



## NOTICE OF WORKSHOP MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ROCKWALL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT WILL MEET IN A WORKSHOP MEETING ON JUNE 2, 2016, AT 9:00 A.M. AT THE ROCKWALL COUNTY HISTORIC COURTHOUSE, 101 EAST RUSK, CITY OF ROCKWALL, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING THE FOLLOWING:

### WORKSHOP AGENDA:

1. Discussion of proposal from Judy Evens for Public Relations Contract Services authorizing the execution of a Professional Services Agreement, and all related issues; (Sweet)
2. Discussion of Open Space Master Plan, and all related issues; (Magness)
3. Discussion of a Resolution Authorizing the creation of the North Central Texas Regional 9-1-1 Emergency Communications District, and all related issues; (Auditor)
4. Discussion of report from Elections Administrator regarding the 2016 Primary and Runoff Election results analysis, and all related issues; (Sweet)
5. **COMMISSIONERS COURT REPORTS:**  
Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.0415, the County Judge and the County Commissioners may report on the following items: (1) expression of thanks, congratulations or condolences; (2) information about holiday schedules; (3) recognition of individuals; (4) reminders about upcoming County events; (5) information community events; (6) announcements involving an imminent threat to public health and safety.
6. **ADJOURN**

NOTE: THE COMMISSIONERS COURT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEMS IN ANY PARTICULAR ORDER. THE ROCKWALL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT COMPLIES WITH A.D.A. REQUIREMENTS. IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THIS PUBLIC MEETING AND YOU HAVE A DISABILITY THAT REQUIRES SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS AT THE MEETING, PLEASE CALL IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AT (972) 204-6000.



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**COMMISSIONERS COURT WORKSHOP REQUEST FORM**

**NAME:** Judge Sweet

**WORKSHOP DATE:** 5-31-16

**TOPIC TO BE DISCUSSED:**

**Discussion of proposal from Judy Evens for Public Relations Contract Services authorizing the execution of a Professional Services Agreement, and all related issues;**

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS CONTRACT SERVICES PROPOSAL**

### **for ROCKWALL COUNTY JUDGE DAVID SWEET**

*Submitted May 2, 2016*

*By Judy Evans*

Public relation services involve several aspects that are designed to promote and protect Rockwall County Commissioners Court and to provide better communication between the court and the community it serves. The following is a proposal to provide prospective services for Rockwall County Commissioners Court:

1. Working with County Judge Sweet to compose a monthly column for release to newspapers;
2. Composing press releases for newspapers on an as-needed basis;
3. Providing updates to the county website with news articles, regular and special meeting schedules and other information of interest to county residents such as upcoming special events;
4. Designing and helping to maintain a current news page for the county website dedicated to events listed above in items 1-3;
5. Coordinating with an assigned photographer to have photos taken at special county events and at meetings, which would include getting the names of people in photos and putting emphasis on *action shots* rather than *grip and grin* photos;
6. Composing feature articles of interest to county residents. These would include stories that highlight and promote county commissioners, other county officials and employees, interesting historical facts and information about current events and bond programs.  
*(A good example of #5 and #6 would be the retirement ceremony recently held for Brett Gilbert during a Commissioners Court meeting.)*
7. Writing and designing an online newsletter for the county website. The newsletter could be on a monthly or quarterly basis.
8. Providing written material for brochures and working with a graphics artist on their design and production;
9. Website review to maintain an up-to-date site.

Additionally, I would be available for public relations consultation should issues arise between Rockwall County officials, the news media or county residents. There are times when sensitive or "hot topic" issues require diplomacy to protect county governmental

bodies and/or individual officials that could extend beyond answering to the local press. I will be available to further discuss this issue with Commissioners Court.

Also available would be editing services for written material composed by County Judge Sweet and by County Commissioners.

I would be available to the court at all times, and I would attend regular Tuesday meetings or other meetings as needed.

