Robertson County Emergency Services District Board of Commissioners
Monthly Meeting
August 11, 2026 @ 6:30 p.m.
RCESD Conference Room
287 Cooks Lane, Franklin, TX 77856

1. **Call Meeting to Order**
   President Robert Yezak called the meeting to order at 6:38pm and noted a quorum present, along with legal counsel and executive director. The Board of Commissioners met at RCESD Conference Room, 287 Cooks Lane, Franklin, Texas.

   The following were present:

   RCESD COMMISSIONERS
   Robert Yezak, President
   Carla Barker, Vice President
   Toni Mathews, Treasurer
   Jerry Henry, Asst. Treasurer
   Kayla Sanders, Commissioner

   Hope Zeig, Executive Director
   James McCullough, Legal Counsel

   VISITORS
   Adam Gallagher, RCESD
   Erin Rodriguez, RCESD
   Theresa Fowler, BJVFD
   Bob Hall, SRPVFD
   Benny Funderburk, SRPVFD
   Chris Wills, BVFD
   Mark Ruland, FVFD
   Jerry Hadley, BVFD
   Kami Lopez, FBFD
   Amy Munoz, RCESD
   Jacob Morse, EVFD
   Kelly Deboard, WVFD
   George Evans, HVFD
   Mika Isbell, CHP
   Renda Jackson, CVFD
   Nick Fowler, BJVFD

2. **Public Comments**
   None

3. **Consideration, Discussion, and Any Approval of July Minutes (Action Item)**
   Commissioner Barker made a motion to approve July minutes. Commissioner Sanders seconded, the motion carried.

4. **Consideration, discussion, and any approval of July Financial Report (Action Item)**
   Commissioner Barker made a motion to approve July financial report. Commissioner Sanders seconded, the motion carried.

   - **Tax Assessor Property Tax Collections & Report**
     Report for collections for June 2026 was included in packet.

   - **Sales Tax Reports & Statement**
     Sales tax report ending 07/07/26 was included in packet.

   - **Emergicon Collections and Write-Off Reports**
     Emergicon collections for July totaled $162,285.43. Write offs totaled $43,711.28.

   - **Credit Card Statements**
     US Bank statement was included in packet and invoices uploaded via One Drive.

5. **Consideration, Discussion, and Any Approval of FY 2025-2026 Budget Adjustments (Action Item)**
   - **RCESD Administration 3rd Quarter Adjustments**
     Commissioner Mathews made a motion to approve RCESD Administration budget adjustment of $3,118.75 from Miscellaneous to Building Maintenance. Commissioner Sanders seconded, the motion carried.

   - **Seale VFD adjustment of $1**
     Commissioner Mathews made a motion to approve Seale VFD budget adjustment of $1 from office supplies to postage. Commissioner Sanders seconded, the motion carried.

6. **Consideration, Discussion and Any Approval of Appropriate Expenditures for Volunteer Fire Departments, payment of**

approved expenditures for FY 2025-2026 expenditures (Action Item)
Commissioner Sanders made a motion to approve Appropriate Expenditures for Volunteer Fire Departments and payment of approved expenditures for FY 2025-2026. Commissioner Henry seconded, the motion carried.

7. **Consideration, Discussion and Any Approval for Payment of Robertson County Emergency Services District Monthly Expenses including payroll and RCEMS and Tower Expenses and Funds Transfer (Action Item)**
Commissioner Barker made a motion to approve Payment of Robertson County Emergency Services District monthly expenses, including payroll, RCEMS, Tower expenses, and funds transfers of $1,566.46 from FFB Sales Tax to FFB RCEMS, $275,000 from FFB Property Tax to FFB Payroll, and $98,000 from FFB Property Tax to FFB Operational. Commissioner Henry seconded, the motion carried.

8. **Consideration, Discussion and Any Approval of Robertson County Emergency Services District Funding Volunteer Fire Department for Texas Forest Service Grants to Purchase Approved Apparatus (Action)**
    - **Skid Units**
        - **Franklin VFD**
        Moved from last month's agenda. Skid unit grant would pay back $45,000 and ESD would be responsible for paying $2,260 according to quote for $47,260. PPE grant would pay back $25,000, and quote is $27,257. Fire/rescue equipment grant would pay back $25,000, and quote is for $28,460.08.

        Commissioner Barker made a motion to approve Franklin VFD to purchase equipment from grants. Commissioner Sanders seconded, the motion carried.

