

Bogata Crime Control and Prevention
Regular Meeting
October 6th, 2025, at 6:00pm

COMMUNITY CITY OF BOGATA 206 2ND ST NW, Bogata, Tx

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ESTABLISH A QUORUM

III. OLD BUSINESS – DISCUSS/ TAKE ACTION

1. Minutes from previous meeting
2. Bonds for Board Members 2022-2025
3. Bonds for current Board Members

IV. NEW BUSINESS – DISCUSS / TAKE ACTION

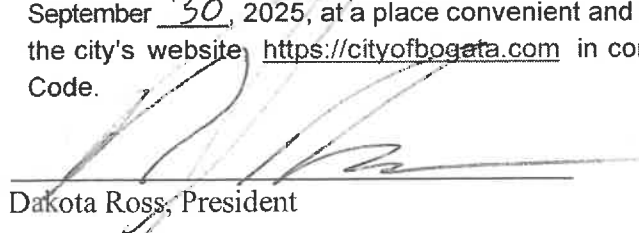
1. Approve lease payments on Police vehicle(s) in amount of \$13,438.27
2. Treasurer position – accept resignation of current treasurers and appoint successor
3. Prior Board issues including monitoring spending, receipts for items or services purchased, Amazon account (identify the owner of the account)
4. Treasurer Expense Report
5. Authorize audit of past District expenses and income.
6. Transfer of funds into salary account – temporary (Chief salary) .

V. Adjourn Meeting

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Crime Prevention District does not routinely list Executive Session items. This provision has been added to the agenda with the intent of meeting all elements necessary to satisfy TEX GOVT CODE 551.144(c). The Board may vote and/or act upon each of the items set out in this agenda. In addition, the Crime Prevention District Board has the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any matter authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney); 551.072 (Personnel Matters); 551.076 (Deliberation regarding the deployment of security devices or the implementation of security policy); 551.087 (Deliberations regarding Economic Development negotiations).

CERTIFICATE of POSTING :

I hereby certify that the above Called Meeting Notice was posted on the front door of City Hall on September 30, 2025, at a place convenient and readily accessible to the public at all times, and to the city's website <https://cityofbogata.com> in compliance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.


Dakota Ross, President

Bogata Crime Control and Prevention District Board

Official Minutes

Date: October 6, 2025

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Bogata City Hall, Bogata, Texas

I. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Bogata Crime Control and Prevention District Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by **Chairperson Dakota Ross**.

II. Roll Call and Quorum

Present:

- Chairperson Dakota Ross
- Cecil "Tex" Loftin
- Chris Kennedy
- Teresa Allison
- Melissa Kerby

Also Present: City Attorney David Hamilton, City Secretary Bobbie Jarvis, and members of the public.

A quorum was declared present.

Public Form: Patti Haney spoke on would there be money to pay any new law enforcement officers that might be hired without taking money from the fire department funds.

David Rozal spoke on bank statements for the last 3 years and where and how all the money was allowed to be spent. Who is to be held accountable?

III. Discussion – Financial Accountability and Records

Board members discussed the lack of complete financial documentation for district accounts. Concerns were raised regarding purchases made through personal or shared accounts without sufficient itemized receipts.

- **Member Loftin** questioned how expenses made through personal accounts are tracked and verified, noting that bank statements only display generic merchant names such as “Amazon” without itemization.
- **Member Allison** and **Member Kerby** agreed that financial documentation provided to the board has been incomplete.
- **Chair Ross** confirmed that efforts had been made by the City Secretary to obtain bank statements but acknowledged missing documentation.
- **Member Loftin** emphasized that under state law, the City Council must annually approve the Crime District budget, which has not occurred in prior years.

Outcome: The board agreed that improved documentation, transparency, and audit measures are necessary for compliance with financial and statutory requirements.

III a. Minutes from Previous Meeting

- **Motion:** made by Member Allison
- **Second:** by Member Kerby
- **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously 5-0

III b. Bond for Board members 2022-2025

- Chair Ross and Member Loftin will meet at city hall to try and locate bonds.