**All work would be properly edited and submitted to news outlets copy-ready for print.**

**As with all projects, the ultimate goal would be to helghten the level of public knowledge and perception of and interest in Rockwall County government.**

### **Fee Structure:**

*The minimum fee for a monthly column (#1) would be \$75.*

*The monthly fee for items #1 through #4 would be \$500, which would include additional newspaper columns.*

*Monthly services for items #1 through #9 would be \$900.*

*For all services outlined in this proposal, the monthly fee would be \$1,100.*

### **Submitted by Judy Evans, Public Relations Consultant:**

Judy Evans is a graduate of Texas Tech University (majoring in Secondary Education and English). A 38-year resident of Rockwall, she started her career in the retail business as owner of a bed and bath boutique in North Dallas. After a few years of substitute teaching, she went to work for the Rockwall Success newspaper as a part-time reporter. After 17 years as a journalist serving as Editor of the Success and the Rowlett Record and as Senior Reporter and Columnist for the Dallas Morning News, Judy started a Public Relations Consulting business in 2004, serving for 11 years as PR Consultant for the City of Rockwall and about 9 years with Helping Hands.



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**COMMISSIONERS COURT WORKSHOP REQUEST FORM**

**NAME:** Commissioner Magness

**WORKSHOP DATE:** 5-31-16

**TOPIC TO BE DISCUSSED:**

Discussion of Open Space Master Plan, and all related issues;

## COMMISSIONERS COURT WORKSHOP AGENDA REQUEST

NAME: Lisa Constant Wylie

TITLE: County Auditor

REQUEST DATE: May 24, 2016 WORKSHOP DATE: May 31, 2016

REMARKS: See attached information from the 9-1-1 Regional Advisory Committee regarding the formation of an Emergency Communications District.

TOPIC TO BE DISCUSSED: Discussion of a Resolution Authorizing the creation of the North Central Texas Regional 9-1-1 Emergency Communications District.

**Sherri Moreno**

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**From:** Lisa Constant <lconstant@rockwallcountytexas.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 20, 2016 10:45 AM  
**To:** 'Sherri Moreno'  
**Subject:** FW: 911 District Info  
**Attachments:** Rockwall County Judge Honorable David Sweet Letter.pdf; Untitled attachment 00016.htm; Letter Attachments.pdf; Untitled attachment 00019.htm; COUNTY OF Rockwall RESOLUTION.DOCX; Untitled attachment 00022.htm; NCTCOG\_911\_Cities.pdf; Untitled attachment 00025.htm; 911 Questions & Answers.pdf; Untitled attachment 00028.htm

**From:** David Sweet [mailto:dsweet@rockwallcountytexas.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 20, 2016 10:31 AM  
**To:** Lisa Constant <lconstant@rockwallcountytexas.com>  
**Subject:** Fwd: 911 District Info

Sent from my iPhone

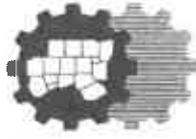
Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Poindexter, Mark" <MPoindexter@rockwall.com>  
**Date:** May 20, 2016 at 10:04:03 AM CDT  
**To:** "'David Sweet (dsweet@rockwallcountytexas.com)'" <dsweet@rockwallcountytexas.com>  
**Subject:** 911 District Info

Ok I am sorry if I have confused you with any of the information I have sent or presented. You do not need to the ILA (Inter Local Agreement) document I included in the ESC packet for the last meeting. The R.S.O. has a ILA on file and they will renew it as needed. Attached you have the letter to you from Judge Horn, a copy of the Emergency Communication District Questionnaire, a copy of the Resolution, copy of NCTCOG 911 District Map and the frequent asked question/answers. The questionnaire is just to tell us where your jurisdiction stands if you do not vote to sign resolution.

Mark A. Poindexter, CFE  
Fire Chief  
City of Rockwall  
385 South Goliad Street  
Rockwall, Texas 75087  
Office: 972-771-7770  
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North Central Texas Council Of Governments

Honorable David Sweet  
County Judge  
Rockwall County  
101 East Rusk, Room 202  
Rockwall, TX 75087

Dear Judge Sweet,

The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) currently administers the State's 9-1-1 Program for your city/county, as directed by legislation enacted in 1987. NCTCOG is recognized nationally as a leader in the provision of 9-1-1 services. They have more than met the legislative charge of providing emergency dispatch centers with the latest and best available equipment and technology; and assuring that this equipment and technology is operating or backed up on a 24 hour/365 day basis. Additionally, they have actively assisted with the training and certification of dispatch center personnel.

I am writing this letter to you on behalf of the NCTCOG 9-1-1 Regional Advisory Committee, which is made up of elected and appointed officials from the entities which are served by the NCTCOG 9-1-1 program. We believe there is a positive opportunity for the participants in the NCTCOG program to have a real and larger impact on policy and fiscal matters than is now available through the state administrative program.

