

ABILENE / TAYLOR COUNTY 9-1-1 DISTRICT

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The Abilene / Taylor County 9-1-1 District Board met in regular session on February 26, 2025, at 2:00 PM at South Branch Library, 4310 Buffalo Gap Rd., Ste. 2410, Abilene, TX.

Members Present:

DeWayne Bush, County Representative and Chairman
Tommy Pope, County Representative
Vincent Cantu, Municipal Representative
Michael Rice, Municipal Representative
Philip King, VFD Representative

Staff Present:

Troy Swanson, 9-1-1 Program Director
Sharla Allison, 9-1-1 Program Manager / District Secretary
Rebecca Mortensen, 9-1-1 Program Coordinator

Others Present:

Jackie Ragan, Datroo Technologies
Cande Flores, Abilene Fire Department
Lindsey Hoxsey, Abilene Police Department
Craig Jordan, Abilene Police Department
Gary B. Young, Taylor County Fire Department
Graig Griffis, Taylor County Sheriff's Office
Ricky Bishop, Taylor County Sheriff's Office
Marjorie Knight, City of Abilene Finance Department
Michael Burdan, Abilene Fire Department
Chairyl Clark, Taylor County Admin
Elijah Anderson, Taylor County Admin

Item 1 – Call to Order

Chairman Bush called the Abilene / Taylor County Emergency Communications Board meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. and led the invocation.

Item 2 – Pledge to the United States Flag and the Texas Flag

Item 3 – Public Comments on Any Item on the Agenda

Chairman Bush opened the meeting to Public Comment. Jackie Ragan, Communication Architect Team Lead for Datroo Technologies and resident of Abilene, Tx spoke of Agenda Item BR25-03 and BR25-04 to express his concerns over the rates that were put in place by the Abilene / Taylor County 9-1-1 District as of June 1, 2024.

Item 4 – Approval of Board Minutes from December 18, 2024 Board Meeting

Boardmember Pope motioned to approve the item as presented. Boardmember Cantu seconded the motion. Motion carries.

AYES (4): Pope, Cantu, Rice and King

NAYS (0): None

December 18, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes Approved.

A copy of the minutes will be posted on: <https://www.atc911district.org/meetings> and a voice recording of all minutes is on file at the City of Abilene.

Item 5 – Discussion, Consideration and Action – BIM25-01 – Informational Memorandum – Year 2025 9-1-1 District Operational Review

The 9-1-1 District Administration announced the appointment of two key roles. Sharla Allison to the role of 9-1-1 District Division Manager and Rebecca Mortensen to the role of 9-1-1 Program Coordinator. These individuals will be dedicated 100% to the operations of the 9-1-1 District.

No Action Required.

Item 6 – Discussion, Consideration and Action – BIM25-02 – Informational Memorandum – Review of NG911 / ESInet Project Progress

Administration updated the Board on the progress of the NG911 / ESInet Project. Target date of completion being the end of year 2025.

No Action Required.

Item 7 – Discussion, Consideration and Action Regarding – BR25-03 – Resolution – FY25 Budget Revisions

There was a review of revenue analysis, proposed expense revisions, and proposed new rates for the remainder of FY25. Discussion regarding the revenue trends and anticipated changes to wireless and wireline fees. A recommendation was made by Administration of a rate change of \$1.85 for residential and \$16.00 for business/trunk lines to sustain the fund balance to maintain dispatch reimbursement at its current rate. Details were given on the expenses and the changes from FY24 to FY25. Swanson explained the need to increase funds to facilitate the need for GIS services through a contract with RDI. Marjorie Knight, Director of Finance for the City of Abilene, detailed how indirect cost expenses are figured for the 9-1-1 District.

Boardmember Rice motioned to accept the staff recommendations on expenses and the proposed rate changes from \$2.00 to \$1.85 for residential and \$17.80 to \$16.00 for business. Boardmember Pope seconded the motion. Motion Carries.

Item 8 – Discussion, Consideration and Action Regarding – BR25-04 – Resolution – FY2026 Proposed Budget

There was an overview of proposed expense revisions and proposed new rates for the remainder of FY25. It was determined more time would be needed to run reports based off the rate changes accepted in BR25-03 and a proposed special meeting to discuss this item once District Administration could create new reports with changes to revenue and expenses. This would also provide more time for the District Administration to meet and discuss changes to the dispatch reimbursement with Taylor County Administration and City of Abilene Administration and bring that information back to present to the Board.

Chairman Bush motioned to table BR25-04 until the next meeting. Boardmember Rice seconded the motion. Motion carries.

AYES (4): Pope, Cantu, Rice and King

NAYS (0): None

Item BR25-04 is tabled until the next board meeting.

Item 9 – Discussion, Consideration and Action Regarding – BIM25-03 – Informational Memorandum – Long Range Financial Plan (LRFP)

A presentation that included a concept model of the Long-Range Financial Plan (LRFP) with the idea of presenting this LRFP as an actionable agenda item in the next board meeting. This plan would cover a five-year period with decreasing wireline revenue (lowering the wireline rates) while also decreasing the funds allocated to 9-1-1 Dispatch reimbursement. This plan will, however, require meetings with the City of Abilene and Taylor County Administration to discuss shifting the responsibility of the dispatch reimbursements to those respective parties.

No action required.

Adjournment

Boardmember Pope motioned to adjourn the meeting. Boardmember Cantu seconded this moment.

AYES (4): Pope, Cantu, Rice and King

NAYS (0): None


Board Chairman, DeWayne Bush, Adjourned meeting at 3:43 p.m.

ATTESTED:



911 District Secretary

APPROVED:



Board Chair


City Attorney