

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 September 28, 2022 at 2:00pm at 4310 Buffalo Gap Rd. #1246, Abilene, TX (South Branch Library).

Members Present:

DeWayne Bush, County Representative and Chairman
Tommy Pope, County Representative
Michael Rice, Municipal Representative
Jon Hoebelheinrich, VFD Representation

Staff Present:

Bob von Wolfradt, 9-1-1 Program Director
Sharla Allison, 9-1-1 Board Secretary
Blake Tulloch, GIS Tech
Ben LaBorde, GIS Tech

Others Present:

Craig Griffis, Taylor County Sheriff's Office
Ricky Bishop, Taylor County Sheriff
Rebecca Balsness, City of Abilene, IT Dept
Stevie Dora, Taylor County Sheriff's Office
Mike Rains, City of Abilene Director of Finance
Mark Yearwood, City of Abilene, Interim IT Director
Shawna Atkinson, City of Abilene, City Secretary
Chuck Statler, Taylor County Commissioner Pct 4
Richard Waggoner, City of Abilene PD
Kelley Messer, City of Abilene Legal

Item 1 – Call to Order

Chairman Bush called the Abilene / Taylor County Emergency Communications Board meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and led the invocation.

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

Item 3 – Swearing in of Appointed and Re-appointed Board Members

Item 4 – Public Comments on Any Item on the Agenda

Chairman Bush noted that there were no Public Comments.

Item 5 – Approval of Board Minutes from September 22, 2021 Board Meeting

Director von Wolffradt noted a minor change on Item 9, Page 3 of 6, misspelling - should be "has" not "hs".

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

AYES (4): Boardmembers: Bush, Pope, Rice and Hoebelheinrich
NAYS (0): None

September 28, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes **Approved.**

A copy of the minutes will be posted on: <http://abilenetx.gov/714/Agendas-Minutes>
and a voice recording of all minutes is on file at the City of Abilene.

Item 6 – Discussion, Consideration and Action Regarding Taylor County Sheriff's Office Request for Certification Pay Increase for Telecommunicators

Director von Wolffradt began by explaining this is a holdover from previous meetings. He and Sheriff Bishop have briefly discussed the increase and percentages that were reallocated to both PSAP operations. These new amounts will cover the certification pay.

Administration recommends denying this request because of it being covered elsewhere. Bob explained that Administration recommends moving the funding level to 63%, which will be discussed in Item 8 of this Agenda.

Boardmember Rice motioned to approve the denial of this request; Boardmember Pope seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AYES (4): Boardmembers: Bush, Pope, Rice and Hoebelheinrich
NAYS (0): None

Item 7 – Presentation and Acceptance of Annual Audit for Year Ended September 2021

Mike Rains, Finance Director, City of Abilene began by stating this was prepared by BKD of Dallas in conjunction with the city's audit. Rains went over totals for expenditures and revenues.

He noted the total revenue was an increase from the projected amount, and kept the balance positive.

Boardmember Rice motioned to approve item as presented; Boardmember Hoebelheinrich seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AYES (4): Boardmembers: Bush, Pope, Rice and Hoebelheinrich
NAYS (0): None

Item 8 – Discussion and Approval of the Revised FY 2022 and Proposed FY 2023 Budget

Director von Wolffradt began by stating that the major change in FY 2022 to FY 2023 budgets will be found in the level of reimbursement to both dispatch centers. He notes that this is a substantial increase from previous years and that 67% of total expenditures is going directly to both dispatch centers. He went on to say that this will be monitored over the next twenty-four (24) months. Also being monitored, is the line counts, for dramatic fluctuations. At that point, it would be brought back to the board for discussion of increasing or decreasing the reimbursement amounts.

Chairman Bush notes that it has been a goal for some time that Administration could figure a way to supply the needs of both County and City dispatch centers through funding from the Board. He notes that he's most proud that Administration did this and still has reserves for unforeseen issues.

Bob adds that with the flooding at the City PD location, and forced dispatch relocation to the shared backup dispatch center at City Hall, proved that it was sufficient fifteen (15) or more years ago. Due to growth in our jurisdiction, it proved to be ineffective. He states that there is contingencies set aside, even with the reimbursement increase, for the purpose of a different facility for backup dispatch operations for city and county. He will begin searching for facilities for either relocation or rebuild.

Chairman Bush asks about the 911 outages in the surrounding jurisdictions and states that he was unable to get more information. Bob states that details about that were not clear and he could not get a definite answer on what caused the outage.

Boardmember Pope motioned to accept the item as presented. Boardmember Rice seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AYES (4): Boardmembers: Bush, Pope, Rice and Hoebelheinrich
NAYS (0): None

Item 9 – Discussion and Approval of Setting the Emergency Service Fee for FY 2023

Bob began by stating historically, Administration has set fees by a percentage of AT&T base rates. In the last few years, AT&T has raised rates significantly. Therefore, Administration has calculated a flat fee of \$1.68 for residential, \$8.70 for business and \$8.70 for trunk lines. He adds that there has been a decrease in residential due to moving to cell phones but an increase in business and trunk lines.

Boardmember Rice motioned to approve the item as presented. Boardmember Pope seconded the motion. Motion carried.




AYES (4): Boardmembers: Bush, Pope, Rice and Hoebelheinrich
NAYS (0): None

Adjournment

Boardmember Rice motioned to adjourn. Boardmember Pope seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AYES (4): Boardmembers: Bush, Pope, Rice and Hoebelheinrich
NAYS (0): None

Board Chairman, DeWayne Bush, Adjourned meeting at 2:31 pm.

Approved:	
Chairman:	
Date:	9-28-22
Attested by:	
Board Secretary	
Date:	9/28/22