In the most recent legislative session, the Health and Safety Code was amended by SB 1108/HB 3462 to permit Councils of Governments/Regional Planning Commissions to establish Regional Emergency Communications Districts (ECD). We see a lot of potential advantages and opportunities that would be to our benefit by creating an ECD. I will attempt to lay out our reasoning in the following paragraphs.

Currently, our citizens and businesses are charged 50 cents on their phone bills to pay for 9-1-1 services. This money is remitted to and held by the state until the legislature appropriates all or part of the funds collected to the Texas Commission on State Emergency Communications (CSEC). CSEC then allocates these funds to councils of governments. The problem is that the Legislature does not always appropriate all of the funds collected, but rather retains some of the funds to show (on paper) a balanced state budget. Currently, the state is holding over \$150 million. Over 15% of this amount has been collected from our Region.

If we were to create an ECD, the monies collected through the maximum 50 cent fee would be remitted in their entirety to this district. The major benefit from this, aside from all the funds collected in our region coming back to it, is that a long-range strategic plan could be adopted outlining future capital improvements and replacements for our dispatch centers based on a known and reliable stream of revenue. Under the present situation, we have no certainty of the amount of funding that the region will receive during any given biennium. This results in a lot of inefficiencies because long-term planning for capital equipment is difficult to do.

The other major benefit to be realized from having our own district is one of local control. Policy and budgetary matters would be decided by a Board of Directors consisting of local elected officials from entities served by NCTCOG's 9-1-1 Program. An initial ECD Board of Directors consisting of a representative from participating entities would meet to determine the size of the permanent Board, and the qualifications of its members. At least two-thirds of the initial Board members must be elected officials.

The new law specifies that councils of governments, NCTCOG in our case, will continue as staff to the district. This assures that there will be no disruption to the current services provided to our citizens and businesses through the already existing dispatch centers.

The new law requires that the governing body of each entity now served by a councils of governments pass a resolution calling for the creation of an ECD. Many of our entities have already indicated an interest in doing so. Thus, the Regional Advisory Council is now reaching out to everyone to see if there is a broader interest in creating a district. Please use the enclosed form to let us know of your preference and/or if you would like to have a meeting to learn more about this matter and to get any questions answered. Also enclosed is a sample resolution, which can be used if you are ready to support the creation of an EDS. The final enclosure is a membership list for the Regional Advisory Committee. Please submit your response forms or resolutions to Mike Eastland, the NCTCOG Executive Director, using the contact information below. I would also encourage you to call me at 903-408-4146, if you have any questions. Other members of the Advisory Committee will be happy to receive inquiries.

