

THE STATE OF TEXAS     §  
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COUNTY OF CAMERON     §

**CAMERON COUNTY EMERGENCY**  
**COMMUNICATION DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 17, 2015**

The Board Of Managers of the Cameron County Emergency Communication District (CCECD) met at the South Texas Emergency Care Foundation (STECF) Board Room, located at 1705 Vermont Avenue, Harlingen, Texas, at 10:00 A.M., on Wednesday, June 17, 2015.

Present:

Board Members: B. Aston, D. Diaz, S. Ortega, M. Prado,  
R. Rodriguez ( & I. Bramlett)  
Board Members Absent: None  
Directors: S. Barajas, J. Davila  
Corporate Counsel: B. Janis  
Others: A. Garrido (County), D. Hinojosa (CCECD), L.  
Callier (STECF), W. Haraway (HCI), D. Sanchez (Harlingen)

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Item 1. Call to Order.

Call to order at 10:05 A.M. to open the meeting, and to confirm the existence of a quorum (of five). Thereafter, the Board proceeded to Item 11, addressing the CCECD (Headquarters) Building.

Item 2. Approval of May (05-20-15) Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by Mr. Rodriguez to approve the May (05-20-15) Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Mr. Aston. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 3. Approval of Bills (& Cash Flow Report).

Motion made by Mr. Rodriguez to approve the bills and to acknowledge the Cash Flow Report as presented (by Ms. Barajas). Seconded by Mr. Prado. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 4. Approval of Budget Amendments.

Motion made by Mr. Rodriguez to table this item as there was nothing for the Board to consider at this time. Seconded by Mr. Aston. The motion carried unanimously.

- Item 5. Financial (& Banking) Report.  
Motion made by Mr. Rodriguez to table this item as there was nothing for the Board to consider at this time. Seconded by Mr. Prado. The motion carried unanimously.
- Item 6. Director's Report.  
Motion made by Mr. Prado to acknowledge the Director's Report (by Ms. Barajas), which addressed the need for certain press releases, recent legislation, CCECD finances, certain losses of 9-1-1 service, and other Board matters. Seconded by Mr. Rodriguez. The motion carried unanimously.
- Item 7. AT&T Report.  
Motion made by Mr. Rodriguez to table this item as there was nothing for the Board to consider at this time. Seconded by Mr. Prado. The motion carried unanimously.
- Item 8. Board Committee Report.  
Motion made by Mr. Aston to acknowledge a report (by Mr. Aston) about certain delays in emergency responses. Seconded by Mr. Prado. The motion carried unanimously.
- Item 9. Counsel's Report.  
Motion made by Mr. Rodriguez to acknowledge the report (by Mr. Janis) about various Memorandums addressing a Public Review Hearing, Board Members' staggered terms, CCECD finances (under the law) in regard to unusual attempts to divert (and attempts to maintain the rate of) CCECD's Emergency Service Fees, which has also become a concern of the FCC, the License Agreement involving Disaster Recovery for area communications, the Public Funds Investment Act, three recent deaths that are to be set forth on the Fallen Heroes Memorial, a "9-1-1" "failure" in New York City, a purported Special Districts Local Law, recent state legislation involving the Emergency Service Fees and CCECD (and State) finances, and the matter of the illegal tax lien placed on CCECD's property, as well as the need for "maps" of the Arroyo Colorado watershed (as well as other items on this Agenda). Seconded by Mr. Prado. The motion carried unanimously.
- Item 10. NG 9-1-1 Report.  
Motion made by Mr. Prado to acknowledge the report (by Ms. Barajas) about the proper delivery of emergency (9-1-1) calls. Seconded by Mr. Ortega. The motion carried unanimously.
- Item 11. Consideration and Action on the construction of a building for CCECD, involving the design of the (proposed)

building, as prepared by Meg Jorn, AIA, LEED AP, RID, IIDA, with Megamorphosis, Inc., and the construction of the (new) CCECD (Headquarters) Building, by Haraway Construction, Inc., as represented by Will Haraway, Principal, in accordance with the CCECD-HCI Cost-Plus Percentage Construction Agreement. Motion made by Mr. Prado to obtain "back-up" generators for the CCECD Building, which involve natural gas and diesel fuel power, to adjust the CCECD Building Fund, by and through a budget amendment in the amount of \$200,000.00, and to monitor the necessary extensions in the construction schedule, due to "rain days," in accordance with the Construction Agreement. Seconded by Mr. Rodriguez. The motion carried unanimously. Motion (also) made by Mr. Prado to acknowledge the report about the construction of the CCECD Building, as presented by Mr. Haraway. Seconded by Mr. Ortega. The motion carried unanimously. (Thereafter, the Board proceeded to Item 17, to address the upgrading, updating and renewing of REVERSE 9-1-1<sup>®</sup>).

