

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

November 18, 2025

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1. Hank Dembosky called the meeting to order at 6pm.
  2. Dembosky led the Board in prayer.
  3. Dembosky led the Board in the pledges of allegiance.
  4. Guests (5) are noted on the attached sign-in sheet. Commissioners in attendance: President Hank Dembosky; Vice-President Skip Smith; Treasurer Colleen Majoue; Assistant Treasurer Lori McGuire; and Secretary Judy Bryant. At this point, Dembosky asked Leon County Precinct IV Commissioner TJ Foley to speak. He first provided the following updates: (1) 8.5-million-dollar digital tower system (7 towers) in Leon County. Same contractor will do all work. Every single frequency is changing to digital VHF, and the frequency will be on the FAA website. Hilltop Lakes Property Owners' Association has agreed to sell a lot in Section 50B for a tower. Construction is scheduled to begin February or March 2026. There will be a set number of radios, with all first responders having access to radios. CERT should be able to get radios. Additional radios may be purchased at the same price. An open house will be held in Centerville in the future. (2) There will be a 15-billion-dollar data center at Marquez, Texas. (3) House Bill 3000 established a grant program to support adequate ground ambulance services in rural areas. Counties with populations between 10,000 and 68,750 are eligible for ambulance grants not to exceed \$350,000. There have been no meetings on this yet. Additional guidelines should come out in December 2025, followed by applying for the grant in January 2026. The program allows counties to list two options for ambulance service in the application. Hilltop Lakes or Jewett may get the ambulance grant.
  5. Treasurer's Report:
    - a) Majoue presented check #1021 for the ambulance payment in the amount of \$3,823 for approval. Smith motioned to approve, and Majoue seconded. Motion carried.
    - b) Majoue reported on October 2025 financials (report attached) and Dembosky provided a policy document on budget planning for 10/01/2025 through 09/30/2026 (copy attached). Majoue motioned to approve, and McGuire seconded. Motion carried.
    - c) Sales tax revenue for November 2025 was \$6,599.68 (copy attached).
  6. The HTL VFD/EMS Financial and Activity Reports (attached) were presented by Sheri Guerra (VFD) and William Flippin (EMS). The monthly performance measures reported are noted in the activity report. Majoue motioned to approve the reports, and McGuire seconded. Motion carried.
    - EMS Calls: 32
    - Average Response Time: Medic 2 – 07 min, 59 secs. Flippin reported Medic 1 average response time is about the same as Medic 2.
    - Average Out-of-Chute Time: 01 mins, 35 secs
    - Fire Training Hours: 16
    - Response Hours: 127
- Flippin said there is a possibility of increased Fire/EMS calls due to the solar farm. Guerra reported that fire calls were up about 40 calls over this time last year, with several structural fires in October. Fire truck is in the shop with a broken drive cylinder leaf spring. It cost \$800 to tow it. Only the side that broke will be rebuilt.
7. Reports/Updates/Recommendations:
    - a) ESD Audit & Leon Co. Auditor Request – Everything needed for the audit has been provided to Natalie for the ESD Audit of the date of this meeting. ESD #2 is in full compliance with the Leon Co. Auditor. Three Leon County ESDs are missing continuing education units (CEU). Dembosky will have a draft of our annual report at the December 2025 ESD meeting.
    - b) Annual TDEM Report – Bryant will complete and submit to SAFE-D by January 1, 2026.
    - c) Dembosky's and Majoue's commissioner term expires December 31, 2025. They will be sworn in for another two-year term by Judge Ryder in Centerville on November 24, 2025.
    - d) Address Changes at Hilltop Lakes by the BVCOG and Leon County – HTL Property Owners' Association (POA) is on target, and they had a nice report at the last POA Meeting. Since the POA is coordinating, this will probably not be on the ESD meeting agenda unless action is needed.

- e) Pecan Prairie Solar Project – Report was presented at 11/11/25 Fire Board Meeting. Provided copies of maps delineating entrances to North and South parcels including aerial view and muster points. On track to complete the project within tax credits deadline. Repsol plans to attend the POA Annual Meeting December 13th.
  - f) GranSolar Bess Texas 3 Battery Storage Project – No report.
  - g) Emergency Planning, CERT – No CERT meeting this month.
8. Policy & Procedures – McGuire is working on identifying and drafting. Topics discussed included fraud and capitalization.
  9. SAFE-D annual meeting is January 29-31, 2026, in San Antonio, Texas. All ESD #2 commissioners will attend and obtain required CEUs.
  10. Majoue will contact Leon County Tax Assessor Collector, Victoria Willis, to see if ESD #2 needs anything for the Tax Rate Submission Report.
  11. Discussion on financial requests by HTL VFD/EMS was tabled.
  12. None.
  13. Majoue motioned to approve the October 21, 2025, meeting minutes, and McGuire seconded. Motion carried.
  14. State Representative Angelia Orr attended the town hall meeting in the Hilltop Lakes Fire Station Training Room on November 17, 2025.
  15. None.
  16. Guest Andre De La Garza addressed the Board and spoke about current and future healthcare and fire department challenges that rural communities face now and will continue to face.
  17. Next meeting will be Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at 6pm.
  18. At 8:39pm, Smith motioned to adjourn, and Majoue seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Bryant, Secretary

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