

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
SMITH COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NUMBER NO. 1  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
LINDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, LINDALE, TEXAS  
OCTOBER 16, 2025**

**Carolyn Todd, President, called the meeting to order.**

**Cory Crowell gave the invocation.**

**Pledge by all in attendance to the American Flag was led by Louie Brown.**

**Carolyn Todd certified that the Agenda was posted as dictated by law on the Board Website on October 09, 2025, and at the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department on October 09, 2025. Board Members present in addition to Carolyn Todd were Louie Brown, Cory Crowell, Charles Froebe and Owen Scott. Annie Baldwin, Volunteer Clerk, was present.**

**Cory Crowell made a motion to approve the Agenda with the understanding that the items may be acted upon in any order. Motion seconded by Charles Froebe. All in favor and motion carried.**

**The minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 18, 2025, Board of Commissioners, were presented for approval. Cory Crowell made a motion to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by Charles Froebe. All in favor and motion carried.**

**Jay Brooks addressed the Board and wanted it put on Record by asking the following questions: what is the number of volunteers at the fire department; the number of paid volunteers; when would the Hideaway Lake Contract expire; the staffing at both fire stations; discuss budget increases and tax rate. He questioned why firemen are paid \$ 25 per hour regardless of position and no stipend is provided. The items were discussed with the board members and the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department fire chief.**

**Jeremy Larue, Fire Chief, Lindale Volunteer Fire Department, presented monthly activities report for September. He stated the Department had made 203 calls in September which brings the year to date total of 1,843. They responded to two major wrecks. The Chief stated the Department has had a busy October thus far. They had participated in the National Night Out in Lindale and Hideaway Lake and October Fest. They have presented fire prevention programs to several schools in the area, sponsored the Petting Zoo at the October Fest and had a dunking booth. Over \$ 500 was made which would be donated to the Shriners. The Department made several medical calls at the October Fest. It looks favorable that the Department will receive two Grants for fire services training aids and a brush truck.**

**Owen Scott, Treasurer, presented the bills for the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department for FY 24-25 final bills. The total requested for District funds was \$ 161,739.31. Louie Brown made a motion to approve the bills and pay the fire department the requested amount. Motion seconded by Charles Froebe. All in favor and motion carried.**

**Annie Baldwin discussed Smith County Tax Abatement Committee's Annual Review. She stated that Sanderson Farm was compliant with the tax abatement agreement was approved for 78% abatement for 2025. Cory Crowell made a motion for a Resolution to accept the Smith County Tax Abatement Committee's 2025 Annual Review as presented. Motion seconded by Charles Froebe. All in favor and motion carried.**

**Since the Smith County Tax Assessor-Collector had not provided the Board with the Tax Roll information, this item was tabled by Carolyn Todd.**

**Cory Crowell presented a letter from the company Neumo. Their objective is to find businesses that are not collecting sales and use tax within our District. Several questions were asked by the Board members concerning this item. After a discussion, Louie Brown made a motion for a Resolution to hire Neumo to locate businesses in the District who should be collecting sales and use taxes. Motion seconded by Charles Froebe. All in favor and motion carried.**

**Owen Scott presented the following bills: Burns, Anderson, Jury & Brenner, \$ 225.00 for professional services; Texas Municipal League \$ 47,966.68 for insurance; UT Health East Texas EMS \$ 9,437.00 for tower maintenance; SAFE-D \$ 2,575 for training; Smith County \$ 40,000.00 for 911 Dispatch. Cory Crowell made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Motion seconded by Louie Brown. All in favor and motion carried.**

**Owen Scott presented the Treasurer's Report for September 2025. Louie Brown made a motion to approve the report. Motion seconded by Charles Froebe. All in favor and motion carried.**

**Louie Brown made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Charles Froebe. All in favor and motion carried.**

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**CAROLYN TODD, PRESIDENT**

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**CHARLES FROEBE, SECRETARY**