

KAUFMAN COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 7
Minutes
March 2, 2026

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Kaufman County Emergency Services District No. 7 was held on Monday, March 2, 2026, at 5:00 p.m., at the Crandall Fire Department, 106 East Trunk Street, Crandall, Texas 75114.

1. Call meeting to order.
 - a. Commissioner Joseph Reese called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. with the following members present:
 - Commissioner Joseph Reese
 - Commissioner Melissa Smith
 - Commissioner Hershel Dykema
 - Commissioner Oliver Rawls
 - Others: Ashley Hunsaker, Pat Branson
 - b. The following attended via phone: None.
2. Public Comment: Individual members of the public may address the Board regarding general topics that are not on the current agenda. In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, any response to a public comment that is made on an item that is not on the public final agenda will be limited to a statement of factual or a statement of existing policy given in response to the public comment. Any deliberation or decision by the Board must be limited to a proposal to place the subject on a future agenda.
 - a. None.
3. Public Comment on Agenda Items: Members of the public will speak on an agenda item after comments on the item are called for by the presiding officer, but before Board discussion and consideration of the item.
 - a. None.

New Commissioners and Officers

4. Administer the Oath of Office and Statement of Office for newly appointed Commissioners.
 - a. Commissioner Reese made a motion to table administering the Oath of Office and Statement of Office for newly appointed Commissioners. Commissioner Rawls seconded the motion. The motion carried.
5. Discuss and consider election of officers.
 - a. Commissioner Reese made a motion to table the discussion and consideration election of officers. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Reports

6. Receive monthly reports from the Treasurer and consider:
 - a. Approval of payment of monthly bills and invoices for March 2026,
 - i. Commissioner Smith made a motion to table the monthly bills and invoices for February 2026. Commissioner Dykema seconded the motion. The motion carried.
 - b. Approval of monthly financial report for March 2026.

7. Receive monthly report from Crandall Fire Department regarding financial matters, training, management activities, membership, and emergency operations and out of station times (including breakdown by apparatus) and call volume for fire/rescue calls and for EMS calls.
 - a. No report given.

Discussion/Action Items

8. Review and consider approval of the February 24, 2026 special meeting minutes.
 - a. Commissioners reviewed the minutes. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve February 17, 2026, regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Dykema seconded the motion. The motion carried.
9. Discuss and consider approval of District's seal or logo.
 - a. After reviewing the samples, the Board approved for Commissioner Reese and Commissioner Smith to make the final decision for the District's seal/logo. Commissioner Reese made a motion to form a committee with Commissioner Reese and Commissioner Smith to make the final decision for the District's logo/seal once more samples are created. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.
10. Discuss and consider approval of benefits package for Fire Chief and Firemen.
 - a. Executive Director, Ashley Hunsaker, presented the updated benefits package and is still waiting on the completed package to present to the Board. Commissioner Reese made a motion to table the benefits package for Fire Chief and Firemen. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.
11. Discuss and consider approval of obtaining or renewing Treasurer's bond.
 - a. Commissioner Reese made a motion to table to approve obtaining or renewing Treasurer's bond until the new Commissioner has been established. Commissioner Rawls seconded the motion. The motion carried.
12. Discuss and consider approval of Official Name of Department.
 - a. No action was needed, the Board has already approved.
13. Discuss and consider approval of quote on trucks or vehicles for new stations.
 - a. Commissioner Reese made a motion to table the quote on trucks or vehicles for new stations. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.
14. Discuss and receive update on New Station Construction process.
 - a. No action needed.
15. Authorize issuance of Request for Qualifications.
 - a. Executive Director, Ashley Hunsaker, presented and explained the Request for Qualifications. Commissioner Reese made a motion to approve to authorize issuance of Request for Qualifications. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.
16. Discuss and receive update on VFD/ESD transition.
 - a. No action needed.
17. Discuss and receive update on Sales Tax Sharing Agreement and take action if needed.
 - a. No action needed.
18. Discuss the agenda, time, and date for the next meeting.
 - a. Regular meeting set for April 6, 2026 at 5 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.


Joseph Reese, Board President

