

The Board of Directors of the Emergency Communications District (ECD) of Nashville and Davidson County convened a special meeting for the purpose of approving a contract to hire a government relations specialist to help with 911 legislative issues that may be forthcoming from the Tennessee General Assembly. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the need to social distance the meeting was held virtually via WebEx. Board members in attendance included Cleo Duckworth, William Johnson, Lorinda Hale, Ruby Baker, Rick Cowan, David Gleason, and Susan Mattson. Board members Charlane Oliver and Eliud Trevino were not in attendance. Others attending the meeting were Mark Lynam, Larry Law, Steve Martini, and Russell Freeman.

Chair Cleo Duckworth called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM and presided over the meeting.

### **Opening Statement**

Chair Duckworth read an opening statement which explained the necessity for meeting by electronic means in light of the COVID-19 threat. She stipulated that Governor Bill Lee's executive orders 16, 34, 51, and 60 allowed us to do so.

### **Approve Contract for Government Relations Specialist**

Mr. Gleason reported that our legal counsel, Mr. Russell Freeman, had made the necessary changes to the contract. Mr. Will Denami has seen the contract and agreed to its terms. The contract has also been shared with board members and all have indicated that they are comfortable with it. Mr. Gleason made a motion for the board approve the contract for the services of Mr. Will Denami. Ms. Ruby Baker seconded the motion.

Ms. Duckworth took a roll call vote and the motion was approved unanimously by all board members in attendance.

Ms. Duckworth thanked all those who served on the Legislative Committee for getting this done in an expeditious manner.

### **Adjournment**

Upon proper motion by Ms. Hale and second by Ms. Baker the meeting adjourned at 9:20 AM.