

ELLIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 10
MINUTES
September 14, 2026

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Ellis County Emergency Services District No. 10 was held on Monday, September 14, 2026, at 6:30 p.m., at the Bardwell Area Fire Department, 506 E. Sycamore Street, Bardwell, Texas 75101:

The following members were present, thus constituting a quorum:

Hank Hollywood	President	Present
Shantel Coleman	Vice President	Present
Sheryl Honza	Treasurer	Present
Brent Vrla	Secretary	Present
Chester Williams	Commissioner	Present

1. Invocation: Led by Commissioner Hollywood.
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Commissioner Hollywood.
3. Call meeting to order: Commissioner Hollywood called the meeting to order at 6:50pm.
4. Public Comment: None.
5. Public Comment on agenda items: None.

REPORTS

6. Receive monthly report from the Treasurer and consider:

Commissioner Honza presented the report, noting the following:
Beginning Balance 8/1/2026: \$180,598.32.
Ending Balance as of 9/4/2026: \$180,425.33.

(a) approval of payment of monthly bills and invoices; and

Commissioner Honza presented the monthly bills and invoices, noting the following:

Total bills: \$121,264.

Remaining balance: \$59,000.

Stagger 1 CD at CNB – Ennis, TX for \$10,000 and stagger another \$15,000.

Per Kelli Carlton – Set aside \$10,000 for Carlton Law Firm Invoices – Closeout for Fiscal Year.

Remaining net: \$24,000.

Commissioner Honza made a motion to approve the payment of monthly bills and invoices as presented, seconded by Commissioner Coleman. All in favor – 5. All opposed – 0. Motion carries.

(b) approval of monthly financial report;

Commissioner Honza made a motion to approve the financial report as presented, seconded by Commissioner Williams. All in favor – 5. All opposed – 0. Motion carries.

7. Receive monthly report from Fire Chief regarding emergency operations, response times, call volume, training, management activities, membership, equipment, apparatus, and fire station, and take any related action;

Activity report Bardwell Area VFD- Training (Revised 9/4/2026)

1 st Quarter Training hours (October 2025- December 2025)	
Month	Training hours completed
October	18 hrs.
November	10 hrs.
December	25 hrs.

2 nd Quarter Training hours (January 2026- March 2026)	
Month	Training hours completed
January	7 hours
February	7 hours
March	34 hours

3 rd Quarter Training hours (April 2026- June 2026)	
Month	Training hours completed
April	8 hours
May	No Training
June	23.5 hrs

4 th Quarter Training hours (July 2026- September 2026)	
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Month	Training hours completed
July	7 hrs
August	11 hrs.
September	

Activity report Bardwell Area VFD- Responses

1 st Quarter response types (October 2025- December 2025)							
Month	EMS	Structure fire	MVA	Grass fire	Vehicle fires	Investigations & Public service	Total calls
October	2	-	-	1	-	2	5
November	1	-	1	2	-	1	5
December	-	-	3	1	-	1	5

2 nd Quarter Response type (January 2026- March 2026)							
Month	EMS	Structure fire	MVA	Grass fire & burn piles	Vehicle fires	Investigations & Public service	Total calls
January	2		3	4	1	2	12
February	3	2		9	1	1	16
March	1			4		3	8

3 rd Quarter Response type (April 2026- June 2026)							
Month	EMS	Structure fire	MVA	Grass fire	Vehicle fires	Investigations & Public service	Total calls
April	3	1	-	2	-	3	9
May	2	1	-	-	-	2	5
June	3	-	1	-	-	3	6

4 th Quarter response type (July 2026- September 2026)							
Month	EMS	Structure fire	MVA	Grass fire	Vehicle fires	Investigations & Public service	Total calls
July	4	0	2	0	0	4	10
August	5	0	1	4	0	3	13
September							

2025 call recap

Activity report Bardwell Area VFD- Responses- Calendar year 2025

Response types (January 2025- December 2025)							
Month	EMS	Structure fire	MVA	Grass fire	Vehicle fires	Investigations & Public service	Total calls

January		1	1	1		5	8
February	1		2			1	4
March	2		3	1		4	10
April	1					3	4
May	5			1		3	9
June	7		3		1	1	12
July	2					3	5
August	2	2				3	7
September	1						1
October	2	-	-	1	-	2	5
November	1	-	1	2	-	1	5
December	-	-	3	1	-	1	5
Totals	24	3	13	7	1	27	75

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the Fire Chief's report, seconded by Commissioner Coleman. All in favor – 5. All opposed – 0. Motion carries.

8. Receive monthly Commissioner activity reports on training received and subcommittee work;

Nothing to report.

9. Receive report from General Counsel, including, but not limited to, tax matters, pending contract issues, open records request, and other legal issues, if any, and take any related action;

Nothing to report.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

10. Discuss and consider approval of the August 10, 2026, regular meeting minutes.

Commissioner Honza made a motion to approve the August 10, 2026, regular meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Williams. All in favor – 5. All opposed – 0. Motion carries.

11. Take action to adopt budget for fiscal year October 1, 2026, to September 30, 2027;

The Board discussed a budget of \$245,000 for fiscal year October 1, 2026, to September 30, 2027.

Commissioner Honza made a motion to adopt the budget of \$245,000 for fiscal year October 1, 2026, to September 30, 2027 and adopt the Resolution Adopting Budget as

presented, seconded by Commissioner Williams. All in favor – 5. All opposed – 0.
Motion carries.

12. Take a record vote on the District's 2026 tax rate, adopt an Order Levying Taxes, and authorize filing the Order with the Ellis County Tax Assessor/Collector;

The Board discussed approving the same tax rate as the previous year, \$0.10 per \$100 valuation.

Commissioner Honza made a motion that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.10 per \$100 valuation, which is effectively a 0.27 percent increase in the tax rate. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion, and a record vote was taken as follows:

Commissioner Hollywood: Yes.

Commissioner Coleman: Yes.

Commissioner Honza: Yes.

Commissioner Vrla: Yes.

Commissioner Williams: Yes.

All in favor – 5. All opposed – 0. Motion carries.

13. Authorize posting of statement regarding adopted tax rate to home page of District website;

Commissioner Honza made a motion to authorize posting the statement regarding the adopted tax rate to the home page of the District website, seconded by Commissioner Williams. All in favor – 5. All opposed – 0. Motion carries.

14. Discuss and consider approval of payment for Bardwell Area Volunteer Fire Department insurance invoices;

Approved in Treasurer's Report. No action taken.

15. Discuss agenda items, time, and date for next meeting; and

The Board discussed adding a line item for station/building repairs to the next regular meeting agenda.

Commissioner Coleman made a motion to approve the next regular meeting date being set for Monday, October 12, 2026 at 6:30pm, seconded by Commissioner Williams. All in favor – 5. All opposed – 0. Motion carries.

16. Adjournment.

Commissioner Coleman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm, seconded by Commissioner Williams. All in favor – 5. All opposed – 0. Motion carries.

Approved October 12, 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brent Vrla", is positioned above a horizontal line.

Brent Vrla, Secretary
Ellis County Emergency Services District No. 10