



**Bell County Emergency Services District No. 1
Board of Commissioners
Regular Session Meeting Minutes
August 20, 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 6:34 p.m. on August 20, 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 July 16, 2026, budget workshop.

Motion: Approve minutes as presented from July 16, 2026, budget workshop.

Result: Passed unanimously

Mover: Toby Hatton

Second: Mark Huppert

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

Approve the minutes of July 16, 2026, regular meeting.

Motion: Approve minutes as presented from July 16, 2026, regular meeting.

Result: Passed unanimously

Mover: Toby Hatton

Second: Melanie Kirchmeier

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

Approve the minutes of July 30, 2026, special meeting.

Motion: Approve minutes as presented from July 30, 2026, special meeting.

Result: Passed unanimously

Mover: Toby Hatton

Second: 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: Mark Huppert

Second: Mark McGraw

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

Motion: Approve invoiced payments made by ACH and Check

Result: Passed unanimously

Mover: Toby Hatton

Second: Mark Huppert

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

5. Discuss FY 2027 proposed budget items.

Discussion was held. No action taken.

6. Discuss with no action regarding 2026 tax rate.

Discussion was held. No action taken.

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

Next meeting date September 17, 2026.

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

ADJOURNED at 8:30 p.m.

Approved by the Board of Commissioners:



Toby Hatton, Secretary

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