



**Bell County Emergency Services District No. 1  
Board of Commissioners  
Special Meeting Minutes  
August 14, 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 6:33 p.m. on August 14, 2025.

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

2. Public Comment- none.

**Presentation/Action Agenda**

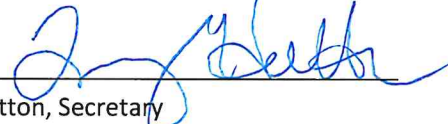
3. Discuss and take action on Resolution Adopting Budget for fiscal year October 1, 2025, to September 30, 2026.  
Motion: To adopt budget as presented for fiscal year October 1, 2025, to September 30, 2025.  
Result: Passed unanimously  
Mover: Mark Huppert  
Second: Jeff Kelley  
Ayes: Mark McGraw, Mark Huppert, Melanie Kirchmeier, Jeff Kelley
4. Conduct a public hearing on the proposal to increase property taxes.  
No citizens were in attendance to speak on the proposed property tax increase.
5. Take a record vote on the District's 2025 tax rate, adopt an Order Levying Taxes, and authorize filing the Order with the Bell County Tax Assessor/Collector.  
Motion: I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of ten cents per one-hundred dollars valuation, which is effectively a 5.93 percent increase in the tax rate.  
Result: Passed Unanimously  
Mover: Jeff Kelley  
Second: Melanie Kirchmeier  
Mark McGraw – Yes  
Mark Huppert – Yes  
Melanie Kirchmeier – Yes  
Jeff Kelley - Yes
6. Acknowledge and approve posting of statement regarding adopted tax rate to homepage of District website.  
Motion: To approve posting of statement regarding adopted tax rate to homepage of District website.  
Result: Passed unanimously  
Mover: Melanie Kirchmeier  
Second: Mark Huppert

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

7. Discuss and consider next meeting date and future agenda items.  
Regular Meeting August 21, 2025 @ 6:30pm

**ADJOURNED at 7:03pm**

Approved by the Board of Commissioners:

  
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Toby Hatton, Secretary

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