Fountain Lake Fire Protection District
Board of Commissioners Monthly Meeting
September 21, 2026

CALL TO ORDER:

6:00 pm

Jack Fields (Chairperson) called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPENING PRAYER

John Brandt led the opening prayer.

ROLL CALL

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: QUORUM PRESENT

Jack Fields (Chairperson)
John Brandt (Secretary/Treasurer)
Joe Turner
Kenny Kizer
Jason Curtis

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

OTHER ATTENDEES: Interim Chief Lee Coatney, Captain Junior Collins, Medical Captain Cici Collins, Lieutenant Jeramie Richardson, Kason Clark, Brady Smith, Harry Baker, Katrina Scott, Robert Gregory, Johnny Arnold, Bo Robertson, Martha Coatney, and Trecia Willis, and Lyn Price

ROAD TAX PRESENTATION:

Bo Robertson, Director of Emergency Management for Garland County, talked about the existing 5/8 cent road tax that we current pay. It amounts to $0.63 on a $100 purchase. It has been on the tax role since 2022. It is on the ballot to seek continuation of this 5/8 cent sales tax. Most of what they have done with this in almost 5 years that it has been in place they have done about 300 miles of road and bridge work in the county. He talked about how tourists pay a lot of the money in the fund for the roads and bridges. He told everyone that this is not a new tax. It is an extension of the current tax and if passed it will be in place for another 5 years. Je explained that this tax can

only be spent on roads and bridges. There were questions about whether this is a permanent tax. He said this is not a permanent tax. He was asked about specific roads and bridges. He passed around a list of roads and bridges that have been done and ones that are on the list to be done in the future. He received other questions from several other people. He answered those questions and had a discussion about specific work that has been done to some of the roads and bridges. Bo then asked everyone to please vote YES to keep this tax in place for the next 5 years.

PRIOR MONTH MEETING MINUTES:

John presented the Minutes from the August 2026 regular board meeting was presented by John.
The August 2026 minutes were accepted as presented by consensus.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

John presented the August Bank Statements, Profit & Loss, Balance Sheet, and Statement of Cash Flow reports for the month of August 2026 along with the year to date reports through August 2026.

The August 2026 Financial reports were accepted as presented by consensus.

BANK ACCOUT BALANCES:

General Accountd	$ 9,091.75
Restricted Account:	$55,519.05
Grants Account:	$15,292.52
Chambers Account:	$17,367.74
Total	$97,271.06

Training:

Lee reported that since our last meeting he had a Stop the Bleed class and a Landing Zone class. He said that starting last week he conducted an Intro clad and a PPE class will be held soon. Jason asked who is teaching those classes and Lee said he is. He said he also had a night of inventory on each truck.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Interim Chief Lee Coatney reported that there were a total of 71 incidents in August. The break down as follows: 11 fires, 45 rescue and emergency medical services, 3 service calls,3 hazardous condition, 5 false alarms, and 4 Pafford assists.

Chief's report was accepted as presented by consensus.

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PUBLICITY REPORT:

John reported that he published road closures and our meeting for tonight. He has also published pictures from Lee showing training that has been done on Tuesday nights. Just posted a reminder that the Burn Ban is still in effect.

Publicity report accepted by consensus.

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

- Engine 1
    - Lee said that he is still waiting to hear from Ryan of Lennox Service. Lee said that it drives okay. He just drove it to a fire Saturday.
    - John said that he still needs to get two appraisals or at least someone who can say at what amount this apparatus might be valued.
- Engine 2
    - Lee reported that the issue with the transmission was a wiring problem. He said where the starter and the wiring hookup the connection was loose. Once the connection was tightened it works fine. Lee said that once the wiring was tightened up it fixed everything and everything is now working fine.
- Tanker #1
    - Lee reported that Tanker #1 is good. Jason had a question about the side pumps on both Tanker 1 and Tanker 2. Lee said Tanker1 is okay, the pump issue was on Tanker 2.
- Tanker 2
    - During the discussion on Tanker 1 it was stated that the pump on Tanker 2 is a life support pump. Jason said that he still does not like the idea of having what he called a trash pump on the truck when saving someone's life.

