



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: December 10, 2012

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Commissioners Court Sponsor: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe

AGENDA LANGUAGE:

CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON APPOINTMENT OF BRAD BEARDEN AS THE TRAVIS COUNTY MEMBER ON THE STRATEGIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE NEWLY FORMED CAPITAL AREA EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS:

With the successful passage of Senate Bill 628 this past legislative session, our Council of Government (COG) is now able to change the way we manage 9-1-1 emergency communications in our region. The 9-1-1 Program at the Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) will no longer be under the oversight of a state agency, but will now allow local elected officials on the CAPCOG Executive Committee to have complete oversight. CAPCOG is now considered an Emergency Communications District which is governed by Chapter 772 (Subchapter G). The newly formed district is called the Capital Area Emergency Communications District (CAECD).

This request is to appoint Brad Bearden (Travis County Wireless Communications Manager within Emergency Services) as a Travis County member to the Strategic Advisory Committee, which will be a standing advisory committee of the newly formed CAECD. The Committee is based on population and composed of representatives from each county within the ten county region. The Committee will provide recommendations to the District Board of Managers to facilitate technology planning; review and recommend service fee levels; assist regarding development or revision of

9-1-1 policies and procedures for public answering points or integration of other emergency communications systems such as radio, emergency notification services, GIS, networking, software; and assist with review and options on uses of District funds.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Emergency Services recommends approval of this request.

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

This request is important so that Travis County can have representation regarding 9-1-1 related services and operations.

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

There is no fiscal impact in this request.

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

N/A