III c. Bonds for current Board Members

- Chair Ross asked Member Loftin to gather more information and come back before council.

IV. Discussion – Past Budgets and Expenditures

- **Member Kennedy** asked whether past Crime District budgets had ever been presented to or approved by the City Council.
- **Members Allison and Loftin** stated they had not seen such approval during their tenure.
- **Chair Ross** requested that any board member with copies of previous budgets provide them to the board for recordkeeping. **Member Allison** stated she may have such records and would make copies if available.

Additional discussion covered prior spending practices, including:

- Shifting of funds between accounts without formal documentation.
- Use of the Crime District debit card with a **\$300 spending limit**, previously held by **Chief Short**.
- Purchases for meals, airline tickets, and supplies made from district funds without full receipts.

- Board consensus that expenditures such as meals and airline tickets may not meet eligible spending guidelines.

Outcome: The board agreed to verify prior approvals for all expenditures and ensure receipt documentation is maintained for every transaction moving forward.

IV a. Police Vehicle(s) Lease Payment for the Month of October 2025

- **Motion:** made by **Member Loftin**
- **Second:** by **Member Kerby**
- **Vote:** Motion carried Unanimously 5-0

IV b. Resignation of Current Treasurer and Appointing of Successor

- **Member Kennedy** turned in resignation as treasurer.
 - **Motion:** **Member Allison** made a motion to accept Member Kennedy's resignation.
 - **Second:** by **Member Kerby**
 - **Vote:** Motion carried Unanimously 5-0
- **Motion:** **Member Loftin** made a motion to appoint David Hamilton as treasurer.
 - Second by **Member Kerby**
 - Motion carried Unanimously 5-0

V. Treasurer's Expense Report

Treasurer reported a balance of **\$17,348.27**, which includes quarterly lease payments through April.

Outcome: The board acknowledged receipt of the treasurer's report. No formal action taken.

VI. Authorization of Audit of Past District Expenses and Income

Motion: *Member Chris Kennedy* made a motion to authorize an independent audit of all past Crime District expenses and income to be conducted by David Hamilton City Attorney.

Second: *Member Teresa Allison*

Vote: Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Outcome: Audit authorized. Details of auditor selection to be determined at a later meeting.

VII. Transfer of Funds into Salary Account (Temporary)

The board discussed transferring funds to temporarily assist with city salary obligations pending the hiring of a new police chief.

- **Member Allison** asked if the city could reimburse the Crime Board for any transferred funds.
- **City Attorney** advised that such reimbursement is not permitted; any contribution would be a permanent district expenditure.
- **Member Kennedy** expressed support for temporarily assisting to ensure continuity of leadership.
- **Member Loftin** cautioned that funds cannot be spent unless properly budgeted and that a budget amendment would be required.
- **Chair Ross** and **Member Kennedy** agreed to review the situation following the City Council meeting to confirm hiring details and salary amount.

Motion: Member Kennedy moved to table the salary transfer decision until after the City Council meeting.

Second: Member Allison

Vote: Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Outcome: Action postponed pending updated financial data and confirmation of police chief's hiring terms.

VIII. Adjournment

With no further business, **Chairperson Dakota Ross** adjourned the meeting.

Motion: Member Loftin made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

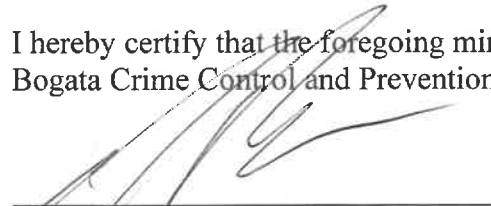
Second: Member Kerby

Vote: Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Adjournment Time: 6:55 p.m.

IX. Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct record of the proceedings of the Bogata Crime Control and Prevention District Board held on October 6, 2025.



Dakota Ross, Chairperson



Attest: Bobbie J Jarvis

Date Approved: 11.3.2025