MINUTES OF THE

MONTGOMERY COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF MANAGERS

REGULAR MEETING

January 29, 2026

CALL TO ORDER
CALL OF ROLL

PRESENT:

Paul Virgadamo, President
Kathie Reyer, Member
Mike McClosky, EX- Oficio
Leonard Schneider, General Counsel
Chip VanSteenberg, Executive Director
Doug Adams, Member
Bobby Powell, Member

After a roll call by the Board President establishing a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by President Paul Virgadamo.

The meeting agenda, which was posted in accordance with the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, were presented.

Agenda folders containing data relating to agenda items had been furnished to Board Members prior to the meeting of the Board.

Agenda items were considered by the Board. The action taken concerning such items is shown on the official Board Action Sheet attached hereto and made a part of these Minutes.

After all business properly brought before the Board had been considered, the Board Meeting adjourned.

These minutes were approved at a regularly scheduled board meeting June 30, 2026. If needed, an official, signed copy may be obtained at the MCECD office

Public Comments
No one requested to address the Board.

Consent Agenda

> **A motion was made by Bobby Powell, seconded by Board member Doug Adams to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety, items 1 through 3. The motion carried with all in favor.**

Consider and take action on authorizing up to $120,000.0 of PSAP improvement program funds to provide local match for a US Department of Transportation grant that will provide the real-time status of train crossings to partner PSAP agencies.

Mr. VanSteenberg informed the board The Woodlands Fire Department applying for a federal grant from the US Department of Transportation's Safe Streets and Road Program and were recently notified they got approved. Mr. VanSteenberg stated that the funds would be used to develop a real-time railroad crossing monitoring system to improve emergency response routing and traffic management. The work will include a countywide Action Plan with regional partner coordination including Houston, computer-aided dispatch system integration to automatically redirect emergency responses and reroute traffic, and evaluation of crash and response-time reductions to inform future initiatives.

The estimated amount of the project is at $597,000 and the amount awarded is $477,000, leaving a gap of $120,000 to be paid through local matching funds. The Woodlands Fire Department is requesting using PSAP Improvement Grant Funds to provide the local match.

Mr. Virgadamo noted the action item and requested a motion.

> **Mr. Powell made the motion to approve the authorization up to $120,000 of PSAP improvement program funds to provide local match for a US Department of Transportation grant that will provide the real-time status of train crossings to partner PSAP agencies. Vice President Kathie Reyer seconded the motion.**
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> **The motion carried with all in favor**.

Consider and take action on authorizing purchase of three servers and related equipment for the district's administrative needs for an amount not to exceed $78,000.00

Mr.VanSteenberg informed
Mr. Virgadamo noted the action item and requested a motion to recognize the reappointments.

> **Mr. Powell made the motion to approve the updated policy and resolution 25-002, on the review and approval of the District's Investment Policy. Assistant Chief Doug Adams seconded the motion.**
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> **The motion carried with all in favor.**

Consider and take action on using PSAP Improvement Program funds to automate the processing of alarm calls at all PSAP's supported by the district.

Mr. VanSteenberg recommends approving the use of funds to process alarm calls at all PSAPS supported by the District in the case that any agency needs to automate alarm calls the system is available and ready for use.

Mr. Virgadamo noted the action item and requested a motion.

A motion was made by Mr. Powell to approve the use of PSAP Improvement Program funds to automate the processing of alarm calls at all PSAP's supported by the district. Assistant Chief Doug Adams seconded the motion.

The motion carried with all in favor.

Consider and take action on a renewal agreement with Rave Mobile safety for Rave Alert and Smart911 for the term October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026.

Mr. VanSteenberg noted that this item should be approved subject to final review by attorney. Mr. VanSteenberg informed the board that the district has been a customer for ten years using the services for powering the alerting system to notify residents in case of emergencies. Smart 911 allows residents to create profiles so that in the case of a 911 call the information residents have shared will be provided to dispatcher. Through LYME technologies the government contract price stands at $121,750.00

President Virgadamo noted the action item and requested a motion.

Mr. Powell made the motion to approve a renewal agreement with Rave Mobile safety for Rave Alert and Smart911 for the term October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026 contingent upon review and approval by the District's legal counsel. Assistant Chief Doug Adams seconded the motion.

The motion carried with all in favor.

Consider and take action on approving a proposal from Motorola Solutions, Inc. for a backroom hardware refresh for the Vesta call-handling solution.

Mr. VanSteenberg informed the board that the Vesta call-handling solution is typically upgraded and refreshed every five years. Mr. VanSteenberg recommends doing this in two phases with the back-room hardware and servers changed out first and workstations being replaced in the following fiscal year. Mr. VanSteenberg noted that the district budgeted 750,000 for this project in the fiscal year of 2026. Motorola Solutions is offering new hardware, licenses and support. The proposal from Motorola Solutions, Inc. is $254,871.08 for five years.

Mr. VanSteenberg further stated that Motorola's proposal included a new product called 911 Assist for an additional $398,953.20. This new package is driven by artificial intelligence to assist the call-taker. It includes a live transcription of the call that will also translate multiple languages. It keeps a running summary of the transcript that contains key details. The Smart 911 profile feature is built directly into the call screen, it includes a cloud-based mapping solution. Mr.VanSteenberg recommended no action on this part of the proposal until further evaluation and analysis.

President Virgadamo noted the action item and requested a motion.

A motion was made by Mr. Powell to approve a proposal from Motorola Solutions, Inc. for a backroom hardware refresh of the Vesta call-handling solution contingent upon review and approval by the District's legal counsel. Assistant Chief Doug Adams seconded the motion.

The motion carried with all in favor.

Consider and take action on Board Meeting dates and Holidays for 2026.

Mr. VanSteenberg noted the staff had prepared a draft schedule of meeting and holidays for the calendar year 2026.

President Virgadamo noted the action item and requested a motion.

A motion was made by Mr. Powell to approve the board meeting dates and holidays for 2026. Assistant Chief Doug Adams seconded the motion.

The motion carried with all in favor.

Executive Director's report on 9-1-1 call volume and answering performance

Mr. VanSteenberg reported on 9-1-1 call volume and answering performance.

Discussion only, no action taken.

Executive Director's report on items of community interest for which no action will be taken.

Mr. VanSteenberg reported on:

- New Building progress with Martinez Architect firm.
- 96% of all PSAPS are on NextGen 911
- **Discussion only, no action taken.**

Adjourn Meeting

President Virgadamo noted the action item and requested a motion.

Mr. Powell made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Assistant Chief Doug Adams seconded the motion.

The motion carried with all in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 12:59 p.m.