee for all, Alliance requested each district to use data to project if 75¢ wireless fees will be sufficient to cover cost of NG911 for the next 5 years, CCECD reported back that 75¢would only cover 2 years and \$1.00 wireless fees would cover upgrades to texting and ESINet, there are a lot of unknown costs to videos and pictures, other districts reported the same. Also the Building Report as presented by Mr. Davila, the GIS Report as presented by Mr. Garrido, and the Public Education/Training Report as presented by Mr. Garcia. Seconded by Mr. Ortega. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 9 AT&T Report

In the absence of Mr. Moreno no report was available and this item was tabled. Motion made by Mr. Aston to table item. Seconded by Mr. Diaz. The motion

carried unanimously.

Item 10. Board Committee Report Agenda item was tabled. A motion was made by Mr. Prado to table board committee report. Seconded by Mr. Diaz. The motions carried unanimously on both items.

Item 11. Legal Counsel Report

Mr. Pequeno informed board that Item #3 Public Comment and Item 14 Closed Meeting for Discuss were added to the agenda. Item 14 serves the purpose of closed meeting discussion on items that contain attorney client privilege in executive session. Holiday plan as requested has been reviewed at the next agenda item (#12). I will be looking at the Inter Local Agreement format and will make proposed revisions and comments, which will be used for the laptop equipment at the PSAPS. Received a memo from previous attorney Mr. Janis regarding FCC on the requirements and restrictions of the use of funds. Reported that according to the FCC Regulations, Chapter 772 of Health & Safety Code, it is very strict on the 911 funds received from the wireless carriers fees and they need to be used for 911 purposes. After a discussion, 'Open Meeting Act' workshop for the board to be held at CCECD on January 15th after the Board meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Aston to acknowledge report. Seconded by Mr. Ortega. The motion carried unanimously.

- Item 12. Consideration and Approval of amended Policy Manual holiday schedule was amended by Mr. Pequeno, District's Attorney to remove Cameron County and convert policy to a district schedule. A motion was made by Mr. Diaz to approve the amended holiday schedule. Seconded by Mr. Aston. The motion carried unanimously.
- Consideration and Approval of TCDRS Erica Nieto presentation of Retirement Benefits. TCDRS (Texas County & District Retirement System) presentation included an overview of TCDRS, CCECD funding status as of 2019, along with a plan option for 2020, proposed elected rate, employer matching of 250% and plan coverage for staff, and retroactive coverage (past & future) for employees as of commencement of TCDRS plan (2012 for 2 employees & date of hire for remaining staff), and funding of liability projection for the next 5-10 years. A motion was made by Mr. Diaz to acknowledge the presentation and place the item in the December Board Meeting for approval of plan change which will commence in January 1, 2020. Seconded by Mr. Ortega. The motion carried unanimously.
- Item 14. Closed Meeting for Discussion of Any Item on the Agenda as may be permitted by Subchapter D of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code

 Item was tabled since there were items to be discussed that needed an

executive session. A motion was made by Mr. Diaz to table this item. Seconded by Mr. Prado. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 15. Adjournment

At 11:38 A.M., a motion was made by Mr. Aston to adjourn this meeting. Seconded by Mr. Etheridge. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved this <u>18th</u> day of December, 2019.

Approved: Mario M. Prado, President of the Board of Managers

Approved:

Gabriel Moreno, Secretary of the Board of Managers