

KAUFMAN COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 7

Minutes

September 8, 2025

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Kaufman County Emergency Services District No. 7 was held on Monday, September 8, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., at the Crandall Fire Department, 106 East Trunk Street, Crandall, Texas 75114.

1. Call meeting to order:
 - a. Commissioner Ashley Hunsaker called the meeting to order at 5:02p.m. with the following members present:
 - Commissioner Ashley Hunsaker
 - Commissioner Joseph Reese
 - Commissioner Kevin Johnson
 - Commissioner Oliver Rawls
 - Others: Fire chief Carl Sheller, Asst Chief Josh Woodham
 - b. The following attended via phone:
2. Public Comment: No public comment
 - a. Justin Waggoner with Touchstone District Services commented that they are helping with the annexation election and several documents were sent over for the ESD board, City and FD to review. The board will make edits individually. They would like to hold two open houses before early election. October 20th early voting begins, Monday/Tuesday are typically better days or a Saturday. Touchstone will circulate some dates. Tentative date October 18th.
3. Public Comment on Agenda Items: No public comment on the agenda items.

Reports

Discussion/Action Items

4. Receive monthly reports from the Treasurer and consider;
 - a. Approval of payment of monthly bills and invoices for September 2025
 - The Board considered and approved the invoices; the withdrawal balance will be \$84,669.06 for September 2025. Commissioner Reese moved to approve the withdrawal of \$84,669.06 to pay bills. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried.
 - There was an additional expense to the Kaufman County Elections department to be added to the monthly withdrawal balance. Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the payment of \$15,048.27 to the Kaufman County Elections Department. Commissioner Reese seconded the motion. The motion carried. This brought the monthly withdrawal balance to \$99,717.33 for September 2025.
 - b. Approval of monthly financial report for September 2025.
 - Commissioner Rawls is still working on obtaining all the reports to complete the financial report. The Board tabled this until completion.

5. 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. See enclosed report
6. Review and consider approval of August 4, 2025, regular meeting minutes.
 - a. The Board reviewed the minutes. Commissioner Rawls moved to approve August 4, 2025, regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried.
7. Review and consider approval of August 18, 2025, special meeting minutes.
 - a. The Board reviewed the minutes. Commissioner Reese moved to review and consider approval of August 18, 2025, special meeting minutes. Commissioner Rawls seconded the motion. The motion carried.
8. Review and approval of signing the monthly FY25 contract for August with the Crandall Volunteer Fire Department.
 - a. Commissioners and Fire Department reviewed the FY25 contract for August. Commissioner Reese moved to approve the FY25 contract for August. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried. This was approved in the August meeting and approved again for September.
9. Review and approval of signing the monthly FY25 contract for September with the Crandall Volunteer Fire Department.
 - a. Commissioners and Fire Department reviewed the FY25 contract for September. Commissioner Reese moved to approve the FY25 contract for September. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.
10. Conduct a public hearing on the proposal to increase property taxes;
 - a. The public hearing was conducted.
11. Take a record vote on the District's 2025 tax rate, adopt an Order Levying Taxes, authorize Order with the County Tax Assessor/Collector; and
 - a. A motion was made by Commissioner Reese that the property tax be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.088000, which is effectively a 1.66 percent increase in the tax rate, to adopt an Order Levying Taxes, and authorize Order with the County Tax Assessor/Collector.
Commissioner Hunsaker – Aye
Commissioner Reese – Aye
Commissioner Johnson – Aye
Commissioner Rawls – Aye. The motion carried.
12. Authorize posting of statement regarding adopted tax rate of home page of District website; OR Announce the date, time and place of the meeting to vote on the tax rate.
 - a. Commissioner Reese moved to post language on the home page of its website regarding an adopted tax rate that exceeds the no-new-revenue rate immediately upon adopting such a tax rate stating, "KAUFMAN COUNTY ESD NO. 7 ADOPTED A TAX RATE THAT WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE. THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 1.04 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$0.90." Commissioner Rawls seconded the motion. The motion carried.
13. See Supplemental agenda.

- a. Commissioner Rawls moved for the board to approve the contract for the election service; Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried.
 - b. Commissioner Reese moved for the board for the approval of election services deposit; Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried.
14. Discuss updates on master plan.
- a. ECSI presented the master plan.
15. Discuss updates on forensic audit.
- a. Commissioner Hunsaker stated the Larry needed information from the Fire Department, it has been sent over multiple times and he would have the audit ready by October.
16. Discuss the agenda, time, and date for the next meeting.
- a. The next regular meeting will be October 6, 2025, at 5 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 6:25pm.



Ashley Hunsaker
Ashley Hunsaker, Board President