

PANOLA COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #1
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2026 – 12:00 P.M.
Gary VFD, 4712 FM 10, Gary, TX

PCESD #1 Commissioners Present: Dallas Boothe, Luke Burnett, Stuart Lipsey & Justin Yates

1. Chairman Lipsey called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM and established a quorum.
2. The board reviewed minutes from July 21, 2026, regular meeting. On a motion by Burnett, seconded by Boothe, the minutes were unanimously approved.
3. During public comments, Robert DelConte discussed an Open Records Request that has not been fulfilled.
4. Mark Dawson, representing the Chief's Association, discussed Clayton VFD donating a skid unit to TXFS Helping Hands. After discussion by the board, on a motion by Yates, a second by Boothe, and a unanimous vote following, the board approved the donation.
5. The board asked the VFD Chief's to report on any new memberships. None to report.
6. The board discussed Woods VFD surplus truck that was donated to Beckville VFD.
7. The board discussed renewals of Texas Municipal League and Volunteer Fireman's Insurance Services. A representative from VFIS, Ray Hubbard, presented their quote to the board. The board will review policies and vote on renewal at the September 1, 2026, meeting.
8. The board discussed auditor recommendations and the Audit Engagement Letter from ORW CPA for 2026. After discussion by the board, on a motion by Burnett, a second by Boothe, and a unanimous vote following, the board adopted the recommendations. On a motion by Boothe, a second by Burnett, and a unanimous vote following, the board approved the Audit Engagement Letter for 2026.
9. The board discussed 2026 budget amendments and the 2027 budget. After discussion by the board, on a motion by Burnett, a second by Yates, and a unanimous vote following, the 2026 budget amendments and the 2027 budget were accepted.
10. The board discussed the preliminary tax rate for 2027 of .03/\$100. After discussion by the board, on a motion by Boothe, a second by Burnett, and a unanimous vote following, the board agreed to finally adopt the above-mentioned tax rate at a special meeting; Tuesday, September 1, 2026, 12:00 PM on the courthouse steps.

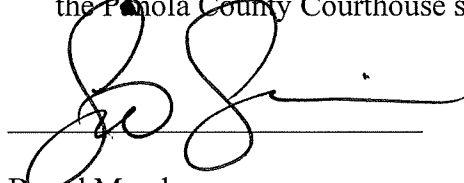
11. Lipsey presented the bills for payment.

- a. Noting purchases over the capital threshold of \$5,000 as:
 - i. Ultimate Lighting Solutions LLC - \$14,742.83 (Woods VFD lights)
 - ii. Schumacher Construction - \$14,750.00 (Gary VFD, station repairs/remodel)
 - iii. ETX Overhead Doors - \$5,250.00 (Gary VFD, overhead doors)
 - iv. MES Service Company - \$23,724.27 (Woods VFD, Apparatus & Equipment Grant purchase: TXFS Grant AE-1120-268)

After discussion by the board, on a motion by Boothe, a second by Yates, and a unanimous vote following, the board approved the bills for payment.

12. The financial statements were presented by Burnett, and he updated the departments on their budget items. After discussion by the board, on a motion by Boothe, a second by Burnett, and a unanimous vote following, the financial statements were approved.

13. On a motion by Boothe, with no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 12:59 P.M. The next regular meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 15, 2026, 12:00 PM at the Carthage Civic Center. A special meeting is scheduled for September 1, 2026, 12:00 PM at the Panola County Courthouse steps; 110 North Sycamore Street, Carthage, TX 75633.



Board Member

Dated 9/15/26