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HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT No. 28 Minutes of Board of Commissioners Meeting

February 16, 2026

Members in Attendance:

Mike Jenkins, President
Ken Koenig, Treasurer
Erika Smiley, Asst. Sec/Treasurer

Dan Dronberger, V. P.
Shirley Jauma, Secretary

Others in Attendance:

Fred Windisch, Fire Chief
Dana Schmanski, Office Manager

Public:

No Public

Call to order, roll call and establishment of a quorum.

Mike Jenkins called to order February 16, 2026, ESD No. 28 Board Meeting starting at 5:00 p.m., with a quorum.

To receive Public Comments

No Public

To approve the Minutes of prior meeting.

Mike Jenkins asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from January 19, 2026, Regular Meeting.

Shirley Jauma made a motion to accept January 19, 2026, meeting minutes as written. Erika Smiley seconded the motion with unanimous approval of the board.

To receive a financial report from the District Treasurer and to pay District bills, including approval of commissioner fees.

Ken Koenig reviewed the report on Profit and Loss Budget Performance with percentages for the month of January 31, 2026.

Bank balances in our various accounts as of January 31, 2026:

Checking Account: Beginning balance of \$6,494.28, with deposits totaling \$3,252,872.46 (which includes an interest deposit of \$39.00); and checks and debits totaling \$3,254,180.07; for an ending balance of \$5,186.67.

Money Market Account: Beginning balance of \$10,025.48, with an interest deposit totaling \$4.68; for an ending balance of \$10,030.16.

Sales Tax Money Market Account: Beginning balance of \$201,281.71, with an interest deposit of \$290.62; for an ending balance of \$201,572.33.

Texas CLASS Account: Beginning balance of \$8,679,855.90, deposits totaling \$2,367,406.87 (which includes an interest deposit of \$31,656.87) and debits totaling \$917,000.00, for an ending balance of \$10,130,262.77.

We have (7) bills to pay this month as follows:

Arretta Lyn Jenkins	\$550.00	Newsletter
Coveler & Peeler P.C.	580.00	Legal Fees January
HDL	\$1,500.00	Sales Tax Consultant
Invonics	11,440.00	Station 62 Security System Upgrade
PVFA	\$300,000.00	February Draw
The Texas Network	\$1,020.00	Website Hosting
Harris County Appraisal District	\$10,249.00	2 nd Quarter Assessment

Ken Koenig – provided the Board with a handout for review of the Revised Budget - Version Four. The revised budget includes seven trucks and four pumps for your review and approval at the March regular meeting.

To review and take action on the payment of operations funding pursuant to the 2025 budget and service agreement with the Ponderosa Volunteer Fire Department.

FCW – requesting February Draw not to exceed \$300,000.00.

Erika Smiley made a motion to approve the financials, checks written, February Draw for \$300,000.00. Dan Dronberger seconded the motion with unanimous approval of the board. Mike Jenkins abstains.

FCW- we missed the draw by \$100,000.00 should have been \$400,000.00

Ken Koenig made a motion to authorize an additional \$100,000.00, if needed, prior to next meeting. Dan Dronberger seconded the motion with unanimous approval of the board.

To receive a report from the Ponderosa Fire Department (“Department”).

Fire Responses – January 230 Responses

Impel Engine

The 2013 Impel Engine was used one day with a big fire and a couple of other runs and then brakes blew up, do not know cost of repairs.

Suburban Propane

The previous vendor was charging \$6.00 per gallon, so the department has changed propane providers. We are now working with CWS in Conroe. A credit refund is expected from Suburban Propane for approximately 100 gallons. Due to excessive overcharge, we will report them to the Better Business Bureau.

Station 62 Training Room Floor replacement

Cost of flooring \$3,718.30 paid from the regular budget.

Park Bench for North View

Ordered, the civic association is planning a walking path around our detention pond behind Station 63. Point of record only.

Dorm HVAC system is scheduled for replacement.

FCW – we are scheduled to replace HVAC outside unit for the dorms at Station 61 paid from regular budget.

To review, discuss and take action regarding the purchase of capital equipment including apparatus.

FCW – we may sell the Impel Engine and retain one Velocity Engine. Delivery of new engines is scheduled for May 2026, possibly June. The 2022 Velocity Engine is projected to be replaced and ordered in 2026 or 2027.

To review, discuss and take action regarding Care's Act-Employee Retention Tax Credit Refund.

FCW – New security system at Station 62. Check prepared \$11,440.00 initial cost of the security system hardware. Remaining balance of \$4,500.00 will be due upon installation and paid with Cares Act funds.

To review and discuss district newsletter Contract with L. Jenkins.

FCW – Erika Smiley and Ken Koenig will write articles for next newsletter.

To review and discuss Texas Emergency Communications Center

MJ – not much to report, Ira Coveler is working up the agreement for land to place new communications center.

To review and discuss an agreement with ESD No.11 using Station 63.

FCW - remove from agenda.

To review and discuss commissioners' compensation.

MJ – looking to change the commissioners' compensation to monthly versus quarterly. Discussion held by the board.

Erika Smiley made a motion to change the commissioners' compensation to monthly disbursement versus quarterly. Ken Koenig seconded the motion with unanimous approval of the board.

To review, discuss and take action regarding the District' traffic preemption system with Miovision/Opticom.

FCW – Ira Coveler is going thru final stages of new agreement, he has asked for approval of agreement while under completion. We are saving over \$60,000.00 in costs over next ten years.

Erika Smiley made a motion to approve agreement subject to legal review. Ken Koenig seconded the motion with unanimous approval of the board.

To meet in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code §551.071 to consult with legal counsel.

No Closed Session

To meet in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code §551.072 to deliberate regarding real estate matters.

No Closed Session

To set a meeting date for March 16, 2026, regular meeting at 17061 Rolling Creek Drive, Houston, TX 77090.

Adjournment

Shirley Jauma made a motion to adjourn at 5:39 P.M. Dan Dronberger seconded the motion with unanimous approval of the board.

Shirley Jauma, Secretary