



**Bell County Emergency Services District No. 1
Board of Commissioners
Special Meeting Minutes
July 31, 2025**

1. Establish quorum/Call to Order/Pledges

With a quorum present, a regular session meeting of Bell County ESD No. 1 was called to order by Mark McGraw at 6:32 p.m. on July 31, 2025.

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 action regarding FY 2025-26 budget.
Discussion with no action.
4. Discuss and consider action on 2025 tax rate, including;

Establishing proposed tax rate:

Motion: To propose tax rate of 0.10

Result: Passed

Mover: Jeff Kelley

Seconder: Melanie Kirchmeier

Mark McGraw – Yes

Mark Huppert – Yes

Toby Hatton - No

Melanie Kirchmeier – Yes

Jeff Kelley – Yes

Taking record vote and scheduling public hearing:
See Item #4 and Item #5.

Authorizing expense and publication of “Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase” in the Newspaper; and.

Motion: To authorize expense and publication of “Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase” in the Newspaper.

Result: Passed unanimously

Mover: Mark Huppert

Seconder: Mark McGraw

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

Acknowledging and approving posting of “Notice About 2025 Tax Rates” and “Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase” to home page of District website.

Motion: Acknowledging and approving posting of "Notice About 2025 Tax Rates" and "Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase" to home page of District website.

Result: Passed unanimously

Mover: Mark McGraw

Seconder: Mark Huppert

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

5. Discuss and consider the next meeting date and future agenda items.

Public Hearing August 14, 2025 @6:30pm

ADJOURNED at 7:15pm

Approved by the Board of Commissioners:



Toby Hatton, Secretary

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