Yours Truly,



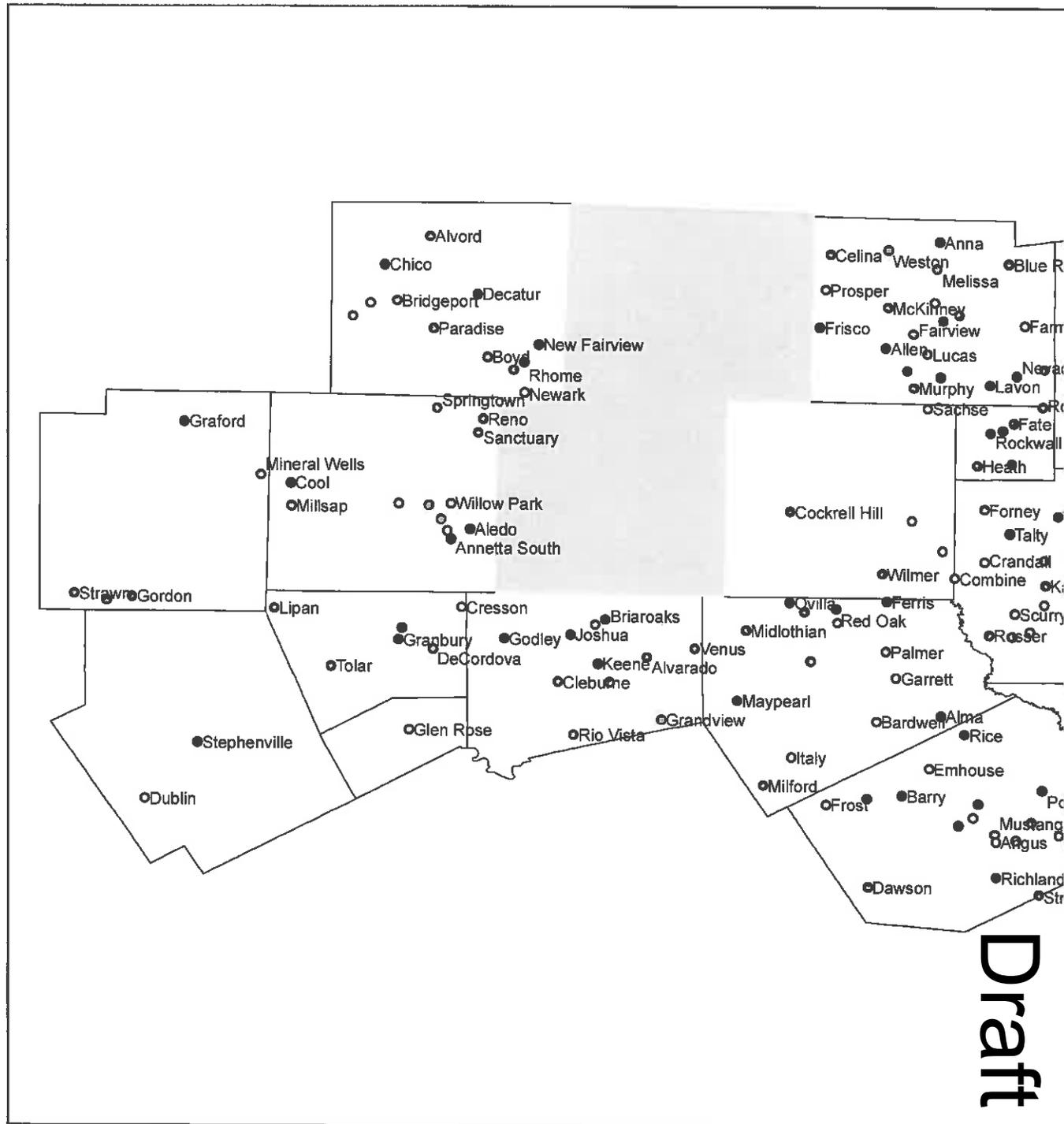
John Horn  
County Judge, Hunt County  
Chair, 9-1-1 Regional Advisory Committee

Contact information for Mike Eastland is:  
Mailing Address: PO Box 5888, Arlington, Texas 76005  
Email Address: [meastland@nctcog.org](mailto:meastland@nctcog.org)  
Phone: 817-695-9101  
Fax: 817-704-2543

Enclosures:  
Questionnaire Form  
Resolution  
9-1-1 Regional Advisory Committee Membership List  
Frequently Asked Questions

# North Central Texas Council of Government Regional 9-1-1 Program

○ Caddo Mills	● Hudson Oaks	● Parker
○ Campbell	○ Italy	○ Pecan Hill
● Celeste	○ Josephine	○ Post Oak Bend City
○ Celina	○ Joshua	● Powell
● Chico	○ Kaufman	○ Princeton
○ Cleburne	○ Keene	○ Prosper
● Cockrell Hill	○ Kemp	○ Quinlan
○ Combine	○ Kerens	● Red Oak
○ Commerce	○ Lake Bridgeport	○ Reno
● Cool	● Lavon	○ Retreat
● Corsicana	○ Lipan	○ Rhome
○ Cottonwood	○ Lone Oak	● Rice
○ Coyote Flats	● Lowry Crossing	○ Richland
○ Crandall	○ Lucas	○ Rio Vista
○ Cresson	○ Mabank	● Rockwall
○ Cross Timber	● Maypearl	○ Rosser
○ Dawson	○ McKinney	○ Roysse City
○ DeCordova	○ McLendon-Chisholm	○ Runaway Bay
● Decatur	○ Melissa	○ Sachse
○ Dublin	○ Midlothian	○ Sanctuary
○ Emhouse	○ Mildred	○ Scurry
○ Eureka	○ Milford	○ Seagoville
○ Fairview	○ Millsap	○ Springtown
○ Farmersville	○ Mineral Wells	● St. Paul
○ Fate	○ Mingus	● Stephenville
● Ferris	● Mobile City	○ Strawn
○ Forney	○ Murphy	○ Streetman
● Frisco	○ Mustang	● Talty
○ Frost	○ Navarro	● Terrell
○ Garrett	● Nevada	○ Tolar
○ Glen Rose	○ New Fairview	● Union Valley
● Godley	○ New Hope	○ Venus
○ Goodlow	○ Newark	○ Waxahachie
○ Gordon	● Neylandville	○ Weatherford
● Graford	○ Oak Grove	○ West Tawakoni
● Granbury	○ Oak Leaf	○ Weston
○ Grandview	○ Oak Ridge	○ Willow Park
○ Grays Prairie	● Oak Valley	○ Wilmer
○ Greenville	● Ovilla	● Wolfe City
○ Hawk Cove	○ Palmer	
○ Heath	○ Paradise	



