

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
SMITH COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NUMBER 1  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
LINDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, LINDALE, TEXAS  
JANUARY 15, 2026**

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

**Carolyn Todd gave the invocation.**

**Pledge by all in attendance to the American Flag lead by Owen Scott.**

**Carolyn Todd certified that the Agenda was posted as dictated by law on the Board Website on January 08, 2026, and at the Lindale Volunteer fire Department on January 09, 2026. Board Members present in addition to Carolyn Todd were Louie Brown, Owen Scott, and Cory Crowell. Board Member Charles Froebe was absent. Annie Baldwin, Volunteer Clerk, was present.**

**A motion was made by Louie Brown for a Resolution to elect the following officers: President, Carolyn Todd; Vice-President, Louie Brown; Secretary, Charles Froebe; Treasurer, Owen Scott and Assistant Treasurer, Cory Crowell. All officers will be authorized to sign on all financial accounts and authorized to inquire on any financial accounts. Annie Baldwin, Volunteer Clerk, will be authorized to inquire on any financial accounts. Motion seconded by Owen Scott. All in favor and motion carried.**

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

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

**Cory Crowell introduced Mark Whatley of Burns Commercial Properties and Louie Brown introduced Jon Stafford of M&D CRE, LLC. Both gentlemen presented proposals to serve as the District's Broker firm to locate property for Smith County ESD No. 1 for future fire stations. Each answered questions from Board Members concerning their proposal. No action was taken at this time by the Board.**

**Caleb Laskowski and Elijah Krajewski, Lindale Volunteer Fire Department, presented the monthly activities report for December. They stated the Department made 227 calls during the month, several were medical calls. There were 2,419 total calls for the year 2025. The Department is now filling 98-99% of the schedules. They are putting another person on the night shift for a total of five. The Department now employs 65 firefighters and has plans to hire more personnel.**

**Cory Crowell thanked the fire department and the personnel who responded to his home the night his wife became ill and he appreciated the way they took care of her.**

Before the bills were presented for payment, Jay Brooks addressed the Board. He believes the Department needs to submit back up on credit card bills. He has concerns with the IT billing. Mr. Brooks stated he is pleased with the additional staffing at fire station No. 1.

Owen Scott, Treasurer, presented the bills for the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department. The total requested for District funds was \$ 127,880.14. Cory Crowell discussed the Department submitting a bill from Ramey Flock for \$ 720 for reimbursement from the Board. He made a motion to subtract this amount from the amount requested. Motion died from lack of a second. Louie Brown made a motion to approve the bills and pay the fire department the requested amount. Motion seconded by Owen Scott. Owen Scott and Louie Brown voted yes and Cory Crowell voted nay. Motion carried.

Before discussion concerning transferring of District funds from Regular Checking Account to Special Account Jay Brooks stated he believed the District should have a policy concerning transferring of the money from one account to another and not have to wait for Board approval. Mrs. Todd stated she would discuss this with our attorney.

Owen Scott explained that at the end of December, the district had \$ 3,375,932.68 in regular checking account and \$ 3,197,364.23 in the special account for a total of \$ 6,573,296.91. Hopefully, in the next year we will complete a new fire station which we have estimated will take around \$3,000,000 to build. In addition we have two new fire trucks ordered which will be delivered in the next 1 1/2 years. The total cost of the two new trucks is \$ 1,750,511 for a total obligation of \$ 4,750,511. I feel it will be safe to transfer \$ 2,000,000 from our checking account to our Special Account where it will draw more interest. If at any time we need more money in our checking account, it can be transferred back. A motion was made by Cory Crowell for a Resolution for the Board to approve transferring \$ 2,000,000 from the District's Regular Checking Account to Special Account and allow Carolyn Todd, Board President and/or Owen Scott, Board Treasurer to complete this transaction. Motion seconded by Louie Brown. All in favor and motion carried.

Owen Scott presented the following bills for payment: Gary B. Barber, Smith County Tax Assessor-Collector \$ 48.75 for tax collection fees; CNA Surety \$ 297.50 for Bond. Cory Crowell made a motion to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion seconded by Owen Scott. All in favor and motion carried.

Owen Scott presented the Treasurer's Report for December 2025. Cory Crowell made a motion to approve the report. Motion seconded by Louie Brown. All in favor and motion carried.

Carolyn Todd told the Board that she is planning to have a Board Member's Training session in February. The date will be February 12, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at the fire department. Mrs. Todd stated she was pleased with the quick response time by the fire department at the fire on Highway 31 on January 13<sup>th</sup>.

Louie Brown made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Cory Crowell. All in favor and motion carried.

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**CAROLYN TODD, PRESIDENT**

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**CHARLES FROEBE, SECRETARY**