



Cameron County Emergency Services District No. 1

Board of Emergency Services Commissioners Meeting Notice

Wednesday, August 26, 2026 – 1:30 P.M. Regular Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMISSIONERS OF THE CAMERON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1 (CCESD) WILL BE HELD AT **THE EOC MEETING ROOM LOCATED ON THE 2ND FLOOR, 964 E. HARRISON STREET, IN BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS, AT 1:30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26TH, 2026.**

AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order.
 - A. Quorum
 - B. Pledges of Allegiance – United State of America and Texas

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Rene Perez at 1:30 p.m.

Quorum was established by members present.

2. Public Comments (**Each individual has up to three minutes. Board members will not engage in any discussion**).

No public comments.

3. Approval of Minutes:
 - A. July 30, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes

Motion to acknowledge the minutes for July 30, 2026, Special Meeting made by Mr. Alvarez, seconded by Mrs. Meyn. Motion carried.

4. Monthly Financial Reports:
 - A. Presentation of July Bank Statement/Revenues
 - B. Presentation of July Payment of Claims

Presentation of bank statement, revenues and payment of claims made by Mrs. Lucio.

As of July 1, 2026, the beginning balance was \$3,316,348.24, a total of 22 deposit/credits in the amount of \$64,480.30, a total of 12 check/debit in the amount of \$463,589.26, total interest incurred for the month in the amount of \$5,565.06. Ending balance as of July 31, 2025, was in the amount of \$2,922,804.34. Total interest incurred for the month was in the amount of \$5,565.06.

Total revenue for the month of July 2026 was in the amount of \$58,767.81. Total revenue to date was in the amount of \$4,970,739.64. Mrs. Lucio stated that the reconciliation for the month of July was complete.

Mrs. Lucio reported on the payment of claims.

Line-item supplies and equipment Longhorn Steak House – Lunch with (2) board members for Bylaws meeting, Sams expense \$81.21 coffee and water for ESD office, expense Dennys's breakfast meeting with board President of proposed budget \$29.10, Jason Deli \$367.31 ESD monthly meeting lunch.

Line-item Audit one partial payment to BML – for the 2025 audit in the amount of \$5, 000.00.

Mrs. Lucio stated that it was not included on the agenda but that a budget amendment will be necessary and duly presented at the next ESD meeting to cover the final amount for the 2025 audit. She reminded the board that during this fiscal year 2025-2026, funds from the audit line-item were utilized to cover excess fees for the 2024 audit, therefore having a shortage.

5. Presentation of Monthly Action Reports:
 - A. Coordinator's Report
 - B. Emergency Services Consultant's Report
 - C. Fire Marshal Update

Mrs. Lucio reported on the coordinator's report. She Stated that the 2025 Audit was complete by BML and will be presenting in the October ESD Meeting. She proceeded to state that they continue to work on all Fire/EMS reporting and log in monthly. Mrs. Lucio also reported that she was going to be sending out to Fire providers the equipment list for providers to update as needed. She then stated that there were no changes to the current ESD maps for the new fiscal year. End of report.

ESD Consultant Thomas Hushen reported a couple of items, he stated that in September there will be a county wide drill utilizing over 350 helicopters for rescues and it will take place at the county airport. He also announced that the city of San Benito will be under the County Emergency Plan. He then stated on the possibility on Fire Departments to be sent out to help the current fires in Palo Pinto through the Cameron County Emergency Management, falling under the mutual aid guidelines of the state. End of report.

Motion to acknowledge reports made by Mr. Tapia, second by Mr. Suarez. Motion carried.

6. Public hearing on FY 2026-2027 Budget.

Mr. Perez stated that the Notice of the hearing for the FY 2026-2027 budget was duly posted on the ESD website and published in the newspaper in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Motion to open the public hearing made by Mrs. Meyn second by Mr. Suarez.

No Public comments.

Motion to close the public hearing made Mr. Alvarez second by Mrs. Meyn.