## COUNTY OF ROCKWALL RESOLUTION

### A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL 9-1-1 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 772, Subchapter H, of the Texas Health and Safety Code, cited as the Regional Emergency Communications District Act (the “act”), provides the creation of a Regional Emergency Communications District: and

**WHEREAS**, the act applies to a state planning region established under Chapter 391 of the Texas Local Government Code with a population of under 1.5 million, composed of counties and municipalities that operate a 9-1-1 system solely through a regional planning commission: and

**WHEREAS**, the Act requires that the governing bodies of each participating county and municipality in the region adopt a resolution approving the creation of the Regional Emergency Communications District (the “District”): and

**WHEREAS**, as of (xx xx, year), the County of Rockwall receives 9-1-1 system services operated through the North Central Texas Council of Governments, a regional planning commission;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNTY OF ROCKWALL  
AUTHORIZES THE CREATION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL 9-1-1  
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT**

Passed and approved on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_, 20xx at a regularly scheduled Commissioner’s Court Meeting of the County of Rockwall, Texas.

APPROVED:

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County Judge

ATTEST:

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## Emergency Communications District Questionnaire

The County/City of \_\_\_\_\_ supports the creation of an Emergency Communications District and plans to consider the passage of a resolution in favor of the district.

The County/City of \_\_\_\_\_ is interested in the creation of an Emergency Communications District for North Central Texas, but wants to participate in a meeting to get more information before considering a resolution in favor of the District.

The County/City of \_\_\_\_\_ does not support the creation of an Emergency Communications District.

Please send your response by mail, email, or fax to:

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## 9-1-1 Regional Advisory Committee Members:

Chair: Judge John Horn (Hunt County)  
Vice-Chair: Judge Bruce Woods (Kaufman County)  
Major Pam Palmisano (Collin County Sheriff's Department)  
Brett Latta (Navarro County Sheriff's Department)  
Judge Craig Johnson (Wise County)  
Chief Michael Jennings (City of Dublin)  
Judge Danny Chambers (Somervell County)  
Patrick Adams (City of Mineral Wells)  
Sheriff Roger Deeds (Hood County)  
Chief Mike Manning (Parker County)  
Commissioner Jerry Stringer (Johnson County)  
Chief Mark Poindexter (Rockwall County)  
Chief Victor Kemp (Dallas County)  
Chief Carl Smith (Ellis County)  
Mayor Steve Terrell (City of Allen)  
Chief Deputy Brian Peterson (Somervell County)

### Term Expiration:

#### December 2016

Sheriff Rodger Deeds – Representing Hood County  
Mayor Steve Terrell – Representing Urban County

#### December 2017

Patrick Adams – Representing Palo Pinto County  
Judge John Horn – Representing Hunt County  
Judge Bruce Woods – Representing Kaufman County

#### December 2018

Chief Mike Manning – Representing Parker County  
Chief Mark Poindexter – Representing Rockwall County  
Chief Victor Kemp – Representing Dallas County  
Commissioner Jerry Stringer – Representing Johnson County  
Judge Danny Chambers – Representing Somervell County  
Chief Carl Smith – Representing Ellis County  
Chief Deputy Brian Peterson – Representing Rural County

#### December 2019

Major Pam Palmisano - Representing Collin County  
Captain Brett Latta - Representing Navarro County  
Chief Michael Jennings – Representing Erath County  
Judge Craig Johnson – Representing Wise County

## Creation of a Regional Emergency Communications District Frequently Asked Questions

### **What is a regional emergency communication district?**

A regional emergency communication district is composed of counties and municipalities that operate a 9-1-1 system solely through a council of governments/regional planning commission.

### **What is required to start the process of creating a regional emergency communication district?**

Each county and municipality currently provided 9-1-1 services by the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) must pass a resolution calling for the creation of a district.

