

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 18, 2026 REGULAR MEETING OF
FORT BEND COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 9**

A regular meeting was duly called of the **FORT BEND COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 9** (the "District"), which was held on March 18, 2026, at the Needville Fire Station, 3323 Richmond Street, Needville, Texas 77461.

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by the President of the Board of Commissioners ("Board" or "Commissioners"), **Barbara Smolik**. Pursuant to Agenda Item 1, a roll call of the Commissioners was made, and a quorum was confirmed, to-wit:

Barbara Smolik	President
Keith Thumann	Vice President
Rex Havron	Secretary
Jon Norwood	Treasurer
RJ Reiser	Assistant Treasurer/Assistant Secretary

All members of the Board were present except Commissioner **Norwood**, thus constituting a quorum. Also present at the meeting were Monica A. Garza of Polley Garza PLLC, attorney for the District ("PG" or "Attorney"); Millie Dunmire of Artesian Financial Services, bookkeeper for the District ("Bookkeeper"); Chief Troy Svatek, Fire Chief of the Needville Fire Department ("FD"); Sparky Anderson, Captain of the FD, and Brandon Ordoyne, Treasurer of the FD.

Pursuant to Agenda Item 2, Commissioner **Smolik** led the meeting attendees in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner **Smolik** called up Agenda Item 3 and Ms. Garza administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner **Havron** who was re-appointed by the Fort Bend County Commissioners Court to serve as a Commissioner of the District.

Commissioner **Smolik** called up Agenda Item 4 regarding public comment; however, no public comments were offered.

Commissioner **Smolik** called up Agenda Item 5 regarding review of the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 18, 2026. Commissioner **Reiser** requested that such minutes be revised regarding the projected amount of sales and use tax revenue that the District is expected to receive during the fiscal year ending ("FYE") December 31, 2026. The Board concurred to revise the February 18, 2026 minutes and reconsider approval of same at the next meeting.

Commissioner **Smolik** called up Agenda Item 6 regarding review of the Financial Report. Ms. Dunmire reported that the District's general fund beginning balance was \$31,146.18 following the prior meeting, with subsequent receipt of tax revenue in the amount of \$248,312.51, sales tax revenue in the amount of \$51,278.80, and interest income in the amount of \$847.57. Ms. Dunmire went on to report that the current balance of the District's bank account at NewFirst Bank is \$22,270.48 and the balance of the TexPool account is \$2,945,566.74.

Ms. Dunmire next reviewed the invoices presented for approval at today's meeting, a copy of which is included in the Financial Report. Ms. Dunmire noted that check

no. 1127 payable to the Fort Bend County Tax Assessor-Collector was issued for payment related to the vehicle registration renewal for the pumper fire truck that the District acquired last year.

Ms. Dunmire next reviewed with the Board the actual versus budgeted income and expenses for the FYE December 31, 2026.

Ms. Dunmire then reviewed the Tax Collections Report for February, which is contained in the Financial Report, and stated that the District's 2024 taxes are 98.88% collected, while the District's 2025 taxes are 92.05% collected. Ms. Dunmire reported that \$18,431.72 remains outstanding for tax year 2024 and \$137,336.52 remains outstanding for tax year 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner **Reiser**, seconded by Commissioner **Thumann**, to approve the Financial Report, as presented. After discussion, the motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0.

Commissioner **Smolik** called up Agenda Item 7 and Chief Svatek reviewed with the Board the monthly report from the FD, including the run-and-response report, manpower status, and equipment and apparatus reports. Chief Svatek reported that the FD responded to a higher number of mutual aid calls last month as the result of several structural fires that occurred in the area. Chief Svatek further reported that fire engine no. 73 is back at Siddons-Martin Emergency Group for repairs following an accident last year. Chief Svatek stated that the FD has received \$140,000.00 from the insurance provider and they are working to receive an additional \$20,000.00 for repairs.

Chief Svatek next reported that two (2) new crew members will attend a new-hire orientation next week, which will bring the total number of paid duty crew members to twenty (20). Captain Anderson reported that the FD is creating an action plan for volunteers and paid duty crew members when responding to major emergencies.

Chief Svatek then reviewed with the Board several upcoming community events that the FD will participate in or host.

Mr. Ordoyne then reviewed with the Board the FD's financial report, including certain larger expenditures. Chief Svatek noted that since the FD is now scheduling three (3) crew members per shift, the payroll expenses have increased. Chief Svatek stated that the FD intends to hire additional personnel. Chief Svatek further stated that several large expenditures are expected in April and May, including workers compensation premiums and preventative maintenance on certain equipment.

Commissioner **Smolik** called up Agenda Item 8; however, Ms. Garza stated there was no update to report this month.

Commissioner **Smolik** called up Agenda Item 9 relating to community matters and Chief Svatek stated that the FD will participate in a public relations event next month in conjunction with a local church. Chief Svatek stated that the FD will bring a fire truck to the event for public viewing.

Commissioner **Smolik** called up Agenda Item 10 and Chief Svatek reviewed with the Board a quote from Fire Trucks of Texas, via the BuyBoard Purchasing Cooperative ("BuyBoard"), in the amount of \$361,500.00 for the purchase of a 2026 Peterbilt

Model 548 truck with a 2,000-gallon tank. Chief Svatek reported that he obtained a proposal from Metro Fire Apparatus Specialists, Inc. for the same vehicle; however, the cost was approximately \$80,000.00 higher. Chief Svatek further reported that he solicited a proposal from Siddons Martin for the same vehicle, but they declined to provide a proposal. Chief Svatek stated that there is a lead time of approximately 12 – 16 months to receive the truck. Discussion ensued regarding the specifications of the truck and possible purchasing and financing options. A motion was made by Commissioner **Reiser**, seconded by Commissioner **Havron**, to authorize the purchase of the 2026 Peterbilt truck through BuyBoard at the price of \$361,500.00, subject to the Attorney finalizing the Purchase Agreement for same. After discussion, the motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0.

Ms. Garza then explained that Section 551.072, Texas Government Code, known as the Open Meetings Act, allows the Board to enter into a closed session for deliberation regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.

Ms. Dunmire exited the meeting at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended, specifically Section 551.072 pertaining to deliberation regarding real property, Commissioner **Smolik** convened the Board in Executive Session at 7:49 p.m. to discuss the potential acquisition of 3323 Richmond Street. The persons participating in the Executive Session were all members of the Board present, Chief Svatek, Captain Anderson, Mr. Ordoyne, and Ms. Garza.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Commissioner **Smolik** then reconvened the meeting in open session at 8:22 p.m.

There being no further business brought before the Board, upon motion made, the meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.


Secretary of the Board