

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 5th, 2025, 6:00 P.M. at the Milano Civic Center, 120 W Ave E, Milano, TX 76556.

The following Commissioners were present

STEPHEN HANEL
MIKEL REED
KAIN DODD
KIMBERLY KNAPEK
REBECCA GERREN

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 #1 will be called to order.
A quorum was established with all board members in attendance. President Kain Dodd called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. ESD attorney Travis Garney was also in attendance.
- 2) Pledge allegiance to the American and Texas Flag.
- 3) Recognition of citizens and citizen comments.
No citizens wished to speak.
- 4) Consider the minutes of previous Milam County ESD #1 board meeting. Act on any corrections, changes, or approval of said minutes.
The minutes of the regular meeting held on June 3rd, 2025, the special meeting on June 19th, 2025, and the canceled meeting on July 8th, 2025 were presented by Commissioner Kain Dodd. Commissioner Reed made a motion to approve presented minutes from June 3rd, 2025, seconded by Commissioner Hanel, all were for, none were opposed, motion carried. Commissioner Hanel made a motion to approve minutes from June 19th, 2025 with amended date on signature block, seconded by Commissioner Knapek, all were for, none were opposed, motion carried. Commissioner Hanel made a motion to approve presented minutes from July 8th, 2025, seconded by Commissioner Gerren, all were for, none were opposed, motion carried.

- 5) Report from a representative of Allegiance Mobile Health on Ground Emergency Medical Services in the District.
Allegiance Representatives Tracie Schuh, Amanda Baum, and Sarah W. were present. Tracie reported uniform shirts were in and crews should be in them by Friday or Saturday of this week. Tracie went over the Compliance report for June. Tracie discussed a complaint from Cameron PSAP for blind transfer- no follow up yet. Stations and maintenance were discussed. Air conditioning in Rockdale is not adequate. The temperature inside the building is 82 degrees. Commissioner Hanel reported that the A/C repair company was at the station today and said the unit is blowing 51 degrees. Commissioner Hanel reported the A/C repair company was going to add additional vents to see if that will adequately cool the building down. If adding the vents doesn't work, the A/C repair company will install a bigger unit. The A/C repair company assured Commissioner Hanel that they would have the problem fixed by the end of this week. Tracie reported the flooding in the yard of the Thorndale station is still present. Commissioner Reed reported that he spoke with the grading company and they are supposed to address the standing water. The door was also repaired at Cameron Station. Commissioner Dodd informed Tracie that Cameron PD is requesting follow-up about crews not being able to clear people to go to jail. Tracie reported that Cameron, Rockdale, and Milano have all responded to her and want dedicated ambulances at home games. She reported that she still hasn't heard back from Thorndale. Commissioner Knappek to reach out to Thorndale this week. Out of compliance call data presented to Allegiance. Amanda reported they would cut a check for calls that fell outside of the response times for the 2nd quarter. Cost for a 6th ambulance was presented- no action taken. Tracie reported crews are trialing a video laryngoscope that is single use before they commit to buying them. Tracie reported 2 of the temperature bags were used recently and crews had positive feedback from receiving hospitals about using them.
- 6) Report from a representative of PHI on Air Emergency Medical Services in the District.
Not present.
- 7) Review HB3000 relating to a grant program to provide financial assistance to qualified ambulance service providers in certain rural counties and documents related to Department of State Health Services Proposed Funding and Rider for Whole Blood Pilot Program.
No action was taken.
- 8) Financial and bookkeeping matters, including but not limited to payment of the bills, review of revenues/expenditures, and budget amendments for fiscal year end December 31, 2025, if appropriate.
Commissioner Dodd presented multiple line item adjustment forms that correspond with the budget on the presented financial report. Commissioner Hanel made a motion to approve all presented line item adjustments for the budget, seconded by Commissioner Reed. all were for. none were opposed. motion carried. Commissioner Reed gave Treasure's Report. Commissioner Reed reported the district will need to send out proposals for banks. so the district stays in compliance.

- 9) Discuss and take any necessary action on an interlocal agreement between Milam County Appraisal District and the District for 2025 tax rate calculations.
Ryan is drafting an agreement and charges \$75/hr. Commissioner Hanel made a motion to enter in an interlocal agreement between Milam County Appraisal District and the District for 2025 tax rate calculations, seconded by Commissioner Knappek, all were for, none were opposed, motion carried.
- 10) Discuss and take any necessary action regarding seeking consulting services from Texas ESD Consulting to assist the district with strategic goals and future planning.
Commissioner Reed reported he met with Josh Brown from Texas ESD Consulting approximately 1 1/2 months ago inquiring about consulting services to come up with a master plan for the district about building stations, investing, etc. The contract would be per hour for business management for the district. Commissioner Gerren made a motion to approve the contract with Texas ESD Consulting to assist the district with strategic goals and future planning, seconded by Commissioner Knappek, all were for, none were opposed, motion carried.
- 11) Discuss, and take any necessary action regarding the letter of proposal for professional services submitted by Diverse Studios.
Proposal discussed. Commissioners Gerren, Reed, and Knappek concerned with cost and if plans will be released if Diverse Studios isn't chosen past programming and schematic design. Francisco Velasquez was available to answer questions by phone. Commissioner Dodd called Francisco so questions could be addressed. Commissioner Hanel made a motion to approve the letter of proposal for professional services submitted by Diverse Studios, seconded by Commissioner Dodd, four were for, Commissioner Reed opposed, motion carried.
- 13) Discuss and take any necessary action regarding selecting, negotiating, and acquiring real property within Milam County for the purpose of constructing new EMS stations.
Agenda line item #12 skipped. Commissioner Hanel reported the Cameron property that the District owns needs to be mowed. The Rockdale property where the current EMS station is needs to be surveyed. In open session, President Dodd announced that the Board of Emergency Services Commissioners would go into closed session pursuant to Chapter 551.072 of the Texas Government Code to discuss matters of land acquisition. The executive session began at 7:31 p.m. and ended at 7:55 p.m. Returned to open session. Discussion on station projects. No action was taken.
- 12) Budget workshop for the 2025 budget.
Commissioner Dodd presented the 2026 Budget and the 2025 Tax Rate Calculation Worksheet. Commissioner Hanel made a motion to approve the voter approval rate which is a tax rate of \$0.089041, seconded by Commissioner Knappek, all were for, none were opposed, motion carried. Commissioner Reed made a motion to adopt the presented 2026 Budget, seconded by Commissioner Hanel, all were for, none were opposed, motion carried.

- 14) Schedule special meetings or workshops as necessary.
The next regular meeting will be held on September 9th, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. If a special meeting is needed before then, the potential date will be August 12th, 2025 at 9:30 A.M.
- 15) Adjourn.
Commissioner Hanel made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Gerren, all were for, none were opposed, meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

The above and foregoing Minutes for Tuesday, August 5th, 2025 have been examined and approved in an Open Meeting of the Milam County Emergency Services District No. 1.

Statement of Approval

Date: 10/07/2025

Vice President, Kimberly Knappek

President, Kain Dodd

Secretary, Rebecca Gerren

Treasurer, Mikel Reed

Assistant Treasurer, Stephen Hanel

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