### **How is a governing board formed?**

Once all resolutions have been submitted, a meeting will be called and a representative from each county and municipality will be invited to attend for the purpose of determining the appropriate size of a governing board and the qualifications of its members. (At least 2/3 of these representatives must be elected officials.)

### **What are the responsibilities and powers of the governing board?**

- To set policies for the district.
- Adopt an annual budget.
- Adopt bylaws, rules and procedures governing operation of the district.

### **How is the district staffed?**

NCTCOG remains responsible for the day to day administration and operations of the district with services to be provided by its professional 9-1-1 staff.

### **Does the creation of a district create another level of government with taxing power?**

- No, NCTCOG is already providing 9-1-1 support services to the same counties and municipalities that would be members of the district.
- No, the district by state law is prohibited from levying and collecting a tax.

### **How would the district be funded?**

The district would be funded by a maximum fee of \$.50 on telephone bills. All revenue would be remitted to the district.

### **How does this differ from the current funding method?**

- The \$.50 fee remains the same.
- The difference is all of the revenues would come directly to the district for 9-1-1 services.
- Currently, the revenues are sent to the State Comptroller and remain there until the Legislature appropriates them to the Commission on State Emergency Communications (CSEC) for disbursement to Councils of Governments across the state.
- The problem is the Legislature often does not appropriate all of the monies that have been collected from across the state, in fact, the state is holding approximately \$150 million dollars which could be used for 9-1-1 purposes as it is intended.

## Creation of a Regional Emergency Communications District Frequently Asked Questions

### **What are the benefits of being a district?**

- Local elected officials would have the authority and responsibility of determining the highest and best use of the revenue to best serve 9-1-1 needs.
- Local elected officials would establish the policies and rules for delivery of 9-1-1 services in the region rather than a state commission, CSEC.
- Better predictability of the amount of funds that will be available in future years, enables local officials to develop a longer range financial plan for capital expenditures which will bring about greater efficiency in the use of the revenue.
- Ability to enter into cooperative agreement with other 9-1-1 entities.

### **Are there any negative impacts that a district would have on public safety providers as a result of not being state controlled?**

No, the same services will continue as they have in the past. Call routing will remain the same as it now exists. After hours support and maintenance will continue to be provided by the highly trained and dedicated technical professionals on a 24 x 7 x 365 basis.

### **Are there any limitations on the ability for a district to be created?**

- The combined population of the entities to be served cannot exceed 1.5 million as of September 2015.
- The Texas State Demographer's population estimates, which are the official numbers used by CSEC, were presented to the Legislature at the time the enabling legislation was passed and confirmed that the 1.5 million population provision was met by NCTCOG.

## NCTCOG Generated Questions and Answers

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## **Other questions generated locally in Rockwall and the answers given:**

**If the local NCTCOG 911 funding district is created, will our district receive any of it previous contributions into the 150 Million state funds back?**

- No

**Who else has created such a district?**

- Capital Area COG and Houston-Galveston Area Council

**What if some City wants to pull out after the local 911 funding district is created?**

- They would have to go before Legislature to do so.

**If NCTCOG Region grows above 1.5 million population before the 911 funding district is created will it stop us from moving forward?**

- No

**Does it take all 100% of the 13 Counties and 136 Cities to pass resolution to form the 911 funding district?**

- Yes

**Is the amount collected per phone line capped at the \$0.50 cents or would this district make it to where the amount could be increased?**

- It is capped and cannot be increased.

**How much funding comes from NCTCOG region on an annual basis from the phone bills?**

- About 15% of 101,000,000. \*Projected Revenue for FY 2016-2017. This is revenue received by the comptroller's office. This is not what we are allocated.

**What is the target date to get this regional 911 funding district created?**

- August 31, 2017

**If you need more information please feel free to contact any of the individuals listed below:**

Mike Eastland, NCTCOG Executive Director

[meastland@nctcog.org](mailto:meastland@nctcog.org)

817-695-9101

Christy Williams, NCTCOG Director of 9-1-1

[cwilliams@nctcog.org](mailto:cwilliams@nctcog.org)

817-695-9204

Judge John Horn, Hunt County

Chair, 9-1-1 Regional Advisory Committee

903-408-4146

Mark Poindexter, Rockwall Fire Chief

Member, 9-1-1 Regional Advisory Committee

[mpoindexter@rockwall.com](mailto:mpoindexter@rockwall.com)

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