

**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 15, 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 April 15, 2026, at the Needville Fire Station, 3323 Richmond Street, Needville, Texas 77461.

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 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, 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"); 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 regarding public comment; however, no public comments were offered.

Commissioner **Smolik** called up Agenda Item 4 regarding review of the minutes of the regular meetings held on February 18, 2026, and March 18, 2026. A motion was made by Commissioner **Norwood**, seconded by Commissioner **Havron**, to approve the minutes of the regular meetings held on February 18, 2026, and March 18, 2026, as presented. After discussion, the motion was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

Commissioner **Smolik** called up Agenda Item 5 regarding review of the Financial Report. Ms. Dunmire reported that the District's general fund beginning balance was \$22,270.48 following the prior meeting, with subsequent receipt of tax revenue in the amount of \$38,759.04, sales tax revenue in the amount of \$77,370.48, and interest income in the amount of \$160.21. Ms. Dunmire went on to report that the current balance of the District's bank account at NewFirst Bank is \$19,233.68 and the balance of the TexPool account is \$2,969,325.99.

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 the Bookkeeper's invoice contains an error and was removed from the Bookkeeper's Report.

Ms. Dunmire next reviewed with the Board the actual versus budgeted income and expenses for the FYE December 31, 2026. Discussion ensued regarding the District's budget and sales tax revenue.

Ms. Dunmire then reviewed the Tax Collections Report for March, which is contained in the Financial Report, and stated that the District's 2025 taxes are 93.86% collected. Ms. Dunmire reported that \$106,640.54 remains outstanding for tax year 2025.

Next, Ms. Dunmire reviewed the quarterly investment report for the period ending March 31, 2026.

A motion was made by Commissioner **Thumann**, seconded by Commissioner **Norwood**, to approve the Financial Report, as presented. After discussion, the motion was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

Commissioner **Smolik** called up Agenda Item 6 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 fire engine no. 73 is back in service, while fire engine no. 72 is being inspected due to issues caused by flooding.

Chief Svatek next reported that the FD currently has twenty (20) paid duty crew members; however, one (1) crew member is leaving at the end of the month. Chief Svatek further reported that two (2) new applicants were interviewed today. Chief Svatek stated that the FD's goal is to have a total of thirty (30) paid duty crew members. Chief Svatek further stated that the FD needs at least three (3) crew members per shift, although it would be ideal to schedule ten (10) crew members per shift. Chief Svatek then reviewed the various training events held by the FD last month.

Commissioner **Reiser** inquired about the increased response time for calls received last month, and Chief Svatek explained that several of the calls were placed from locations within the District that are far from the fire station. Chief Svatek then reported that by March 31<sup>st</sup>, the FD had responded to 285 calls, which is 70 more calls than the FD had responded to by the same time last year.

Mr. Ordoyne then reviewed with the Board the FD's financial report. Mr. Ordoyne stated that several large expenditures are expected next month, including insurance and workers compensation premiums.

Commissioner **Smolik** called up Agenda Item 7 and Ms. Garza reported that PG submitted the Annual Voting Systems Report to the Secretary of State for the May 2025 Sales and Use Tax Election. Ms. Garza further reported that the District received one (1) Public Information Act request in the last month and stated that PG timely responded by providing responsive documents and referring the requestor to the District's website.

Commissioner **Smolik** called up Agenda Item 8 relating to community matters and Chief Svatek stated that the FD will participate in several public relations events next month in conjunction with a local church and Girl Scout troop.

Commissioner **Smolik** called up Agenda Item 9 and Ms. Garza reminded the Board that it previously approved 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. Ms. Garza then presented an Apparatus Purchase Agreement with Fire Trucks of Texas (the "Agreement"). A motion was made by Commissioner **Havron**, seconded by Commissioner **Thumann**, to approve the Agreement. After discussion, the motion was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

Commissioner **Reiser** then reported that the City of Needville (the "City") wants to proceed discussing with the District options for the sale of property for future fire station(s). Commissioner **Reiser** further reported that because the Board is interested in acquiring a separate property to expand the District's facilities, he asked a real estate agent to provide information regarding comparable sales in areas where the District may potentially acquire land. Extensive discussion then ensued regarding the City's offer to the FD for improvements to the fire station at 3323 Richmond Street, acquiring property in areas of the District where development is growing, and staffing matters related to same. The Board concurred that Commissioners **Havron** and **Reiser** will look at areas in the East side of the District where the FD could potentially expand its facilities.

There being no further business brought before the Board, upon motion made, the meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

  
Secretary of the Board

