



Austin County Emergency Services District No. 1

Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2026

1. Call to order at 6:03 pm and quorum check

Present were:

Ray Chislett, President
Chris Broxson, Vice President
Vivian Williams, Secretary
Kim Silver, Treasurer
Dawn Coufel, Commissioner

Also present, Chief Silver

2. Public Comments: None present

3. Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Silver made a motion to approve minutes of the December 1, 2025 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Broxson.
Motion passed.

4. Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Silver presented the District's financial report and bank statements.

Citizen State Bank has approved the ESD's loan request of \$300,000 for the purchase of a Water Tender the Fire Department received from a Texas A&M Forest Service grant. The loan will be for a ninety-day period, originating on the date we take possession of the vehicle, being repaid when funds are received from Texas A&M Forest Service. This would be an interest only loan from the date of origination until the date of reimbursement.

Water Tender Grant: Motion made by Commissioner Broxson to pay \$25,000 towards deposit on the Water Tender the Fire Department received

with a \$300,000 grant from Texas A&M Forest Service. The Fire Department will contribute \$5,000 from their funds. The total equals the 10% required matching funds. Motion seconded by Commissioner Williams.

Motion passed.

Fire Department Quarterly Allocation: Motion made by Commissioner Broxson to allocate \$25,000 of the Fire Department's quarterly funding in January and allocate the remaining \$10,250 at the February ESD meeting. Seconded by commissioner Williams.

Motion passed.

Fire and Rescue Equipment Grant: Motion made by Commissioner Broxson to assist the Fire Department with a payment of \$25,000, in March, for equipment to be purchased with a Fire and Rescue Equipment Grant. The grant from the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program will be reimbursed by Texas A&M Forest Service at 95%. Actual funds spent will be \$1,250. Seconded by Commissioner Williams

Motion passed.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to accept the financial report as presented, seconded by Commissioner Broxon.

Motion passed. For more detailed information concerning the District's financial status, the financial reports are on file with the District.

5. Chief's Report:

25 Calls for the month

- 11 Fires
- 4 Motor Vehicle Accidents
- 4 Emergency Medical Assists
- 2 Mutual Aid
- 2 Miscellaneous
- 1 Disregard
- 1 Stand-by

One of the brush trucks is currently out of service. The starter needs replacing. Cost will be \$980.00 for parts and labor.

Three firefighters are in the Fire Academy in Richmond. They will be graduating in February. Academy consist of classroom, a two-week bootcamp and final testing.

Sunday, January 4th, the Fire Department had a call for service – a washdown - on the Gloster Air Strip. Turned out to be a downed aircraft. The Fire Department worked with the Department of Public Safety. DPS contacted the FAA, and NTSB because there was fuel leaking. DPS released the FD from the scene.

6. Comments and Miscellaneous:

Commissioner Silver updated the Board on Safe-D Conference events, date/times and accommodations

The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

7. Motion made by Commissioner Broxson to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Silver.

Motion Passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:56.

Secretary

Vivian Williams