

**PANOLA COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #1
Special Meeting Minutes**

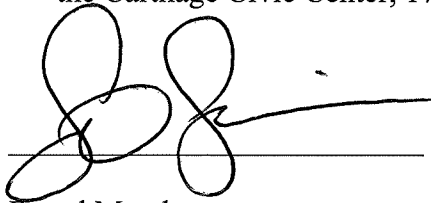
April 21, 2026 – 12:00 P.M.

Carthage Civic Center, 1702 South Adams St., Carthage, TX 75633

PCESD #1 Commissioners Present: Dallas Boothe, Taylor Harris, Stuart Lipsey & Justin Yates

1. Chairman Lipsey called the meeting to order at 12:01 PM and established a quorum.
2. The board reviewed minutes from March 24, 2025, regular meeting. On a motion by Harris, seconded by Boothe, the minutes were unanimously approved.
3. During public comments, Robert Delconte thanked Inter-Community VFD for fulfilling his PIA requests and that he is talking to the AOG about Community Four VFD not fulfilling theirs.
4. Mark Dawson, representing the Chief's Association, reported Flatwoods will soon receive a rescue equipment grant from TXFS for the purchase of rescue rams.
5. The board discussed recent grant opportunities, related purchases, projected costs, payment methods, budget considerations and the change to bid requirements in S.B. 1173 raising the threshold from \$50,000 to \$100,000. Lipsey explained that the VFD's began applying for these grants dating back to 2011. Because of that, many of these grant purchases were not accounted for in the annual budget, leaving the ESD to make non-budgeted purchases and later budget adjustments. These grants come with a 95%/5% match requirement. After reviewing, on a motion by Harris, a second by Yates and a unanimous vote following, the ESD agrees to pay for the grant purchases up front with the understanding that the TXFS grant money will go to the ESD upon receipt and the 5% cost share to be pulled from each department's "overflow" accounts until exhausted.
6. The board discussed payment methods for future purchases and the wire process for the recent Community Four VFD truck. After reviewing, on a motion by Boothe, a second by Yates and a unanimous vote following, the board agreed that unless asked specifically, all purchases should be made via check with wire transfers on a case-by-case basis.
7. The board discussed Community Four VFD's request to reallocate budgeted funds for a new purpose and their purchases using their "overflow" account money. After reviewing, on a motion by Harris, a second by Burnett and a unanimous vote following, the board approved \$15,000 to be reallocated from their truck rebuild budget to their station remodel budget and approved the use of their "overflow" account money for prior expenditures.

8. The board discussed and approved annual PCESD #1/VFD contracts. On a motion by Harris, seconded by Yates, the board unanimously approved the contracts.
9. Chairman Lipsey presented the bills for approval. On a motion by Boothe, seconded by Yates, the board unanimously approved payment of the bills as presented.
10. The board discussed and approved prior expenditures that will be reimbursed through TXFS grant funding. The cost share for these purchases should be pulled from the VFD's overflow accounts until exhausted and the TXFS grant money given to the ESD upon receipt. On a motion by Harris, a second by Burnett and a unanimous vote following, the ESD approved the prior expenditures presented.
11. The April 2026 financial statements were presented by Wiley and the board updated departments on their budget items. After the discussion, on a motion by Harris, a second by Burnett, and a unanimous vote following, the April financial statements were approved.
12. On a motion by Harris, with no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 12:39 P.M. The next regular meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 19, 2026, at 12:00 P.M., to be held at the Carthage Civic Center, 1702 S. Adams Street, Carthage, Texas.



Board Member

Dated 5/19/26