

**MINUTES OF MEETING
SMITH COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NUMBER 1
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
LINDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, LINDALE, TEXAS
May 21, 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 Louie Brown.

Carolyn Todd certified that the Agenda was posted as dictated by law on the Board Website on May 12, 2026, and at the Lindale Volunteer fire Department on May 13, 2026. Board Members present in addition to Carolyn Todd were Louie Brown, Owen Scott, Cory Crowell and Charles Froebe. Annie Baldwin, Volunteer Clerk, was present.

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

The minutes of the Called Meeting of April 24, 2026, Board of Commissioners, were presented for approval. Charles Froebe made a motion to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by Louie Brown. All in favor and motion carried.

Brandon Moore, Smith County Emergency Coordination explained the Smith County 2026 Hazard Mitigation Action Plan. Cory Crowell made a motion for A RESOLUTION OF THE SMITH COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1 ADOPTING THE SMITH COUNTY 2026 HAZARD MITIGATION ACTION PLAN THAT STATES:

WHEREAS, the Smith County Emergency Services District No. 1 recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within Smith County Emergency Services District No. 1; and

WHEREAS, the County of Smith has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as Smith County 2026 Hazard Mitigation Action Plan, in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and Smith County Hazard 2026 Mitigation Action Plan, identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in the Smith County Emergency Services District No. 1 from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS, adoption by the Smith County Emergency Services District No. 1 demonstrates their commitment to hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the Smith County 2026 Hazard Mitigation Action Plan.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SMITH COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1, LINDALE, TEXAS THAT:

The Smith County Emergency Services District No. 1 adopts the Smith County 2026 Hazard Mitigation Action Plan. This plan, approved by the Board, may be edited or amended after submission for review, but will not require the Board to re-adopt any further iterations. This only applies to this specific plan and does not absolve the community from updating the plan in 5 years. Motion seconded by Louie. All in favor and motion carried.

ADOPTED by a vote of 5 in favor and 0 against, and 0 abstaining, this 21st day of May, 2026

Troy Pritchett, Assistant Fire Chief, Lindale Volunteer Fire Department, presented the monthly activities report for April. There were 245 calls made the Department during that time.

Cory Crowell, Assistant Treasurer, presented the bills for the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department. The total requested for District funds was \$ 213,694, 40. 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 Preliminary Property Tax Analysis for 2026 from information from the Smith County Appraisal District. No action was taken by the Board.

Annie Baldwin presented the Planning Calendar for the District for Tax Year 2026 for Truth-In-Taxation Laws. Cory Crowell made a motion to approve the Calendar with the understanding it may be amended. Motion seconded by Louie Brown. All in favor and motion carried.

Mrs. Baldwin discussed Notice of Consent Annexation of Property by the City of Lindale. No action was taken by the Board.

Mrs. Baldwin discussed the estimated cost of General Election of November 03, 2026. No action was taken by the Board.

Mrs. Baldwin discussed the top 25 delinquent tax accounts from information received from Linebarger, Attorneys at Law. No action was taken by the Board.

Annie Baldwin stated she had been in contact with Phillip Davis, the Board's Representative with The Texas Municipal League concerning House Bill 4144's requirements for a political subdivision to provide critical care illness insurance for firefighters. A political subdivision would have to have at least 50, full-time, paid firefighters to be required to be covered. He stated that since the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department's firefighters are paid by the Department, the TML could not cover the District and since the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department is not a political subdivision of the State of Texas, the TML could not cover them either. Mrs. Baldwin also talked to Clay Avery with SAFE-D. Mr. Avery agreed that the District would not have to be covered at this time. He stated that SAFE-D's attorneys were going to look farther into the Law with the State to get some clarification of it. Cory Crowell made a motion for a Resolution that Smith County Emergency Services District No. 1 would not be required to purchase critical care illness coverage at this time because the firefighters are not employees of the District. Motion seconded by Louie Brown. All in favor and motion carried.

Joe Yeakley addressed the Board and stated that he felt the Board should finish up the fire station no. 4 and remodel of the Central Fire Station before more land is bought for construction of more fire stations. Cory Crowell stated that he felt hiring a broker is important for growth in the community of Garden Valley and areas surrounding FM 2710. Louie Brown did not see the need to employ a broker at this time. No action was taken by the Board.

Jay Brooks addressed the Board. He stated that he feels the new fire station No. 4 needs to be built. He also thinks it could be scaled back. Mr. Brooks said he thought remodeling the Central Fire Station was very important. No action was taken by the Board.

The following bills were presented for payment: Patrick Law Offices, \$ 440.00 for Legal; Annie Baldwin, \$ 587.43 (Office \$ 325.84, Miscellaneous \$ 20.35, \$ Fire Station Construction \$ 241.24) and Willace Johnson Surveying & Mapping LLC \$ 1,800 for surveying property for fire station No. 4. Charles Froebe made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Motion seconded by Louie Brown. All in favor and motion carried.

Cory Crowell presented the Treasurer's Report for April 2026. Owen Scott made a motion to approve the report. Motion seconded by Louie Brown. All in favor and motion carried.

Cory Crowell stated he has had a conversation with Mr. Baldwin concerning her desire for the Board to hire a Clerk as she plans to retire from this position in the near future. He stated that he would like to put that item on next's month agenda and in the meantime he will do some research on the cost to replace Mr. Baldwin.

Carolyn Todd stated the Board's attorney has suggested the Board put the titles of the fire trucks into the Board's name. She will put that on next month's Board meeting to discuss. She explained that she and Charles Froebe will review proposals provided by builders on May 26, 2026, concerning their qualifications for construction of fire station No. 4. The Board will have the final decision as to which builder will be chosen.

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

CAROLYN TODD, PRESIDENT

CHARLES FROEBE, SECRETARY