Item 12. Consideration and Action on NG 9-1-1 Service Agreements.

Motion made by Mr. Aston to acknowledge the report (by Mr. Janis) that the contracts are ready, but no one is "following-up" with same, and therefore, Mr. Janis will "follow-up" with those parties who requested a contract. Seconded by Mr. Diaz. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 13. Consideration and Action on Addressing Project Service/Project Agreements.

Motion made by Mr. Aston to acknowledge the report (by Mr. Janis) about this item serving as a "placeholder," such that, when the CCECD (Headquarters) Building is nearing completion (in the "next" few months, as appropriate), Cameron County is to be notified when CCECD will be moving into the completed building, and the Addressing Project (i.e., the mapping and the like, and the furnishing of equipment and personnel) will be continued as part of the CCECD's functions, which will require, for obvious reasons, the termination of the Addressing Project Service/Project Agreements (in this connection, there was a prior discussion about a personnel policy, hiring and firing procedures, insurance, retirement and so forth). Seconded by Mr. Diaz. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 14. Consideration and Action on a License Agreement involving AT&T Business Continuity, Disaster Recovery & Emergency Solutions, by and between AT&T Services, Inc.,

d/b/a AT&T, Valley International Airport (VIA), CCECD and Cameron County, Texas.

Motion made by Mr. Rodriguez to acknowledge the report (by Mr. Janis) about this matter, to the effect that the next step was to obtain the signature of the AT&T Disaster Recovery Group; to this extent, having (finally) obtained the necessary (AT&T) contact information, this project can "go forward." Seconded by Mr. Ortega. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 15. Consideration and Action on a proposed VERIZON ESL Contract with CCECD.

Motion made by Mr. Prado to acknowledge the report (by Mr. Janis) about this matter, involving CCECD's corporate counsel correcting the typographical errors in the draft originally submitted, by and through an Amendment of the VERIZON ESL Contract with CCECD, and further, preparing a General Contract Provisions Addendum for that Contract (as was done for the MPC Studios Contract, and other contracts that are almost devoid of required "boiler-plate" language), and submitting that Addendum and that Amendment to VERIZON. Seconded by Mr. Rodriguez. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 16. Consideration and Action on (a) hiring a Public Education "Trainer," or (b) preparing a News Release, as to businesses having to configure telephones to provide "direct access" to "9-1-1."

Motion made by Mr. Prado, after a lengthy discussion about this matter, to table this item, to allow for additional examination of the process of addressing both public education and/or publicity of this nature. Seconded by Mr. Aston. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 17. Consideration and Action on upgrading (and renewing) REVERSE 9-1-1<sup>®</sup> (which is at the "end of life" for the "programs"), or ordering "voice cards" for the existing REVERSE 9-1-1<sup>®</sup> System (involving "AIRBUS DS Communications").

Motion made by Mr. Prado, after a lengthy discussion about this matter, in light of the fact that the REVERSE 9-1-1<sup>®</sup> System is at the "end of life" for the "programs," indicating that the REVERSE 9-1-1<sup>®</sup> System must be updated, upgraded and extended into the future, to conduct a Workshop meeting before the next CCECD Regular Board Meeting, to address these issues, to contact AIRBUS DS Communications about a proposal to update, upgrade and extend the System, and for Airbus to provide CCECD, through its counsel, with a

proposed (new) contract, to enable the said updating, upgrading and extension of the CCECD - AIRBUS "contract" for the REVERSE 9-1-1® System. Seconded by Mr. Aston. The motion carried unanimously. (Thereafter, the Board proceeded to Item 2, addressing the May [05-20-15] Regular Board Meeting Minutes, and the Board proceeded to address any other pending items on the Agenda).

Item 18. Consideration and Action on the "contract" between CCECD and Pictometry Intelligent Images (which was "amended").

Motion made by Mr. Rodriguez to table this item as there was nothing for the Board to consider at this time, as this matter was addressed during the course of Agenda Item No. 3, involving the payment for the renewal of Pictometry. Seconded by Mr. Ortega. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 19. Adjournment.

The Board adjourned the meeting at 12:09 P.M.

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Approved this 15th day of July, 2015.

By: *Brian D. Jones*, Ass't Secretary with *permission*  
Secretary, Board Of Managers

Approved: *David M. Grede*  
President, Board Of Managers