7. Public hearing on FY 2026 Tax Rate.

Mr. Perez stated that the notice of the hearing for the FY 2026 Tax Rate was duly posted on the ESD website and published in the newspaper in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Motion to open the public hearing made by Mr. Tapia, second by Mr. Suarez.

No Public comments.

Motion to close the public hearing made Mr. Alvarez second by Mr. Suarez.

8. Consideration and Adoption of the Budget for the Cameron County ESD No.1 General Fund for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year.

Mr. Perez stated that budget notice hearing was posted on our ESD webpage as well as in the newspaper.

Mrs. Grecia Lucio stated that there had been changes to the original proposed budget; however, the overall budgeted amount remained the same. She stated that funds had been reallocated to cover the increase in contractual fringe benefits and that she made all contractual changes.

Mr. Tapia made a motion to adopt the Fiscal Year 2026–2027 budget, based on a 97.9% estimated tax collection rate. The 2026 voter-approval tax rate is \$0.064489, with total estimated revenues of \$6,001,513.41.

The amount budgeted for Fire/EMS is based on \$15,000 base pay, which includes the first responder allocation of \$40,000. Thereafter, funds are divided on a 60/40 split.

Motion second by Mrs. Meyn. Motion carried.

9. Consideration and Action setting the Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year 2026 in accordance with the attached order for Tax Rate.

Mr. Perez stated that the tax rate hearing notice was posted on our ESD webpage as well as in the newspaper.

Mr. Tapia made a motion that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.064489. This tax rate will raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year's tax rate.

The tax rate will effectively be raised by 3.5% and will raise taxes for maintenance and operations on a \$100,000 home by approximately \$1.75.

Motion second by Mr. Suarez motion carried.

10. Discussion and possible action on the Cameron County Emergency Services District No. 1 FIRE/EMS zoning maps for the upcoming fiscal year 2026-2027.

Mrs. Lucio stated that there was no change to maps.

Motion to adopt the maps for the new fiscal year 2026 -2027 was made Meyn second by Mr. Alvarez.

Motion carried.

11. Consideration and possible action of the annual interlocal agreement/service contract between Cameron County and the Cameron County Emergency Services District No.1 for performance of governmental functions.

Motion to table item 11 made by Mr. Tapia, second by Mrs. Meyn.

12. Consideration and Approval of the Texas Association of Counties (TAC) Liability Insurance for the coverage period of December 12, 2026 – December 12, 2027.

Motion to approve the TAC Liability Insurance for the coverage period December 12, 2026 – December 12, 2027, made by Mr. Alvarez second by Mr. Tapia. Motion carried.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:

A. Confer with Cameron County Emergency Services District Board's Legal Counsel regarding legal issues with Service Contracts, specifically as it relates to the service maps, pursuant to V.T.C.A., Government Code Section 551.071 (2).

B. Confer with Cameron County Emergency Services District Board's Legal Counsel regarding the statutory and procedural updating of the by-laws to align with current practices and legal requirements, and related matters, pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code, Section 551.071 (2).

C. Confer with Cameron County Emergency Services District Board's Legal Counsel regarding the legal issues in the proposed FY 2026-2027 Interlocal Agreement between Cameron County and CCESD No. 1, and related matters, pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code, Section 551.071 (2).

Motion to enter Executive Session made by Mr. Suarez, second by Mrs. Meyn. 1:55 p.m.

Motion to return to Open Session made by Mrs. Meyn, second by Mr. Suarez. 3:34 p.m.

14. Action Relative to the Executive Session.

A. Possible Action

B. Possible Action

C. Possible Action

Motion to acknowledge reports A., B., C., and proceed as discussed by Mr. Alvarez, and by Mr. Tapia. Motion carried.

15. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Alvarez, second by Mr. Suarez at 3:55 p.m. Motion carried.

Signed and posted on this ____ day of _____, 2026, at _____ p.m. in Brownsville, Texas.

Rene Perez, Board President - Cameron County Emergency Services District No. 1