

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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 **Reiser**, 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. Commissioner **Thumann** was also in attendance as Administrator 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 meeting held on June 17, 2026. Commissioner **Norwood** requested that going forward, the minutes reflect that the motions made to approve the Financial Report also include the Board's approval of payment of the checks contained in the report. A motion was made by Commissioner **Thumann**, seconded by Commissioner **Norwood**, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 17, 2026, as presented. After discussion, the motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0.

Commissioner **Smolik** called up Agenda Item 7 and Ms. Garza reviewed with the Board a memorandum regarding Commissioner **Thumann's** dual roles as a Commissioner on the Board of the District and an employee of the FD. Ms. Garza explained certain situations in which Commissioner **Thuman** will need to abstain from discussion on and votes taken by the Board, particularly items that will have an economic effect on the FD. Ms. Garza stated that Commissioner **Thumann** will need to sign a conflict-of-interest affidavit whenever he is required to abstain from discussion and voting on matters that have an economic effect on the FD.

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 \$20,953.68 following the prior meeting, with subsequent receipt of tax revenue in the

amount of \$12,252.52 and sales tax revenue in the amount of \$58,807.64. Ms. Dunmire stated that \$105,000.00 was transferred from the District's TexPool account to the District's operating account to cover disbursements approved in June and presented today. Ms. Dunmire further reported that the current balance of the District's bank account at NewFirst Bank is \$19,060.95 and the balance of the TexPool account is \$2,785,967.78.

Ms. Dunmire then 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. 1154 payable to the FD in the amount of \$68,965.00 relates to the purchase of the 2026 Chevrolet Silverado to be used as the Chief's vehicle.

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

Ms. Dunmire then reviewed the Tax Collections Report for May, which is contained in the Financial Report, and stated that the District's 2025 taxes are 97.0% collected. Ms. Dunmire reported that \$52,211.13 remains outstanding for tax year 2025. Ms. Dunmire next reviewed the sales tax revenue report.

A motion was made by Commissioner **Norwood**, seconded by Commissioner **Havron**, to approve the Financial Report, as presented, including payment of bills and issuance of checks, except for check nos. 1153 and 1154. After discussion, the motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0.

A motion was made by Commissioner **Norwood**, seconded by Commissioner **Havron**, to approve payment of check nos. 1153 and 1154 to the FD. After discussion, the motion was approved by a vote of 3 votes in favor and 1 vote in abstention, with Commissioner **Thumann** abstaining.

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. Extensive discussion ensued regarding revising the format of the FD's monthly report.

Mr. Ordoyne then reviewed with the Board the FD's financial report. Mr. Ordoyne noted certain expenses including a charge in the amount of \$1,156.18 for repairs to booster truck no. 72 and a charge in the amount of \$3,950.00 for the replacement of the front and back doors at the fire station. Mr. Ordoyne then reported that he reached out to an electricity broker for assistance in reducing the electricity costs incurred by the FD.

Commissioner **Smolik** revisited Agenda Item 7 and Ms. Garza reminded the Board that the District's insurance coverage is expiring on September 20, 2026. Ms. Garza stated that a renewal proposal has not yet been provided by VFIS.

Commissioner **Smolik** called up Agenda Item 8 relating to community matters and Chief Svatek stated that the FD will be participating in an upcoming blood drive in July, an annual community barbecue in August, and a touch-a-truck event in September.

Commissioner **Smolik** called up Agenda Item 9 and reported that Commissioner **Reiser** informed her he is holding ongoing discussions with the City of Needville (the "City") regarding the District purchasing certain property owned by the City and the City potentially reimbursing the FD for the funds it paid to construct the building on 3323

Richmond Street. Extensive discussion then ensued regarding other locations where the District could potentially acquire land on which to expand the District's facilities and acquiring additional apparatus for use at future fire stations.

There being no further business brought before the Board, upon motion made, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.


Secretary of the Board

