



**Bell County Emergency Services District No. 1
Board of Commissioners
Regular Session Meeting Minutes
July 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 6:30 p.m. on July 16, 2026.

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

2. Public Comment- none.

Presentation/Action Agenda

3. Approve the minutes of June 18, 2026, regular meeting.

Motion: Approve minutes as presented from June 18, 2026, regular meeting.

Result: Passed unanimously

Mover: Jeff Kelley

Second: Melanie Kirchmeier

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

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: Mark Huppert

Second: Melanie Kirchmeier

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

Motion: Approve invoiced payments made by ACH and Check

Result: Passed unanimously

Mover: Mark Huppert

Second: Melanie Kirchmeier

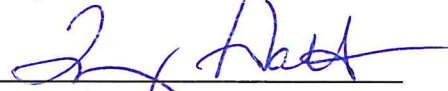
Ayes: Mark McGraw, Mark Huppert, Melanie Kirchmeier, Jeff Kelley

5. Discuss FY 2027 proposed budget items.
Discussion was held during the Budget Workshop. No further discussion taken.
6. Discuss and consider action on a resolution regarding a promissory note agreement, with Government Capital Corporation, for the purpose of procuring a ladder truck and related equipment.
Motion: To approve the promissory note agreement with Government Capital Corporation for financing of a ladder truck and related equipment.
Result: Passed unanimously
Mover: Jeff Kelley
Second: Mark Huppert
Ayes: Mark McGraw, Mark Huppert, Melanie Kirchmeier, Jeff Kelley
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 was held with no action taken.
8. Receive report from the Salado Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors.
Discussed was held with no action taken.
9. Review and approve quarterly investment reports for 1st and 2nd quarter.
Motion: To approve quarterly investment reports for 1st and 2nd quarters.
Result: Passed unanimously
Mover: Mark Huppert
Second: Melanie Kirchmeier
Ayes: Mark McGraw, Mark Huppert, Melanie Kirchmeier, Jeff Kelley
10. Discuss and consider the next meeting date and future agenda items.
Special Meeting to be July 30th @ 6:00 p.m. – To discuss District budget, hold record vote on proposed tax rate, schedule public hearing on proposed tax rate and approve publication of Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase.

Regular meeting to be on August 20th @ 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNED at 8:10 p.m.

Approved by the Board of Commissioners:



Toby Hatton, Secretary

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