

MINUTES OF JACKSON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #1

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

REGULAR

October 24, 2023

Those present were:

President: Richard Koch

1st Vice President: Nathan Sappington

Treasurer: Michael Malone

Secretary: Clarence Joines

Commissioner: Loren Solberg

Office Secretary: Christy Clark

Visitors: Kurt Janica, JCESD#3 & Craig Brooks, JCESD#2

1. Call to Order, Establish Quorum and Invocation:

The regular meeting of the Jackson County Emergency Services District was called to order by Richard Koch at 6:00 p.m. at the Vanderbilt Community Center in Vanderbilt, Texas with five Emergency Commissioners present.

2. Public Comments: None

3. Kurt Janica with JCESD#3- Radios:

The county has over the years relied on a VHF Conventional radio system, however we will be transitioning to a more advanced and effective communication system- the TxWarn Regional Radio system. The Regional Radio system offers several benefits, including enhanced coverage, improved clarity of communication, and greater interoperability with other agencies and organizations in our region. This transition is an essential step in ensuring that our agencies can communicate efficiently and effectively, especially during critical operations and emergencies. Effective the first of January 2024 TxWarn Regional Radio System will be the primary communication for county dispatch. Old VHF conventional channels will be monitored but no longer be patched. The JCESD#3 will be organizing training sessions and providing support to all personnel who will be using the TxWarn Regional Radio system. Unfortunately the county was not awarded the grant that he had applied for earlier in the year to help with the cost of new radios, therefore each organization will need to purchase new or refurbished radios that are equipped to be programmed for the new system.

Michael Malone made a motion to approve the purchase for six new mobile radios, five used mobile radios and twenty five handheld radios. The funds are to be taken from the district surplus. Clarence Joines seconded the motion. Motion passed.

4. Consent Agenda:

The minutes for September 19, 2023 were sent to each commissioner for reviewing.

Clarence Joines made a motion to approve the minutes and Loren Solberg seconded the motion. Motion passed.

5. Discuss and Take Action on:
 - A. Approve Monthly Financial and Budget Reports:
Nathan Sappington made a motion to approve the financial and budget reports for the month of September and Michael Malone seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 - B. Approve Bills Paid:
Nathan Sappington made a motion to approve bills paid and Michael Malone seconded the motion. Motion passed.
6. Office Secretary Report:
 - A. September Budgets were sent to all Departments.
 - B. Next month's meeting date will be set for November 14th.
7. Discuss and Take Action on Other Business: None
8. Executive Session (if required) for the following purposes: None
9. Adjournment: Clarence Joines made a motion that the meeting be adjourned at 7:13 p.m. and Michael Malone seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Clarence Joines, Secretary