

MILAM COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

A Special Meeting of the Board of Emergency Services Commissioners of Milam County Emergency Services District No. 1 was held on Monday, September 29th, 2025, 6:00 P.M. at the Milano Civic Center, 120 W Ave E, Milano, TX 76556.

The following Commissioners were present

MIKEL REED
STEPHEN HANEL
KAIN DODD
REBECCA GERREN
KIMBERLY KNAPEK

Taxpayer Impact Statement

For the 2024 tax year, the median-valued homestead property in Milam County Emergency Services District No. 1 had a taxable value of \$171,326. At a tax rate of \$0.10 per \$100 of taxable value, the property tax bill for this property was \$171.33. For the 2025 tax year, the median-valued homestead property in the District has a taxable value of \$183,130. At the proposed tax rate of \$0.089041 per \$100 of taxable value, the estimated property tax bill for this property is \$163.10.

If the District were to adopt a budget funded at the no-new-revenue tax rate of \$0.085822 per \$100 of taxable value, the estimated property tax bill for this property would be \$157.18. This comparison reflects a decrease from the 2024 tax bill, with the proposed 2026 budget lowering the typical tax burden by \$8.23 and the no-new-revenue rate lowering it by \$14.15.

This taxpayer impact statement is provided in accordance with the requirements of House Bill 1522 and is for comparison purposes only; it does not reflect the actual tax bill of any individual property owner.

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) Public hearing on adoption of the proposed Milam County ESD No. 1 budget for 2026. This budget will raise more revenues from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$121,252.22 which is a 3.5% increase from last year.
President Kain Dodd called the public hearing to order at 6:02 p.m. and called to close the public hearing at 6:06 p.m. as no citizens present wished to speak.
- 5) Discuss and take action to adopt the proposed Milam County ESD No. 1 budget for 2026. This budget will raise more revenues from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$121,252.22 which is a 3.5% increase from last year.
Commissioner Knappek made a motion to adopt the proposed Milam County ESD No. 1 budget for 2026 which will raise more revenues from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$121,252.22 which is a 3.5% increase from last year, seconded by Commissioner Reed, all were for, none were opposed, motion carried.
- 6) Public hearing on adoption of the proposed total tax rate of \$0.089041 per \$100 of taxable value, consisting of a maintenance and operations rate of \$0.089041 and an interest and sinking rate of \$0.000000.
President Kain Dodd called the public hearing to order at 6:07 p.m. and called to close the public hearing at 6:08 p.m. as no citizens present wished to speak.
- 7) Discuss and take action to adopt the proposed total tax rate of \$0.089041 per \$100 of taxable value, consisting of a maintenance and operations rate of \$0.089041 and an interest and sinking rate of \$0.000000.
Commissioner Hanel made a motion that the property tax rate be decreased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.89041 per \$100 of taxable value, which is effectively a 10.96% decrease in the tax rate, consisting of a maintenance and operations rate of \$0.089041 and an interest and sinking rate of \$0.000000, seconded by Commissioner Reed, all were for, none were opposed, motion carried.
- 8) Discuss and take any necessary action regarding PHI air ambulance membership benefits contract for 2026.
PHI representative Dylan Newsom present along with a PHI Cares Membership representative. The membership representative presented the agreement. She reported the household count increased by 687 from last year bringing the agreement total to \$61,192.32 for 2026. She also reported that the upgrade price changed from \$30/yr to \$40/yr. She denied any other changes from this last year's agreement to the 2026 agreement. Dylan reported they have had a total of 25 completed flights from Milam County in 2025 with 52 requests. Commissioner Reed asked how many of those completed flights were from county residents and he did not have an answer at this time, but would get the information to the ESD board. Amendment is needed in section 5.5 of the agreement to change attorney information for the ESD board. Commissioner Reed

made a motion to approve the PHI air ambulance membership benefits agreement (contract) for 2026 with attorney change amendment, seconded by Commissioner Knapek, Commissioner Gerren abstained, four were for, none were opposed, one abstained, motion carried.

- 9) Discuss and take any necessary action to adopt a resolution authorizing participation in the Texas SmartBuy Membership Program of the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. Commissioner Hanel made a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing participation in the Texas SmartBuy Membership Program of the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, seconded by Commissioner Gerren, all were for, none were opposed, motion carried.
- 10) Discuss and take any necessary action to adopt a resolution authorizing the purchase of approximately 0.41 acres of real property located at 320 E Ave E, Milano, Texas, and designating the Treasurer of the Board Mikel Reed to execute all documents necessary to consummate the transaction, with attestation by the Secretary. Commissioner Knapek made a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the purchase of approximately 0.41 acres of real property located at 320 E Ave E, Milano, Texas, and designating the Treasurer of the Board Mikel Reed to execute all documents necessary to consummate the transaction, with attestation by the Secretary, seconded by Commissioner Hanel, Commissioner Dodd abstained, four were for, none were opposed, one abstained, motion carried.
- 11) Discuss and take any necessary action regarding the evaluation, selection, and acquisition of portable EMS station facilities. Discussion only. No action was taken. Tabled.
- 12) Discuss potential lease agreement for commercial property located at 1804 West Cameron Avenue, Rockdale, Texas 76567. Discussion only. No action was taken. Tabled.
- 13) Adjourn. Commissioner Hanel made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Knapek, all were for, none were opposed, meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

The above and foregoing Minutes for Monday, September 29th, 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

Supporting documents may be obtained by Public Information Request.