# MILAM COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1

# MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Emergency Services Commissioners of Milam County Emergency Services District No. 1 was held on Tuesday, August 11th, 2026, 6:00 P.M. at the Milano Civic Center, 120 W Ave E, Milano, TX 76556.

The following Commissioners were present
KAIN DODD
KIMBERLY KNAPEK
MIKEL REED
ANDREW HOOPER

The following agenda items were considered, reviewed, discussed, and action may be taken as appropriate:

1) A quorum will be established, and the meeting of Milam County ESD No. 1 will be called to order.

*A quorum was established with four board members in attendance. President Kain Dodd called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.*

2) Pledge allegiance to the American and Texas Flag.

3) Recognition of citizens and citizen comments.

*Julia Suarez - PIA/Meeting Posting - 6:01 p.m.-6:04 p.m.*

4) Consider approval of the minutes of previous Milam County ESD No. 1 board meetings.

*The amended minutes of the regular meeting held on January 6th, 2026, the regular meeting held on July 14th, 2026, and the special meeting held on July 30th, 2026 were presented by Commissioner Kain Dodd. Commissioner Dodd reported that the January 6th and July 14th meeting minutes require further review. Commissioner Hooper made a motion to approve the July 30th meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Reed, all were for, none were opposed, the motion carried.*

5) Receive report from Allegiance Mobile Health on Ground Emergency Medical Services in the District.

*Allegiance Mobile Health representatives Amanda Baum and Michael Gilbert were present. Amanda Baum presented the compliance report overview for the month of July and reported that Milam County reached Level 0 one time and Level 1 four times. Further discussion was held regarding the compliance report overview.*

6) Receive report from PHI on Air Emergency Medical Services in the District.

*PHI Base Manager Dylan Newsome was present. Dylan reported that PHI received six requests for service in July and approximately 103 requests for service in Milam County year to date. He reported 15 transports by AirMed 1-5 in Temple and 5 by AirMed 1-4 in Cedar Creek. Dylan further reported that PHI transported 29 Milam County residents under the membership benefits program in 2025 and, year to date in 2026, has transported 30 Milam County residents under the membership benefits contract.*

7) Receive Treasurer's report and consider taking action, including:
*The Financial Report for the month of July was presented by Commissioner Reed.*

a) Approval of payment for monthly bills and invoices;

*Commissioner Knapek made a motion to approve payment of the bills and invoices of the District, seconded by Commissioner Hooper, all were for, none were opposed, the motion carried.*

b) Review of monthly financial report;

*The Board reviewed the monthly financial report.*

c) Approval of budget amendments; and

*Commissioner Hooper made a motion to approve the budget amendments as presented by President Dodd, seconded by Commissioner Knapek, all were for, none were opposed, the motion carried.*

d) Transfers among District accounts.

*No action was taken.*

8) Discuss and take any necessary action regarding Government Capital financing documents for the Cameron EMS Station construction project, including approval, execution, and authorization of related documents.

*The Board reviewed financing proposals from Government Capital Corporation. President Dodd reported that he had received information from Government Capital* *regarding a 90/10 rule, which requires at least 90% of the facility to be occupied by the District for the full $5,500,000 financing to qualify as tax-exempt. Based on the anticipated use of the facility, 30% of the project, or $1,650,000, would be financed as tax-exempt and 70%, or $3,850,000, would be financed as taxable. President Dodd reported that the taxable financing results in an additional annual cost to the District of approximately $36,234.72 and that he has begun negotiations with Allegiance Mobile Health regarding recovering this additional cost through a lease agreement and anticipates those negotiations to be successful.*

*Commissioner Hooper made a motion to rescind the Board's July 14th, 2026 approval of the previous Government Capital financing documents, seconded by Commissioner Knapek, all were for, none were opposed, the motion carried.*

*Commissioner Knapek made a motion to adopt a resolution approving the tax-exempt note and authorize Board President Kain Dodd to execute all documents necessary to consummate the transaction, seconded by Commissioner Reed, all were for, none were opposed, the motion carried.*

*Commissioner Knapek made a motion to adopt a resolution approving the taxable note and authorize Board President Kain Dodd to execute all documents necessary to consummate the transaction, seconded by Commissioner Hooper, all were for, none were opposed, the motion carried.*

9) Discuss and take any necessary action regarding scheduling a ground breaking ceremony for the Lafferty Ave station.

