

BURNET COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 7
MINUTES

September 22, 2025

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Burnet County Emergency Services District No. 7 was held on **Monday, September 22, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.**, at the Hill Country Community Foundation Building / S.H. Reed Building at 402 E. Jackson Street, Burnet, Texas 78611, for the following purposes:

1. Call meeting to order: Meeting was called to order by John Smallwood at 5:30 p.m. Present were Commissioners John Smallwood, Clayton Smith, Roy Hallmark, and Barbara Postel. Commissioner Brenda Goble was absent. Also present were Katy Hennings, Paralegal at The Carlton Law Firm, P.L.L.C.; Casey Daniels of the Burnet Volunteer Fire Department; Tim Weinrick of the Lampasas Volunteer Fire Department; and Mark Ingram and Curtis Murphy of the City of Burnet Fire Department, as well as residents of the District.
2. Public Comment on Agenda Items: None.

The Board of Commissioners addressed the agenda items in the following order:

15. Public Comment: Alan Treviño, Resident of the District and Chief Deputy of the Sheriff's Department, stated that he is running for County Judge and spoke briefly about himself and his candidacy.

BUDGET, PUBLIC HEARING and TAX RATE

3. Consider taking action regarding budget for fiscal year October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026: John Smallwood moved to adopt the budget as presented to the Board. Roy Hallmark seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

4. Conduct a public hearing on the proposal to increase property taxes: John Smallwood opened the public hearing at 5:33 p.m. and asked for public comment.

Resident Gary Law expressed his opinions regarding the proposal to increase property taxes and discussion followed.

The public hearing was closed at 5:42 p.m.

5. Take a record vote on the District's 2025 tax rate, adopt an Order Levying Taxes, authorize filing the Order with the Burnet County Tax Assessor/Collector: John Smallwood made the following motion: *I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 7.8675 cents per \$100 valuation, which is effectively a 4.83 percent increase in the tax rate*, to adopt the Order Levying Taxes, and to authorize filing the order with the tax assessor/collector. Clayton Smith seconded the motion, and a record vote was taken:

John Smallwood – Yes

Clayton Smith – Yes

Roy Hallmark – Yes

Barbara Postel – Yes

The motion passed unanimously.

6. Acknowledge and approve posting of statement regarding adopted tax rate to home page of District website: Roy Hallmark moved to approve the posting addressing the adopted

tax rate to the District's website. Barbara Postel seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

REPORTS

7. Receive monthly report from the Treasurer and consider: The monthly report was provided to the Board of Commissioners by Commissioner Brenda Goble for review prior to the meeting.
 - (a) approval of payment of monthly bills and invoices:
 - (b) approval of monthly financial report:

John Smallwood moved to approve sub-items (a) and (b) as presented, Barbara Postel seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
 - (c) current year budget amendments as necessary: None.
8. Receive monthly report from Burnet Volunteer Fire Department regarding financial matters, training, management activities, membership, and emergency operations and out of station times (including breakdown by apparatus) and call volume for fire/rescue calls and for EMS calls: Casey Daniels presented the reports for the months of July and August addressing runs, types of runs, and training.
9. Receive monthly report from Lampasas Volunteer Fire Department regarding financial matters, training, management activities, membership, and emergency operations and out of station times (including breakdown by apparatus) and call volume for fire/rescue calls and for EMS calls: Tim Weinrick presented the reports for the months of July and August addressing runs, types of runs, and training.
10. Receive monthly report from the City of Burnet Fire Department regarding financial matters, training, management activities and personnel, membership, and emergency operations and out of station times (including breakdown by apparatus) and call volume for fire/rescue calls and for EMS calls: Curtis Murphy presented the reports for the months of July and August addressing runs, types of runs, and training.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

11. Review and consider approval of the July 28, 2025, regular meeting minutes and the August 11, 2025 budget workshop minutes: John Smallwood moved to approve the July 28th regular meeting minutes and the August 11th budget workshop minutes. Barbara Postel seconded, the motion and it passed unanimously.
12. Discuss and consider approval of engagement letter for auditor to conduct FY25 audit: Roy Hallmark moved to approve the auditor's engagement letter, Clayton Smith seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
13. Discuss water rescue capabilities of and training for the City of Burnet Fire Department and Burnet Volunteer Fire Department and consider taking related action: Discussion was held regarding water rescue resources and training for both the City of Burnet Fire Department and the Burnet Volunteer Fire Department. No action was taken.
14. Receive status report on strategic planning issues, discuss short-term and long-term goals for the District, and consider taking any necessary action: Discussion was held with regard to the property acquired for the new station and initial work that may be completed. No action was taken.

15. Public Comment: John Smallwood asked if there was any additional public comment and there was none.
16. Discuss agenda, time, and date for next meeting: The Board's next meeting is to be held on Monday, October 27th, at 5:30 p.m., at the Burnet Community Center located at 401 E. Jackson Street, Burnet, Texas.

Approved October 27, 2025

/s/ Roy Hallmark

Roy Hallmark, Secretary for Burnet County
Emergency Services District No. 7