



**Bell County Emergency Services District No. 1
Board of Commissioners
Regular Session Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2026**

1. Establish quorum/Call to Order

With a quorum present, a regular session meeting of Bell County ESD No. 1 was called to order by Mark McGraw at 6:31 p.m. on February 19, 2026.

Mark McGraw	Present
Mark Huppert	Present
Toby Hatton	Present
Jeff Kelley	Present
Melanie Kirchmeier	Present

2. Public Comment- none.

Presentation/Action Agenda

3. Discuss and consider approval of statement and oaths of office for appointed/reappointed commissioners.

Motion: Approve the statement and oath of office for Mark Huppert's reappointment to the Board of Commissioners.

Result: Passed unanimously

Mover: Toby Hatton

Secunder: Jeff Kelley

Ayes: Mark McGraw, Mark Huppert, Toby Hatton, Jeff Kelley, Melanie Kirchmeier

4. Approve the minutes of January 15, 2026, regular meeting.

Motion: Approve minutes as presented from January 15, 2026, regular meeting.

Result: Passed unanimously

Mover: Jeff Kelley

Secunder: Mark Huppert

Ayes: Mark McGraw, Mark Huppert, Toby Hatton, Jeff Kelley, Melanie Kirchmeier

5. Discuss and consider action on the Treasurer's report, outstanding bill obligation, and consolidated financial report, and invoiced payments made by ACH.

Motion: To approve treasurer's report.

Result: Passed unanimously

Mover: Toby Hatton

Secunder: Jeff Kelley

Ayes: Mark McGraw, Mark Huppert, Toby Hatton, Jeff Kelley, Melanie Kirchmeier

Motion: Approve invoiced payments made by ACH and Check

Result: Passed unanimously

Mover: Toby Hatton

Secunder: Mark Huppert

Ayes: Mark McGraw, Mark Huppert, Toby Hatton, Jeff Kelley, Melanie Kirchmeier

6. Discuss and consider action regarding the FY26 annual audit and authorize filing with the County.
Motion: To approve the Draft version of the FY26 annual audit
Result: Passed unanimously
Mover: Toby Hatton
Seconder: Jeff Kelley
Ayes: Mark McGraw, Mark Huppert, Toby Hatton, Jeff Kelley, Melanie Kirchmeier
7. Receive monthly report from the Salado Fire Chief regarding emergency operations, response times, call volume, management activities, training, personnel, and public information.
Members heard from Chief Jim Franz.
Discussed with no action taken.
8. Receive report from the Salado Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors.
Discussed with no action taken.
9. Discuss and consider action on Texas Comptroller Special Purpose District Financial and Tax Reporting Requirement.
Discussed with no action taken.
10. Discuss and consider the next meeting date and future agenda items.
Regular meeting to be on March 19th @ 6:30

ADJOURNED at 7:35 p.m.

Approved by the Board of Commissioners:



Toby Hatton, Secretary
Bell County Emergency Services District No. 1