*The Board discussed scheduling a groundbreaking ceremony for the Lafferty Avenue Station. Discussion was held regarding the limited benefit of holding a groundbreaking ceremony at this stage of construction and the opportunity to hold a larger public event once the facility is completed. Commissioner Knapek made a motion to not hold a groundbreaking ceremony and instead hold a ribbon cutting and grand opening upon completion of the facility, with the date and details to be determined at a later date, seconded by Commissioner Hooper, all were for, none were opposed, the motion carried. The facility is anticipated to open in April 2027.*

10) Discuss and take any necessary action regarding Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment proposals for the Lafferty Ave station.

*Diverse Studio presented contract pricing for the FF&E for the Lafferty Avenue Station. The Board reviewed proposals received from four companies and discussed the pricing presented. No action was taken.*

11) Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a letter for professional services submitted by Diverse Studios for design services for the 1804 W Cameron Ave. renovation.

*The Board reviewed a letter of proposal for professional services submitted by Diverse Studio for the renovation of the property located at 1804 West Cameron Avenue in Rockdale. The proposed project includes renovation of the existing approximately 5,000-square-foot building to serve as a replacement for the District's current Rockdale EMS facility and provide additional space and improved accommodations for EMS operations. Commissioner Hooper made a motion to approve the letter of proposal submitted by Diverse Studio for 1804 West Cameron Avenue, seconded by Commissioner Knapek, all were for, none were opposed, the motion carried.*

12) Discuss and take any necessary action regarding the Thorndale property feasibility study submitted by Diverse Studios.

*A draft feasibility study prepared by Diverse Studio was presented to the District. The Board reviewed and discussed the draft feasibility study. No action was taken.*

13) Discuss and take any necessary action regarding the Development and Reimbursement Agreement for Public Infrastructure Improvements between the City of Thorndale and Milam County Emergency Services District No. 1.

*The Board reviewed and discussed the Development and Reimbursement Agreement. No action was taken.*

14) Discuss and take any necessary action regarding the 2027 budget, including the adoption of a resolution for the same.

*President Dodd read Agenda Items 14 and 15. President Dodd reported that due to changes in the District's projected property tax revenues, the proposed 2027 budget would require further amendments. President Dodd and Assistant Treasurer Hooper will work to amend the proposed budget prior to posting the agenda for the next regular meeting. Discussion was held. No action was taken on the proposed 2027 budget.*

15) Discuss and take any necessary action to re-establish a proposed tax rate pursuant to corrected values received from the Milam County Appraisal District.

*President Dodd reported that the District had been notified that the certified values previously provided by the Milam County Appraisal District for tax rate calculations contained errors originating from a subcontractor of the Appraisal District and had since been corrected. The revised values were reviewed and certified, and an updated tax rate calculation worksheet was completed by the Milam County Tax Assessor-Collector and provided to Carlton Law Firm the day before the meeting. The Board reviewed and discussed the updated tax rate calculation worksheet. Commissioner Hooper made a motion to re-establish the proposed 2026 tax rate at the corrected voter-approval tax rate of $0.089921 per $100 of taxable value, seconded by Commissioner Reed. A record vote was taken with Commissioner Dodd voting for, Commissioner Hooper voting for, Commissioner Knapek voting for, and Commissioner Reed voting for; Commissioner Gerren was absent. The motion carried.*

16) Discuss and take any necessary action regarding approval of the District's financial audit and filing the audit with the county.

*President Dodd advised that this item was included on the agenda in anticipation of receiving the completed 2025 financial audit prior to the meeting, which would have eliminated the need for the special meeting scheduled for August 20th, 2026. President Dodd reported that he spoke with the auditor that morning and was advised that the audit was progressing well but would not be completed until the August 20th meeting. The auditor also advised that he would be present at the August 20th meeting to present the audit to the Board. President Dodd further reported that, if the audit is received and approved on August 20th, he intends to present it to the Milam County Commissioners Court on August 24th for receipt and review and to address any questions from the Court. No action was taken.*

17) Discuss and consider scheduling special meetings or workshops as necessary.

*President Dodd reminded the Board that a special meeting is scheduled for August 20th, 2026. No additional special meetings or workshops were scheduled.*

18) Adjourn.
*There being no further business, Commissioner Knapek made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Reed, all were for, none were opposed, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.*

The above and foregoing Minutes for Tuesday, August 11th, 2026 have been examined and approved in an Open Meeting of the Milam County Emergency Services District No. 1.

**Statement of Approval**

**Date:** 09.08.2026

Vice President, Kimberly Knapek

President, Kain Dodd

Treasurer, Mikel Reed

Secretary, Rebecca Gerren

Assistant Treasurer, Andrew Hooper

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