

# **ABILENE / TAYLOR COUNTY 9-1-1 DISTRICT**

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The Abilene / Taylor County 9-1-1 District Board met in special session on December 18, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. at 4310 Buffalo Gap Rd. #1246, Abilene, TX (South Branch, Mall Library).

## **Members Present:**

DeWayne Bush, County Representative and Chairman  
Tommy Pope, County Representative  
Vincent Cantu, Municipal Representative  
Michael Rice, Municipal Representative  
Jon Hoebelheinrich, VFD Representative - Absent

## **Staff Present:**

Troy Swanson, 9-1-1 Program Director  
Sharla Allison, 9-1-1 Board Secretary

## **Others Present:**

Lindsey Hoxsey, Abilene Police Department  
Kelley Messer, City of Abilene, Legal  
Joan Duran, City of Abilene, IT  
Stevie Dora, Taylor County  
Chairyl Clark, Taylor County

## **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 – Public Comments on Any Item on the Agenda**

Chairman Bush noted that there were no Public Comments.

## **Item 4 – Approval of Board Minutes from February 28, 2024 Board Meeting**

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

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

February 28, 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, Accept and Acknowledge the Receipt of Funds from Proposition 8 – Next Generation 9-1-1 Service Fund – House Bill 9 (HB 9) – Texas Broadband Infrastructure Fund – in the amount of \$1,082,797.50 for NG9-1-1 implementation. (BR25-01 – Resolution)**

The Board discussed and approved the receipt of \$1,082,797.50 from the Texas Broadband Infrastructure Fund (House Bill 9) for the implementation of Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) services. Swanson explained that the funds, secured through an application to the State of Texas, will be used specifically for NG9-1-1, with no funds from the 9-1-1 budget being used. This amount complements a previously received grant of over \$3 million for the same purpose. Boardmembers expressed support, with no objections raised, and the resolution was unanimously approved to accept the funds.

**Boardmember Rice motioned to acknowledge the item as presented; Boardmember Pope seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

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

**Item 6 – Discussion, Accept and Acknowledge the District Administration's recommendation of awarding the NG9-1-1, ESInet and Call Handling Equipment project to AT&T Enterprises, LLC. (BR25-02 – Resolution)**

The Board discussed and approved the recommendation to award the contract for the Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) system, including the Emergency Services IP Network (ESInet) and Call Handling Equipment, to AT&T Enterprises, LLC. The total project cost is \$3,945,674.80, with the first year's costs of \$2.5 million covered by the grant and House Bill 9 funds. The recurring annual cost for the next four years is approximately \$342,000, which will be offset by savings from deactivating older technologies.

Details on four optional enhancements, including text-to-9-1-1, GIS data validation, and a wireless redundancy option that will improve system functionality. The project is expected to begin in the first quarter of the year and be completed by end of year 2025.

The motion to approve the resolution passed unanimously.

**Boardmember Rice motioned to acknowledge the item as presented; Boardmember Cantu seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

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

## Adjournment

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

AYES (4): Boardmembers: Bush, Pope, Rice, and Cantu


NAYS (0): None

Board Chairman, DeWayne Bush, Adjourned meeting at 2:26 p.m.

ATTESTED:

  
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911 District Secretary

APPROVED:

  
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Board Chair

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City Attorney