Robertson County Emergency Services District Board of Commissioners
Budget Workshop/Special Meeting
September 16, 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 5:46pm 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 Matthews, Treasurer
Jerry Heney, Asst. Treasurer
Kayla Snaders, Commissioner

Hope Zeig, Executive Director
James McCullough, Legal Counsel

VISITORS

Adam Gallagher, RCESD
Cole French, RCESD
Erin Rodriguez, RCESD
Mikal Isbell, RCESD
Bob Hall, RCESD
Benny Funderburk, SVFD
David Funderburk, SVFD
Kami Lopez, FVFD
Mark Ruland, FVFD
Brandon Trainer, CVFD
Gage Lopez, FVFD
Austin Myers, EVFD
Kelly Deboard, WVFD
Jimm Dunn, WVFD
George Evans, HVFD
Renda Jackson, CVFD
Nick Fowler, BJVFD
David Greenwood, EVFD
Cody Little, BVFD
Bruce Glover, SVFD
Jacob Morse, EVFD

2. Public Comments

None

3. Reports from Robertson County EMS including any financial, performance, training, equipment, operations, compliance and personnel reports
   - Monthly Report

   EMS reported blood usages and updated Licenses for Blood.

4. Reports from Volunteer Fire Departments, including any financial, performance, training, equipment, operations, compliance, and personnel reports
   - Include Fleet Status, Calls for the Month, Active Members, Training and Fundraisers
     - BJVFD -Nothing to report
     - BVFD- Calls made for August were at 20 calls, Training for last month was the Battery Farm Training.
     - CVFD- Truck 18 had a blow out, ordered 2 new tires. CVFD has 2 new members. CVFD has BBQ Fundraiser, September 19,2026
     - EVFD Truck 270 Down due to pump went out, still have no update on when it will be repaired. Tanker Truck has no A/C will be getting that fixed. Call for the month is at 15. Training was done with BVFD for the Battery Farm. EVFD had gun raffle and it went GREAT.
     - FVFD- Truck 500 radiator was taken out and need to put the new one back in the truck. Calls for the month were 22 and has 9 active members
     - HVFD- has 12 active members and made 45 calls for the month of August. Received 1 application for a new member.
     - SVFD- 11 active members had tender training. Brush truck pump went out. Planning auto extrication training.
     - WVFD- Truck B75 is still waiting for it to be repaired. Has 12 active members and has 6 calls for the month of August. Had training on new radios. WVFD is working on a fundraiser.

5. Consideration, Discussion and Any Approval of Prior Meeting(s) Minutes (Action Item)

No action was taken, Move to August 29, 2026 meeting

6. Consideration and discussion of Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Proposed Budgets and Contracts
   - Blackjack VFD
     - Commissioner advised getting a build loan for the explanation of station and present to the board next year for payment.
     - Removed $1905 for lapels
     - Active 911 for $250 was moved to IT budget
     - New Truck budget was set at $157,00 for 7 years. Need to get different quotes.
     - SCBA's were removed and will be moved to the ESD for when we have a County purchase of SCBA.
   - Bremond VFD
     - New Truck budget was set at $157,000 for Years, with a $45,00 grant for skid
     - LED sign was removed
     - Emergency Service Equipment was reduced to 1 Emergency Plug, 1Handle Thermal, and 1 Extrication tool
     - $5,000 was put in the budget only for used P25 radios
   - Calvert VFD
     - UTV was removed and advised to use grant for other Emergency Service Equipment due to the Solar Panel Project is 5 years out.
     - New Ladder Trucks were presented and board advised at this time they were not going to be looking to replace the ladder truck that was already owned
   - Easterly VFD
     - Electric Doors were removed from building maintenance
   - Franklin VFD
     - Nothing was removed or added to budget
   - Hearne VFD
     - $5,000 was put in the budget only for used P25 radios
   - Seale Round VFD
     - LED sign and concert sidewalk to Helicopter pad was removed due to the rights of the land in the Seale Round contract with Seale Round Prairie
   - Wheelock VFD
     - New Truck budget was set at $157,00 for 7 years
     - New Vehicle- Tender that was granted through the TFS will be arriving in Dec. 2026

7. Consideration and Discussion of Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Proposed Robertson County Emergency Services Budgets

   - **Administration**
     Increase to adding all Franklin VFD Vehicle and trailers to Insurance
   - **Tower**
     Increase for property rent, removal of old building, adding electrical in new building and adding a alarm system to advise when tower goes down.

   - **RCEMS**

   - **CHP**

   - **IT**

8. Consideration and Discussion of FY2026-2027 Contracts Between Robertson County Emergency Services District and Volunteer Fire Departments

   Possible changes that will be added to the VFD Contracts
   - ESD will be paying of bill directly to Vendor and removing the reimbursements to the Fire Department

- Credit Card Statements and Bank Statement will have to be turned in monthly
- Use of Credit Card or Checks will have to have 2 signatures on them for approval
- QuickBooks Desktop will be used for all Departments
- Image Trend will be used for Inventory for Departments
- A PIO Officer will need to be appointed for all departments and will have training for this position
- Family Members cannot approve legal documents.
- Fuel receipts will need to be turned into the ESD for Fuel approval
- Monthly Department Meeting Mintes will need to be submit to the ESD through the Portal
- No Bartering from the departments

9. Consideration, Discussion and Any **Approval of <u>Appropriate Expenditures</u> for Volunteer Fire Departments**, payment of approved expenditures for FY 2025-2026 expenditures (Action Item)
   Moved to next meeting, no action was needed

10. 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)
    Moved to next meeting, No action was needed

11. Consideration, Discussion and Any Approval of Robertson County Emergency Services District Updating Employee Handbook Policies (Action Item)
    Moved to next meeting on September 29,2026

12. Consideration, Discussion and Any Approval of Changes to Audit Process by Ingram, Wallis regarding Modified Cash Basis and Asset Capitalization Policy (Action Item)
    Commissioner Barker made a motion to approve the Changes to the Audit Process by Ingram, Wallis regarding Modified Cash Basis and Asset Capitalization Policy. Commissioner Sander Seconded. All approved, the motion carries.

13. Consideration, Discussion, and Any Action Regarding Any Claim for Unpaid Employee Wages in lawsuit by Remmer in Federal Court and Consideration, Discussion, and Any Action Regarding Karl C. Hoppess, Trustee et al vs Robertson Central Appraisal District et al in-State District Court (Action Item)
    Commissioner Mathews made a motion to move to authorize out attorney to engage the Law Firm of Littler Mendelson to represent RCESD in Remmer Lawsuit in Federal Court and authorize President Robert Yezak to execute and any agreement to hire Law Firm. Commissioner Sanders seconded. All approved, the motion carries.

14. 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 September 16, 2026 at 7:34pm, the open session would be recessed and would reconvene into executive session.

15. 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 September 16, 2026 at 9:44pm, the Executive Session would end and reconvene into regular session.

16. Adjourn

Commissioner Mathews made a motion to adjourn at 10pm. No opposition

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Next Monthly Board Meeting, Emergency Services District October 13, 2026