

**Robertson County Emergency Services District
Board of Commissioners
Monthly Meeting
March 10, 2026 @ 6:30 p.m.
RCESD Conference Room
287 Cooks Lane, Franklin, TX 77856**

1. **Call Meeting to Order**

President Robert Yezak call the meeting to order at 6:32pm and noted a quorum present, along with legal counsel. Commissioner Sanders was not present due to a medically excused absence. 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

Hope Zeig, Executive Director
James McCullough, Legal Counsel

VISITORS

Adam Gallagher, RCESD
Jerry W. Hadley, BVFD
Amy Munoz, RCESD
Erin Rodriguez, RCESD
Jerry Hadley, BVFD
Cole French, RCESD
George Evans, HVFD
Tom Hallmark, WVFD

Melinda Hallmark, WVFD
Bob Hall, SRPVFD
Clay Willis, SRPVFD
William Houston, RCESD
Jacob Morse, EVFD
Renda Jackson, CVFD
Monte Strenkel, FVFD
Mark Ruland, FVFD

Robert Fowler, BJVFD
Nick Fowler, BJVFD
Theresa Fowler, BJVFD
Mika Isbell, CHP
David Greenwood, EVFD
Gage Lopez, FVFD

2. **Public Comments**

None

3. **Consideration, Discussion, and Any Approval of February Minutes (Action Item)**

Commissioner Barker made a motion to approve February minutes. Commissioner Henry seconded, the motion carried.

4. **Consideration, discussion, and any approval of February Financial Report (Action Item)**

Commissioner Mathews made a motion to approve February Financial Report. Commissioner Barker seconded, the motion carried.

- **Tax Assessor Property Tax Collections & Report**

Report for collections for January 2026 was included in packet.

- **Sales Tax Reports & Statement**

Sales tax report ending 02/10/26 was included in packet.

- **Emergicon Collections and Write-Off Reports**

Emergicon collection for February totaled \$126,264.02. Write offs totaled \$68,976.01.

- **CitiBank Credit Card Statements**

Final CitiBank statement was included in packet and invoices uploaded via One Drive. That account has been closed and new credit cards are through US Bank.

5. **Consideration, Discussion, and Any Approval of Reserve Funding Request of Volunteer Fire Departments and Robertson County ESD and Robertson County Emergency Medical Services to include funding adjustment (Action Item)**

- **Wheelock VFD requests funds for new WiFi setup totaling \$700**

Amount without tax is \$692.38. Department says it will be a monthly savings but is not sure how much of a savings. Per IT, Brazos Wifi provides free service if setup is paid for by department.

Commissioner Mathews made a motion to approve Wheelock VFD Reserve Funding Request totaling \$692.38 for new WiFi setup. Commissioner Barker seconded, the motion carried.

6. **Consideration, Discussion, and Any Approval of FY 2025-2026 Budget Adjustments (Action Item)**

- **Bremond VFD adjustment totaling \$3548**

Commissioner Mathews made a motion to approve Bremond VFD budget adjustment of \$3,548 from Building Maintenance to Capital Outlay: Furniture. Commissioner Henry seconded, the motion carried.

- **Calvert VFD adjustment totaling \$11.36**

Commissioner Barker made a motion to approve Calvert VFD budget adjustment of \$11.36 from Postage to Equipment Maintenance. Commissioner Henry seconded, the motion carried.

- **Franklin VFD adjustment totaling \$950**

\$600 from Medical Supplies to Building Maintenance, \$350 from Chemical Supplies to Dues & Memberships.

Commissioner Mathews made a motion to approve Franklin VFD budget adjustments totaling \$950. Commissioner Barker seconded, the motion carried.

- **Wheelock VFD adjustment totaling \$1000**

\$500 from Chemical Supplies to Vehicle Fuel, \$500 from Chemical Supplies to Utilities.

Commissioner Barker made a motion to approve Wheelock VFD budget adjustments totaling \$1,000. Commissioner Henry seconded, the motion carried.

7. **Consideration, discussion, and any approval of Requests for FY 2025-2026 Preapproval of Expenditures of Volunteer Fire Departments and Robertson County ESD/EMS (Action Item)**

- **Blackjack VFD approval of Emergency Services Equipment totaling \$7,538.68**

Commissioner Barker made a motion to approve Blackjack VFD preapproval totaling \$7,538.68. Commissioner Mathews seconded, the motion carried.

- **Easterly VFD approval of Flagpole and Lights totaling \$468.15**

Commissioner Barker made a motion to approve Easterly VFD preapprovals totaling \$468.15. Commissioner Henry seconded, the motion carried.

- **Franklin VFD approval of Gear and Equipment totaling \$6,853.02**

Commissioner Henry made a motion to approve Franklin VFD preapproval totaling \$6,853.02. Commissioner Barker seconded, the motion carried.

- **Seale VFD approval of Emergency Service Equipment totaling \$534.99**

Commissioner Henry made a motion to approve Seale VFD preapproval totaling \$534.99. Commissioner Mathews seconded, the motion carried.

- **Approval of additional BVWAC Radio Accessories totaling \$7,373.22**

At the last meeting, 40 radios with all accessories were approved. This will be 60 more to provide to all departments.

Commissioner Henry made a motion to approve additional BVWAC radio accessories totaling \$7,373.22. Commissioner Mathews seconded, the motion carried.

