

The Board of Directors of the Emergency Communications District (ECD) of Nashville and Davidson County met in regular session at the Metro Emergency Communications Center, 2060 15th Avenue South. Chair Cleo Duckworth called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM and presided over the meeting with the following board members present: Lorinda Hale, Ruby Baker, Dan Dwyer, Bryan Pettus, and William Johnson. Board members Carolyn Baldwin Tucker and Rick Cowan were not in attendance. Others who attended the meeting included: Mark Lynam (ECD Admin), Stephen Martini, Dwayne Vance, Tim Watkins, Erin Williams, & Jimmy Matthews (Metro DEC), Russell Freeman (Legal Counsel), Tracey Drennon (Finn Partners), Rich Rairigh & John Buckner (ITS Dept).

Minutes

Ms. Hale made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 16, 2025 ECD board meeting. Ms. Baker seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously by voice vote.

Financial Report

Mr. Lynam went over the October financial report with board members. Cash available for operations as of October 31st totaled \$38,858,222. This consisted of \$189,302 in the ECD's checking account and \$38,668,920 in its LGIP account.

Mr. Lynam went over the various financial transactions that took place during the month. He reported that income for October totaled \$1,923,680 while expenses amounted to \$795,079. This resulted in a net gain of 1,128,601 for the month.

Mr. Hale made a motion to accept the financial statement as presented. Ms. Baker seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously by voice vote.

Public Awareness Update

Ms. Tiffany Childress provided board members with a copy of the November Rescue Rex report but was not present to review it with them.

Ms. Tracey Drennon went over the 911 Advertising report highlighting the various metric points that are being used to track customer involvement with our ads. She reported that all ads are performing well.

Street Name Change

Ordinance BL2025-1108 was submitted requesting approval to rename "South Street" to "King Hollands Ave". Mr. Lynam reported that DEC was aware of and in support of this name change. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the name change. Ms. Hale seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously by voice vote.

DEC Directors Report

Director Stephen Martini reviewed the monthly Director's Report with board members. His overview included vacancies, call compliance numbers, HubNashville requests, new Southeast Police Precinct coming live and how it will affect traffic on radio channels, TERT activations and Sabrina Jackson's new role as the TERT supervisor, and call processing performance trends over the past five years.

Director Martini announced that his department earned its 7th re-accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). DEC first earned accreditation in 2005 and has passed every four-year review since. He pointed out that this re-accreditation qualifies DEC for Meritorious Accreditation, a recognition given to agencies that maintain accredited status for 15 or more continuous years. Agencies with this distinction receive an enhanced certificate marked with a blue Meritorious ribbon. He also noted that Nashville is one of only 40 cities to earn CALEA's TRI-ARC award, which reflects accreditation across DEC, the Metro Nashville Police Department, and the MNPD Training Academy.

Director Martini stated that DEC is currently exploring AI powered solutions with both Motorola and Prepared. Both companies are working toward an integrated CAD AI cloud-based solution. A long-term solution is expected in the 2027/2028 timeframe. It is conceivable that within the next 4-5 years DEC could replace its 911 phone system (Intrado), CAD system (Motorola), and logger system (NICE) with a single solution provided by one provider.

Hickory Villa Tower Site Proposal

Mr. Rich Rairigh and Mr. John Buckner from Metro's ITS Department apprised board members of the need for a new radio tower in the southeast portion of Davidson County. They provided a PowerPoint presentation which offered a project overview and explained why the Hickory Villa site was chosen over other properties that Metro had considered.

During the presentation it was pointed out that there are degraded areas in the southeast portion of Davidson County where police officers have trouble receiving and sending radio transmissions. Mr. Pettus suggested that Metro check to see if AT&T can help to improve coverage in this area through the FirstNet public safety broadband network.

At the end of the presentation board members were asked if they would consider contributing \$1 million toward the cost of the tower construction. Ms. Duckworth directed that this matter be placed on the January 2026 agenda for further discussion.

Adjournment

Ms. Duckworth stated that there would be no meeting in December. Director Martini asked if the January meeting could be moved from the 15th to the 22nd. Ms. Duckworth indicated that she might have a conflict but would check her schedule. All other board members were in favor of moving the meeting to January 22. Mr. Lynam will notify board members if meeting date is changed.

Upon proper motion by Ms. Hale and second by Mr. Johnson, the meeting adjourned at 2:15 PM.

Minutes submitted by Mark Lynam