



**Bell County Emergency Services District No. 1
Board of Commissioners
Regular Session Meeting Minutes
April 16, 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 6:35 p.m. on April 16, 2026.

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

2. Public Comment- none.

Presentation/Action Agenda

3. Approve the minutes of March 19, 2026, regular meeting.

Motion: Approve minutes as presented from March 19, 2026, regular meeting.

Result: Passed unanimously

Mover: Toby Hatton

Seconder: Mark Huppert

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

4. 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

Seconder: Melanie Kirchmeier

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

Motion: Approve invoiced payments made by ACH and Check

Result: Passed unanimously

Mover: Mark McGraw

Seconder: Melanie Kirchmeier

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

5. Discuss and consider action regarding budget amendments.

Motion: To approve budget amendment proposal #4

Result: Passed unanimously

Mover: Melanie Kirchmeier

Seconder: Mark Huppert

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

Motion: To approve budget amendment proposal #5
Result: Passed unanimously
Mover: Melanie Kirchmeier
Second: Mark Huppert
Ayes: Mark McGraw, Mark Huppert, Toby Hatton, Melanie Kirchmeier

6. Discuss and consider annual review of investment policy and investment strategies and adopt resolution.

Motion: Approve review of investment policy and investment strategies with no changes needed.
Result: Passed unanimously
Mover: Toby Hatton
Second: Melanie Kirchmeier
Ayes: Mark McGraw, Mark Huppert, Toby Hatton, Melanie Kirchmeier

7. Discuss and consider amendments to April 2025 lease agreement with Salado Volunteer Fire Department for Fire Station.

Motion: Amend the April 2025 lease agreement from \$5000.00 monthly to \$100,000.00 annually.
Result: Passed unanimously
Mover: Melanie Kirchmeier
Second: Mark Huppert
Ayes: Mark McGraw, Mark Huppert, Toby Hatton, Melanie Kirchmeier

8. Discuss and consider potential Sales Tax referendum for the November 2026 election.
Discussion was held with no action taken.


9. 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.
Discussion was held with no action taken.

10. Receive report from the Salado Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors.
Discussion was held with no action taken.

11. Discuss and consider the next meeting date and future agenda items.
Regular meeting to be on May 21st @ 6:30

ADJOURNED at 7:46 p.m.

Approved by the Board of Commissioners:



Toby Hatton, Secretary

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