8. **Consideration, Discussion and Any Approval of Appropriate Expenditures for Volunteer Fire Departments, payment of approved expenditures for FY 2025-2026 expenditures (Action Item)**

Commissioner Barker made a motion to approve Appropriate Expenditures for Volunteer Fire Departments and payment of approved expenditures for FY2025-2026. Commissioner Henry seconded, the motion carried.

9. **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 Henry made a motion to approve Payment of Robertson County Emergency Services District monthly expenses, including payroll, RCEMS, Tower expenses, and funds transfers of \$4,432.29 from FFB Sales Tax to FFB RCEMS, \$40.00 from Seale VFD to FFB RCEMS, \$477,957 from FFB Sales Tax to FFB Operational, \$390,000 from FFB Sales Tax to FFB Payroll, and \$250,000 from FFB Property Tax to FFB Operational, totaling \$1,122,429.29. Commissioner Mathews seconded, the motion carried.

10. **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)**

Blackjack VFD received their new truck in January and are waiting on TFS to come inspect before they can get grant reimbursement.

- **Skid Units**

Seale VFD is the only department that submitted breakdown on quotes for skid only, truck only and skid plus chassis. Quotes were provided. Seale does not have a chassis to put a skid on so they would need to purchase it all together. No motion made. Move to next month's agenda.

11. **Consideration, Discussion and Any Approval of Hearne Volunteer Fire Department accepting Texas Forest Service 95/5 Equipment Grant totaling \$25,000 with Robertson County Emergency Services District Payment of Full Cost and Accepting Grant Funds as Reimbursement (Action Item)**

Hearne VFD is not sure what they will use the grant for yet, but they have some equipment that needs to be replaced.

Commissioner Mathews made a motion to approve Hearne VFD accepting Texas Forest Service 95/5 equipment grant totaling \$25,000 with Robertson County Emergency Services District payment of full cost and accepting grant funds as reimbursement. Commissioner Henry seconded, the motion carried.

12. **Consideration, Discussion and Any Approval of Robertson County Emergency Services District Accepting As-Is Harris County Emergency Services District Rescue Vehicle at No Cost (Action Item)**

President Yezak noted this was a ratification.

Commissioner Henry made a motion to ratify Robertson County Emergency Services District acceptance of as-is Harris County Emergency Services District Rescue Vehicle at no cost. Commissioner Mathews seconded, the motion carried.

13. **Consideration, Discussion and Any Approval of Blackjack VFD Utilizing Out-of-Service Engine 84 or Other Robertson County Volunteer Fire Department Vehicle as a Blocker (Action Item)**

Commissioner Mathews had visits with Blackjack VFD members regarding engine 84. After doing research, she found that Texas is number 1 in the country in most deaths of first responders on the scene of an accident. Multiple departments told her a blocker would be a great idea to protect our first responders when they are on a scene. Engine 84 would need to be looked at by a mechanic to know if it can be used as a blocker. Blackjack is asking for approval to get it looked at to know if it's feasible. There are also other vehicles in the county that could be an option for this. Commissioner Henry suggests logistics coordinator to get meeting together to look into this further. Commissioner Mathews makes recommendation to get Blackjack VFD to take engine 84 to get looked at by mechanic.

Commissioner Barkers made a motion to authorize Blackjack VFD to determine cost of getting engine 84 in proper state of repair to be a blocker. Commissioner Mathews seconded, the motion carried.

President Yezak appoints subcommittee of Commissioner Mathews and Erin Rodriguez, Logistics Coordinator, to gather necessary information and report back to the ESD board to recommend a course of action on blocker trucks.

14. **Consideration, Discussion and Any Approval of Seale VFD Disposal of Gear, SCBAs and Engine 98 (Action Item)**

Commissioner Henry made a motion to direct Executive Director to put Engine 98 and other gear on GovDeals. Commissioner Barker seconded, the motion carried.

15. **Consideration, Discussion and Any Approval of Robertson County Emergency Services District Logistics Coordinator Paying Recurring and Obligation Invoice for Volunteer Fire Departments (Action Item)**

Logistics Coordinator would begin directly receiving VFD bills and paying them for them. Discussed in Executive Session. No action taken.

16. **Consideration, Discussion and Any Approval of Robertson County Emergency Services District Entering into an Interlocal Agreement with Milam County (Action Item)**

Discussed in Executive Session. No action taken.

17. **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

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Executive Director• Office Manager• EMS Chief• Captain | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lieutenant• Crew• IT Coordinator• Logistics Coordinator |
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No discussion needed

18. Reports from Robertson County EMS including any financial, performance, training, equipment, operations, compliance and personnel reports

New monthly report made available to commissioners. CHP gave update of current events.

19. Reports from Volunteer Fire Departments, including any financial, performance, training, equipment, operations, compliance, and personnel reports

Blackjack – two people went to TEEEX

Bremond – Jerry Wayne Hadley elected chief, Cody Little assistant chief. New buggy came in. April 25 crawfish fundraiser.

Calvert – none

Easterly – members going to check on brush truck build, delivery could be April

Franklin – putting quotes together for skid unit grant and few other grants, one new application

Hearne – two new members, training next Monday

Seale – new truck delivered

Wheelock – Springfest fundraiser May 16

20. 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 at 7:46pm on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, the open session would be ending and once room is clear, the meeting would reconvene into Executive Session.

21. 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 Yezak announced at 8:55pm on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, the Executive Session would end and the meeting would reconvene into open session.

22. Adjourn

Commissioner Mathews made a motion to adjourn at 8:55pm. No opposition.

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Next Monthly Board Meeting, Emergency Services District April 14, 2026