



Hardin County Emergency Services District 7 Minutes Meeting on February 16, 2026

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM

1. Establish a quorum was present. Mr. Davis gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. A quorum was present: Present was Curtis Davis, Daneen Oswalt, Tommy Shelton, Denise Marcontell and Elena Kelley. Curtis Davis called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

3. Public Comment – limited to 3 minutes; no formal action, discussion, deliberation, or comment will be made by any of the board members.

a. Mrs. Kim McMahon spoke on Agenda item #17. She had concerns about fabric of shirts. She suggests they are cotton. Also, concerned about counselling for responders in the event of a traumatic experience.

4. Approval of meeting minutes for January 16, 2026 regular meeting and February 2, 2026 special meeting

a. Mrs. Marcontell motioned to approve Minutes list above. Seconded by Mrs. Kelley. Motion carried. All voting for the motion. Discussion and approve Treasurer Report and possibly amend budget

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a. Previous Checking Account Balance \$11,837.87. Deposit \$5,558.16. Debit \$2407.52. Bank Balance \$14,988.51.

b. Previous Money Market Account Balance \$4505.08. Earned Interest \$1.19. Balance \$4506.27.

c. Total Bank Balance \$19,494.78

d. No items on budget to be amended.

e. Mrs. Oswalt motioned to approve the Treasurer report. Seconded by Mrs, Kelley. Motion carried. All voting for the motion.

6. Discussion and update of loan and acquiring property for ESD #7 new Fire Station

a. This item went into Executive Session. Government Code 551. Subchapter D Section 551.072- Deliberation about real property. Session was held at the end of meeting beginning at 7:27 pm and ending at 7:39 pm

7. Discussion and take action of acquiring a physical address

a. Physical address for new fire station is:

27222 FM 787

Thicket, Texas 77374

8. Discussion and possible take action on each commissioner obtaining their own ESD email address

a. Tabled

9. Discussion and take action on purchasing an external hard drive

a. Tabled

10. Discussion on accreditation program for high school students to become certified firefighters

a. Tabled

11. Discussion and update recruiting for ESD 7 VFD

a. Recruiting is currently underway. Continuing efforts

12. Discussion, update and possible set date for ESD 7 VFD fundraiser

a. Tentative date May 16, 2026. Will check to make sure there is no conflict with any other local fund raisers are going on at this time.

b. Possibly auction and fish fry.

13. Discussion and update on obtaining grants

a. HCESD 7 and ESD 7 VFD will work together on obtaining grants. Mrs. Kelley will reach out to VFD members for assistants.

14. Discussed and updated communication sources and tutorial on Active 911 app

15. Discussion and possible take action on changing the Monthly Meeting day

a. Due to conflict with training with Saratoga VFD our meetings will change to the 1st Tuesday of the month.

16. Discussion and possible take action on ordering a medical bag

a. Tabled for pricing

17. Discussion and possible take action on obtaining a new logo and T-Shirts for volunteers

a. Get pricing and communicate with volunteers to get sizes. Mrs. Hudspeth offered to purchase and donate to volunteers.

18. Interim Fire Chief Report

a. Truck is stocked and ready to begin training for volunteers.

b. 3 medical calls, 2 fire calls, 1 false alarm

19. Discussion on any other non-agenda item without taking action, from any commissioner or announcements which may be of interest to the public.

a. Saratoga VFD offered gear to new members.

20. Next Meeting Agenda Items:

a. Update on tabled items

Executive Session Government Code 551. Subchapter D Section 551.072-Deliberation about real property. Carried over from item #6 beginning at 7:27pm and ending at 7:39pm

21. Discussion on Adjourning:

a. Mr. Shelton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm. Seconded by Mrs. Oswalt Motion carried. All voting for the motion.

Respectfully Submitted February 19, 2026

Daneen Oswalt, Secretary