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- Rescue 1
    - Is good.
- Rescue 2

- Lee reported that all the doors close and he started the truck and pulled it out of the bay. The only problem is the dented front bumper and the lights. Lee said that he was told that there Is a shop in Mississippi or Alabama from where we can purchase a bumper. There was discussion as to why this truck is still not repaired. It was stated that we need information to decide whether we want to keep the truck or not. Once we know what we are going to do with the truck we can then decide what to tell the insurance company.
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Motion: Kenny moved to accept the insurance company's offer of $24,414.00 and get this truck repaired.
Second: Jason Seconded
Passed: Unanimously

- Brush 2 (Forestry)
  - .Lee reported that the bearing went out in the pump and it will cost just under $2,000 to repair it.

- Station 1
  - Driveway Apron (John)
    - Tabled
  - Awnings. (John)
    - Tabled
- Station 2
  - Tabled.

Maintenance report is accepted by consensus.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Pressure Washer - Lee**
  - Lee said to take this off the agenda.

- **Crows Property - Lee**
  - John said that he searched through all of our files and did not find any deed for the property at the Crows fire station. John said that he has access to searching for deeds through the clerk's office. He will search for

the deed and print it. Once we have the deed with the proper description we can then have the proper deed prepared..

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Public Relations Activity (Lee)**
  - Lee said that he will be holding a pancake breakfast this coming Saturday for the community and recruitment. Lee said he would like to do this once each month. Lee is asking the board if he needs approval to purchase a grill that can handle 6 pancakes. Lee was told that he can use his funds to purchase his grill. Jason said the chief has a discretionary fund and can use that.
- **October Board Meeting (John)**
  - John reported that because early voting begins on Monday, October 19, 2026 he is asking the board to approve us to change our October meeting from Monday, October 19, 2026 to Monday, October 12, 2026
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  Motion: John moved that we move our October meeting to Monday, October 12, 2026..
  Second: Jason Seconded
  Passed: Unanimously

- **Firefighter's meal (John)**
  - The firefighters requested to have Popeyes for their meal this month..

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:

Jack Fields reported that the Town of Fountain Lake will be having their fall fair on Saturday, October 3, 2026 from 4:00 pm til 8:00 pm. He asked that the fire department have a truck there.

Harry Baker: Harry is asking about why there are so many calls that are not being answered. They are medical calls. Jason asked if the tone is being answered. Lee said it is, but we do not have anyone available. The next question from Harry was about why we would not respond to a car accident. Lee stated that when the car is off the road and there is no fluid leakage or injury, we are not responding. Jason asked why are we not responding to every vehicle accident. He said that even if there are off the road you will have the sheriff's office and the vehicle. The fire department having

trucks show ti protect the driver and others who are there. Kenny stated that when he was on the sheriff's department and there was a finder bender in the city the fire department did not respond if there is no injury or road blockage. Kenny is stating that he does not think we should be responding in these situations.

Jeramie Richardson: Jeramie went around the room showing a sticker that he has on the back of his helmet that reads "Keep the Promise." He said he does not believe that we are currently keeping the promise to this community. He asked if any of us other than Jason and Kenny have held a dead baby in their hands. He asked how many of use have run on a 2 year old not breathing. Jeramie asked Lee if he is a a first responder. Lee said he is. Jeramie asked him why does he not respond to calls. Lee said because he has not have a class since 1999, Jeramie told him that he is grandfathered in and Lee said he has not had any refresher classes. Jeramie asked why he has not had refresher classes. Lee said he has tried. Jeramie asked Lee when has he done anything for this community other than being on social media. Jeramie said that he is frustrated. Jeramie was very passionate about why we do not have anyone responding to calls sometimes. Jeramie said that he knows he will probably be facing retaliation for speaking up. Jeramie said that he and Lee work a lot of the calls. He said that as far as he is concerned Lee is a good man, but he is not chief material.

7:28 pm
Motion to adjourn: John moved to adjourn
Second: Joe Seconded
Passed: Unanimously

Meeting minutes submitted by:

John Brandt, Secretary/Treasurer