9. **Consideration, Discussion and Any Approval of Blackjack, Easterly and Seale Volunteer Fire Departments Purging Apparatus (Action Item)**
Blackjack has engine 84 to be purged, TFS is reaching out to Helping Hands to donate. Easterly has truck 272 to go through Helping Hands to donate to another dept. Seale has engine 98 to purge and said Tehuacana said they want it.

    Commissioner Sanders made a motion to approve Blackjack, Easterly, and Seale Volunteer fire Departments to purge apparatus. Commissioner Mathews seconded, the motion carried.

10. **Consideration, Discussion and Any Approval of IT Equipment Disposal Procedure/Policies (Action Item)**
No discussion. Move to next month

11. **Consideration, Discussion and Any Approval of Robertson County Emergency Services District Logistics Coordinator Paying Recurring and Other Invoice for All Volunteer Fire Departments (Action Item)**
No discussion. Move to next month

12. **Consideration, Discussion and Any Approval Regarding Robertson County Appraisal District Certified Values for Robertson County Emergency Services District and Planning Calendar (Action Item)**
    - **Presentation by Michael Brewer, Robertson County Tax Assessor**
    - **Discuss and act to propose a Tax Rate for Tax year (Action Item)**
        $ 0. _____/$100 to include debit tax rate of $_____/$100
        Due to debt tax rate, take record vote and schedule the two Public Hearings.
        Date: _____ Time: _____ pm (1st Hearing)
        Date: _____ Time: _____pm (2nd Hearing)

        Record Vote: Yes or No

Commissioner Sanders made a motion to propose a tax rate of .06693 for M&O and .00585 for I&S, which is a decrease of .0728 and no public hearing. Commissioner Barker seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes. Motion carried.

13. **Consideration and Discussion of FY2027 Budgets and Schedule Workshops**
FY2027 Budget Workshop scheduled for August 25 at 5:30pm, with an agenda item to pay necessary bills and have an Executive Session if needed.

14. **Consideration and Discussion of FY2027 Contract and Proposed Updates**
Board needs information from legal counsel. No action taken.

15. **A. Consideration, Discussion and Any Approval of Robertson County Emergency Services District for Robertson County Emergency Medical Services Regarding Personnel Policies or Procedures Regarding Any of the Following, Including Any Subcommittee Recommendation (Action Item)**
    - **Executive** **Director**

- **Office Manager**
- **EMS Chief**
- **Captain**
- **Lieutenant**
- **Crew**
- **IT Coordinator**
- **Logistics Coordinator**

B. Consideration, Discussion and Any Action Regarding the Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Reassignment, Duties, Discipline, or Dismissal or Complaint or Charge Regarding One or More of

- **Executive Director**
- **Office Manager**
- **EMS Chief**
- **Captain**
- **Lieutenant**
- **Crew**
- **IT Coordinator**
- **Logistics Coordinator**

Discussed in Executive Session. Handbook revisions will be on next month's agenda.

16. **Reports from Robertson County EMS including any financial, performance, training, equipment, operations, compliance and personnel reports**
New monthly report made available to commissioners, and CHP update. October 6 is Community Health Fair at Pridgeon Center.

17. **Reports from Volunteer Fire Departments, including any financial, performance, training, equipment, operations, compliance, and personnel reports**
Blackjack – none
Bremond – Aug 24 battery farm training at 6pm, meal provided
Calvert – one new member, fundraiser Sept 19
Easterly – none
Franklin – RobCo Water Co called about an increase in water usage and found leak at meter
Hearne – one new application
Seale – none
Wheelock - none

18. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**
    - **Closed meeting (Executive Session) pursuant to Section §551.071 of the Texas Government Code – Consultation with Attorney; to wit: Consultation with Attorney; §551.074 of Texas Government Code - Personnel Matters**
    - **Announcement of time and date closed meeting (executive session) for this matter ends and reconvenes in open session.**
        - **The Robertson County EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above as authorized by the Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultations with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Properties), 551.073 (Deliberations regarding Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations regarding Security Devices or Security Audits), and 551.087 (Deliberations regarding Economic Development Negotiations)**

President Robert Yezak announced on August 11, 2026 at 7:10pm, the open session would be recessed and would reconvene into Executive Session.

President Robert Yezak announced on August 11, 2026 at 7:12pm, the executive session would begin.

19. **RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION**
    - **The Robertson County EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT will reconvene in a public meeting to discuss and take action on related matters.**

President Robert Yezak announced on August 11, 2026 at 8:18pm, the executive session would end and reconvene into regular session.

20. **Adjourn**
Commissioner Mathews made a motion to adjourn at 8:24pm. No opposition.