Robertson County Emergency Services District
Board of Commissioners
Budget Workshop
August 4, 2026 @ 5:30 p.m.
RCESD/EMS Office
287 Cooks Lane, Franklin, TX 77856

1. Call Meeting to Order

President Robert Yezak called the meeting to order at 5:33pm 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

VISITORS

Erin Rodriguez, RCESD
Cole French, RCESD
Adam Gallagher, RCESD
Kami Lopez, FVFD
Gage Lopez, FVFD
Mark Ruland, FVFD
Jim Dunn, WVFD
Kelly Deboard, WVFD
Celene Lincecum, SVFD
Bob Hall, SVFD

Public Comments
None

2. Consideration and discussion of Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Proposed Budgets

- Blackjack VFD
- Bremond VFD
- Calvert VFD
- Easterly VFD
- Franklin VFD
- Hearne VFD
- Seale VFD
- Wheelock VFD
- RCEMS

All Departments

- Computer/Office Equip. & Furniture- Moving forward with Budgets everything for this Line Item will be coming from Cole French IT budget.
- Can Not Move Money Out of Capital Outlay and Travel & Training to any other line Items

Franklin VFD:

- City of Franklin will be handing over the Responsibility of the Vehicle Fuel and Vehicle Insurance (Not including the City of Franklin Engine) over to the ESD.
- Building Loan, Bukner Gear and other Gear all staying the same amount from Year before.
- Emergency Service Equipment- was Raised to $15,000 ($$8,500) to finish upgrading to Battery operating Extraction Tools. Received a set from the Texas Forest Grant.
- Radios- Waiting on End Date to finish the BBV Wac radio set. Did put $5,000 in Line to get used P25 Radios.
- Audit- Increase of $50

- Communication- Add an Extra ($1,750) battery and antennas for P25, if moving to BBV Wec, then there will not need an increase.
- Dues/Memberships/Subscriptions- Projected an increase, add $700
- Equipment Testing- SCBA, Pump, and Hose & Ladder ($4479), Increase of $1,000 for other small equipment testing
- Building Maintenance- Increase of $7,000 Fixing ceiling tiles, Bay Doors
- Equipment Maintenance- PM and Sharping of Cutter and Spreaders
- Utilities- Price increase based on the Projection of 2026
- Medical Supplies- Decrease of $400
- Postage/Box Rental- Holding the same Amount but may not be used since temporally mail is coming to the ESD address.
- Vehicle Fuel- Basing off Fuel off Bremond Budget
- Franklin will be looking into Water Rescue Training through a House Bill 2604
- Fire Prevention- Increase for School Fire Prevention

Wheelock VFD

- Building Loan/Expansion- Building Expansion on the backside of station. Loan for 7 Years x $11,000
- All other Capital Outlay will Remain the same
- Audit Increased of $50
- Dues/Memberships/Subscription Increase $200
- Equipment Maintenance- Increase of $1,000 Looking at FY2026
- Vehicle Maintenance- Increase $4,790, More vehicle and higher maintenance on older vehicle.
- Utilities- Increase $800, Only has Electric Bill
- Supplies- Will all be staying the same as FY2026 Expect Vehicle Fuel
- Vehicle Fuel- Increase $2,900, More vehicles and making more calls
- Travel & Training- Will all remain the same as FY2026

Seale Round VFD

- Bunker Gear- No need for new Bunker Gear was awarded Texas Forest Grant Fy2026
- Other Gear- Keeping the Same ($7,500) for possible new members
- Computer/Office Equip. & Furniture ……
- Emergency Service Equipment- Decrease $16,000, $14,000 Will be used for Hose, LED sign in front of Station and Concert of Helicopter pad for a walkway.
- Radios- 4 More radios to replace old broken ones.
- SCBA- 2 more bottles for SCBA's
- Existing Vehicle Loans- TFS Grant 95/5, $16,000 x 7 years 105k
- New Vehicle- Looking for a Chassis to go with the TFS Grant for a Skid Unit
- Aduit- Increase of $50
- Dues/Memberships/Subscription- Decrease of $750
- Equipment Testing- SCBA, Pump, and Hose & Ladder $1579, with an Increase of $500
- Building Maintenance- Pest Control $1,100
- Vehicle Maintenance- Increase $4,000 need new tires

- Utilities- Increase of $2,000 adding a station Cell Phone
- Chemical Supplies- Decrease of $399 can get chemicals from other departments
- Mechanical Supplies/Tools- Increase $600 for Tool Bos and Misc. Hand Tools
- Medical Supplies- Decrease of $50, Gloves and stop the bleed kit
- Office Supplies- Increase of $150, Microsoft program and Misc.
- Postage/Box Rental- Increase of $20. Price increase
- Travel & Training- Remain the same FY2026

3. Consideration and Discussion of Fiscal Year 2026-202 Proposed Robertson County Emergency Services Administrative and Tower Budgets

4. Adjourn

Commissioner Mathews made a motion to adjourn at 7:30pm. No opposition.

The Robertson County Emergency Services District Board 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 Donation), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations regarding Security Devices or Security Audits), and 551.087 (Deliberations regarding Economic Development Negotiations).

Next Monthly Board Meeting, Emergency Services District August 11, 2026