



JASPER COUNTY

EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #1

P.O. BOX 2030

BUNA, TEXAS 77612

Commissioners:

Steve Hyden – President
Mark Mueller – Vice Pres
Billy Ted Smith – Sec/Tres
Tracy Shipley -Commissioner
Todd Walters - Commissioner

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

February 24, 2026

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF JASPER §
JASPER COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1 §

The Board of Commissioners (the "Board") of Jasper County Emergency Services District No. 1 (the "District") met in regular session, open to the public, at Jasper County Sub-Courthouse, 33625 US Hwy 96 South, Buna, Texas 77612, a meeting place inside the boundaries of the District, on Tuesday February 24, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. whereupon, the roll was called of the members of the Board, to- wit:

Steve Hyden	President
Mark Mueller	Vice – President
Billy Ted Smith	Secretary/Treasurer
Tracy Shipley	Commissioner
Todd Walters	Commissioner

Members of the Board were Dr. Steve Hyden, Billy Ted Smith, and Todd Walters, thus constituting a quorum. Board members absent were Mark Mueller and Tracy Shipley. Also attending the meeting were: the following: Larry McBride (Fire Chief), Randall Clark, and Monty Cartright and Justin Cude of Allegiance. A copy of the sign-in sheet is attached hereto.

WHEREUPON the meeting was called to order by the President Steve Hyden and evidence was presented that public notice of the meeting had been given in compliance with the law. The posted notices of the meeting are attached hereto.

Citizens Comments

None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Board considered approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of January 20, 2026, meeting, Upon a motion by Commissioner Walter and , seconded by Commissioner Smith, after full discussion and the question being put to the Board, the Board unanimously approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 20, 2026, as presented, and the certified agenda for same.

TREASURER REPORT AND PAYMENT OF BILLS

The Board considered approval of the Treasurer Report to include:

- a. Treasurer Financial Report presented by Treasurer Smith
- b. December Expense Approval Report presented by Treasurer Smith
- c. Investment Report presented by Treasurer Smith
 - On action to move funds from Education First Credit Union to the Operations Checking Account, Treasurer asked that \$433,310.06 be moved from EFCU to First State Bank of Livingston.
 - Upon a motion by Commissioner Billy Ted Smith seconded by Commissioner Todd Walters, that the amount of \$433,310.06 be moved from EFCU to First State Bank of Livingston. After full discussion and the question being put to the Board, the Board unanimously approve the above items as presented.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session

Discussion and possible action to authorize negotiations with Allegiance Ambulance Service for a new ambulance services contract due to the current agreement expiring on December 31, 2025. The Board may convene into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) and/or §551.072 (Real Property) and/or §551.087 (Economic Development/Negotiation), as applicable;

The board considered the new contract with Allegiance Ambulance with the addition of

1. Communications begin between the ambulance when making call/runs with the Buna Fire Department, and continue those conversations as necessary between the responders.
2. Install a dual band transceiver in the Buna Allegiance ambulance and any other units that make calls in the Buna District to have available and installed an 800 MHz and VHF radio with the District and Allegiance frequency as well as standard Interop talk groups.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Walters, seconded by Commissioner Smith after full discussion and the question being put to the Board, the Board unanimously approved the contract between the District and Allegiance as presented. The motion carried without opposition.

Justin Cude of Allegiance brought forth a discussion on the need of CPR and Stop the Bleed Course in the Community. He advised that Allegiance and the RACs and SETRAC could assist with classes. More information to come later.

EMS REPORT OF ALLEGIANCE AMBULANCE SERVICE

The Board considered approval of the EMS Report was presented by Allegiance manager Monty Cartright for the monthly activities for the month of January Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Walters after full discussion and the question being put to the Board, the Board unanimously approve the EMS Report of November as presented. This report is herein attached to these minutes.

REPORTS OF THE BUNA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Board considered approval of the Run Reports, Financial, Membership and other reports of the Department for the month of January by Fire Chief Larry McBride. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Walters and after full discussion and the question being put to the Board, the Board unanimously approved Run Report of January and other membership and financial statements as presented.

REPORT OF PROGRESS ON THE CAIRO SPRINGS STATION ON FM 1005 AND ANY CHANGE ORDERS OR OTHER MATTERS

Commissioner Hyden gave a report of activities and construction of the new station.

Commissioner Smith gave a report of activities and construction of the new station.

UPDATE STATUS OF CAIRO SPRINGS STATION

N&T Construction Remaining Work

- Electrical Hose Reels backorder and waiting on delivery and install
- Electrical to the Fire Sprinkler Room is waiting on delivery of the Fire Pump, Jockey Pump and Controllers before electrical can tie-in and be completed at this room.
- Fire Alarm tie-in to fire riser and pumps, etc. to be completed once the fire pumps and controls are installed.
- Access Control should be operable now that the power is on to the building.
- Electrical Rough-in to generator should be proceeding now that we have the layout. N&T responsible to piping and wiring to the generator, but can't complete until the generator is delivered and set.
- Completion of the water line is dependent on Jasper ESD setting the pump, etc. N&T is responsible for connection to Jasper ESD provide equipment.
- Completion of the fire line is waiting on Jasper ESD to set the fire pump. Connections to the tank by N&T is dependent on Jasper ESD providing the proper apparatus to make the connection to the tank,
- Exterior Illuminated signage is in production and should be installed in the next two weeks, along with the plaque and room signs.
- Rubber base should be installed in the rooms this week.
- Resinous Floor in the shower can now be installed now that we have 230V power. Should be installed by the end of next week.
- Waiting on lite kit to install the vision lites at doors.
- Credit was given on sealing the floors and Jasper ESD is to paint the floors.

Jasper ESD Remaining Work

- Deliver and Install the Fire Pump, Jockey Pump and controller. Once the pumps are set, a concrete pad will need to be poured. This is not in N&T's scope and would suggest Jasper ESD to do this direct to save \$\$\$.
 - Deliver and Install the Generator. A concrete pad and walks will need to be installed once the rough-in is complete. This is not in N&T's scope and would suggest that Jasper ESD to do this direct to save \$\$\$.
 - Jasper ESD to install Water pump, etc. to allow N&T to connect the water line.
 - Jasper ESD needs to provide the apparatus, fittings, etc. to allow N&T to make connections to the tank for the fire line.
 - Fill station is not in N&T's contract and Jasper ESD will do direct.
 - Aerobic system is being installed by Jasper ESD. Electrical and plumbing are not in N&T's scope and is to be provided by Jasper ESD.
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To review and act on improvements, repairs, maintenance and construction of facilities, including but not limited to permits, utilities, architectural or engineering services, selection of contractors, approval of costs/budgets for projects, and payment of construction related bills;

Fire Chief Larry McBride reported on construction going forward at the Central Fire Station and the Administration building.

TO REVIEW AND ACT ON MATTERS RELATED TO COMMUNICATION, DISPATCHING, OR TRAFFIC, PREEMPTION, INCLUDING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS, CONTRACTS AND/OR PURCHASING EQUIPMENT.

Commissioner Smith gave a report of the new 800 MHz communication system, which should be in service soon

CONSIDER FOR ACTION TANKER #5 AND STATUS OF GRANT FROM TEXAS FOREST SERVICE

Commissioner Smith advised that the Texas Forest Service representative Ricky Hollbrook was down for inspection on the truck. We should get a check soon.

Discussion and action regarding a Purchase Order System for the District.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Walters after full discussion and the question being put to the Board, the Board unanimously approve the Purchase Order System as presented.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:45p.m. this date February 24, 2026.

PASSED, PROVED AND ADOPTED

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Billy Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

SECRETARY, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS