

KAUFMAN COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 7

August 14, 2026 Meeting Minutes

A Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Kaufman County Emergency Services District No. 7 was held on **August 14th, 2026** at 5:00 p.m., at the Crandall Fire Department, 106 East Trunk Street, Crandall, Texas 75114.

1. Call meeting to order.

Commissioner Joseph Reese called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. with the following members present:

- Commissioner Joseph Reese
- Commissioner Paul Ayers
- Commissioner Melissa Smith
- Others: Ashley Hunsaker, Josh Woodham, Michelle Hope, Chandler Myers, Andrea Myers, Shannon Barnes, Pat Branson, Brad Williams, and Justin Screws

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.

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.

None.

Public Hearing on Petition for Inclusion of Land in the District

4. Conduct Public Hearing on Petition to include Land in the District:

Pat Branson, Shannon Barnes, Andrea Myers and Justin Screws made public comments to the Board during the Public Hearing.

Discussion/Action Items

5. Consider, discuss, and take appropriate action on determining whether annexation of the land into the District is feasible.

Melissa Smith made a motion to approve the feasibility of annexation of the land. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Consider, discuss and take appropriate action on adopting a Resolution approving the annexation/inclusion of land.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve the annexation/inclusion of land. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. See supplemental Agenda for election items.

Supplemental Meeting Agenda Items

1. Discuss and consider calling an election for November 3, 2026, to include territory in the District and approval of an Order Calling Election for same;

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve calling an election for November 3, 2026, to include territory in the District and to approve an Order Calling Election the same. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Discuss and consider approval of the Order Adopting and Implementing Bilingual Election Requirements;

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve the Order Adopting and Implementing Bilingual Election Requirements. Commissioner Reese seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Discuss and consider approval of the Order Adopting and Implementing the Use of Electronic Voting Systems in Addition to Paper Ballots in District Elections;

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Order Adopting and Implementing the Use of Electronic Voting Systems in Addition to Paper Ballots in District Elections. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Discuss and consider approval of the Resolution Authorizing Secretary's Appointment of Agent to Perform Duties during Election Period;

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing Secretary's Appointment of Agent to Perform Duties during Election Period. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Discuss and consider approval of the Contract for Election Services and Joint Election Agreement, including Resolution Approving Contract for Election Services and Joint Election Agreement;

Commissioner Smith made a motion to table the approval of the Contract for Election Services and Joint Election Agreement, including Resolution approving Contract for Election Services and Joint Election Agreement. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Authorize District's attorney to give Notice of Election for November 3, 2026;

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to authorize District's attorney to give Notice of Election for November 2, 2026. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Discuss and consider any other matters in connection with the District's November 3, 2026, election.

No action taken.

Discussion/Action Items Continued

8. Discuss and consider action on Fire Chief Contract.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve the Fire Chief's Contract.
Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Discuss and consider action on Executive Director Contract.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve the Executive Director's Contract. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Discuss and consider action on employee health insurance.

Commissioner Reese made a motion to approve that the district pays up to \$600 for healthcare plan that can be used for employee, spouse and family.
Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Discuss the agenda, time, and date for the next meeting.

The next Regular Meeting is September 3, 2026 @ 5:00 p.m.

The next Community Event is October 6, 2026 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at River Ridge North.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.




Joseph Reese, Board President