



**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**

**January 20, 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 January 20, 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 present were Dr. Steve Hyden, Billy Ted Smith, Mark Mueller, Tracy Shipley and Todd Walters, thus constituting a quorum. Also attending the meeting were: the following: Larry McBride (Fire Chief), Randall Clark, John Williamson, and Monty Cartright 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 December 23, 2025, meeting, Upon a motion by Commissioner Mueller, seconded by Commissioner Shipley, after full discussion and the question being put to the Board, the Board unanimously approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 23, 2025, as presented, and the certified agenda for same.

### **PRESENTATION BY JASPER COUNTY SHERIFF CHUCK HAVARD AND PURCHASE OF RADIOS.**

Sheriff Havard addressed the Board in relation to the accomplishments of his Department since he took office in 2025. Exceptional accomplishments were noted. He also advised the Department would be purchasing three more vehicles and was in need of three Tri Band radios. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Mueller, after full discussion and the question being put to the Board, the Board unanimously approved the motion to purchase three triband radios not to exceed \$20,000. Motion carried without opposition.

### **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RELATING TO ACCEPTION OF 2.752 ACRES OF REAL ESTATE ON US HWY 96 SOUTH.**

Commissioner Smith presented a special deed of trust of a donation from Mr. James E. Hardy of Buna to deliver 2.752 acres of real estate to the District for Emergency Services use. Upon a motion by Commissioner Shipley, seconded by Commissioner Mueller, after full discussion and the question being put to the Board, the Board unanimously approve the motion to accept the donation of the 2.752 acres on US Hwy 96 South. Motion carried without opposition.

### **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

Upon a motion by Commissioner Mueller seconded by Commissioner Walters, after full discussion and the question being put to the Board, the Board unanimously approve the above items as presented.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An executive session was held at 7:10 p.m. regarding personnel

Back in session at 7:30

### **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 December. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Shipley 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 December by Fire Chief Larry McBride. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Shipley after full discussion and the question being put to the Board, the Board unanimously approved Run Report of November and other membership and financial statements as presented.

**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;**

Tabled until next meeting

### **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.

**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.**

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

Commissioner Smith advised that he progress this to the Texas Forest Service personnel.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. this date December 23, 2025.

**PASSED, PROVED AND ADOPTED**

*Billy L. Shaw*

**SECRETARY, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**