



**Bexar County Emergency Services District 7
Meeting Minutes
Friday, April 10, 2026**



Bexar County Emergency Services District 7 conducted their monthly meeting at the District 7 Fire & Rescue Station # 116, located at 18805 Bandera Road; Helotes, TX; 78023. The following was discussed:

1. **President Bill Davidson** called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm.
2. A quorum was established with all Board members present except Rick Johnson.
3. Citizens to be heard. **None**
4. **Cindy Colston** made the motion, seconded by **Gary Schott**, to approve the minutes from the **March 11, 2026** meeting. **Motion carried 4/0.**
5. New Business Updates/discussions provided/led by Chief Clarkson:
 - 5.1 Discussion on the following.
 - A. Station updates –
 - Station 115 -
 - i. Discussion and appropriate action on Electrical Work, Fencing & Gate Installation for Galm Service Station. **Cindy made the motion, seconded by Gary Schott purchase a scrubber for up to \$7,000.00. Motion carried 4/0. Cindy Colston made the motion, seconded by Lonnie Stockton to approve \$24,000.00 for upgrading to 3 phase Electrical source capacity. Motion carried 4/0. Cindy Colston made the motion, seconded by Lonnie Stockton to approve \$38,500.00 to relocate underground and improve electrical capacity. Motion carried 4/0. Cindy Colston made the motion, seconded by Lonnie Stockton to approve \$30,000.00 for Joe Morales to perform underground as well as outside construction work. Motion carried 4/0. All costs for above motions to be from Budget Item 6032 (Capital Improvement).**
 - Station 116 – **No action taken.**
 - Station 117 – **No action taken.**
 - Station 118 – **No action taken.**
 - Lonnie Stockton had to leave the meeting due to previous obligations. 4:30 pm.**
 - B. Department Status –
 - I Discussion and appropriate action on Wildland Urban Interface Update. **Cindy Colston made the motion, seconded by Gary Schott to spend \$20,000.00 out of budget item 6910/Reserve Funds to send 5 personnel (\$4k/each) to South Africa for burn training. Basically, this covers airfare. Lodging/meals/etc. will be provided by hosts. The personnel sent will be Marquez, Huron, Post, Mascorro and possibly Bill Davidson. Motion carried 3/0.**
 - C. Training. – **No action taken.**
 - D. Personnel – **Gary Schott made the motion, seconded by Cindy Colston to move Rick Baring from his current Captain's position into a Division Chief position (with a pay increase of \$14,7000.00); create a new position for hiring of a Mechanic (to assist Darrel), at a cost of \$90,000.00; create 6 new Firefighter positions, at a cost of \$500,000.00. He believes these costs include salary, benefits, and gear. Motion carried 3/0.**

- E. Radios and Communications – **No action taken.**
- F. Tools and Equipment – Discussion and appropriate action on PPE purchasing plan.
 - i. **PPE Purchase – Cindy Colston made the motion, seconded by Gary Schott, to spend up to \$125,500.00 out of budget item 6348/Miscellaneous Equipment. Motion carried 3/0.**
- G. Uniforms – **No action taken.**
- H. Apparatus – Discussion and appropriate action on Repair/Replacement of Medical Officer 115. – **No action taken.**
- I. Deployment Data/Budget updates – **No action taken.**
- J. Bexar County ESD Association Updates/Discussion – **No action taken.**
- K. Cyber Technology/AI – **Battalion Chief Jacob gave the Board a presentation on safety procedures for Cyber Technology/AI.**
- L. Other- **No action taken.**

6. Financial Report

6.1 Discussion on the following.

- A. Review and approval of budget year to date.
Gary Schott made the motion seconded by Cindy Colston to approve Budget Amendment 2026.001. See attached. Motion carried 3/0.
- B. Approval of financial register. **Cindy Colston made the motion, seconded by Gary Schott to approve the financial register. Motion carried 3/0.**
- C. Approval of payments due for the previous and current month. **Cindy Colston made the motion, seconded by Gary Schott to approve the payments for the previous and current month. Motion carried 3/0.**

7. **The next meeting will be held May 13, 2026, at 9:00 am, at the ESD7 Station # 116.**

8. **Cindy Colston made the motion, seconded by Gary Schott, to adjourn, at 5:45 pm. Motion carried 3/0.**

Bexar County Emergency Services District No. 7
 Budget Amendment Number 2026.001
 April 10, 2026

	Original Budget	Amendment #1	Final Budget
<i>Revenue Adjustment:</i>			
4150 - Miscellaneous Income	250,000.00	750,000.00	1,000,000.00
<i>Total Revenue Adjustment:</i>	250,000.00	750,000.00	1,000,000.00
<i>Expense Adjustment:</i>			
6125 - Payroll Tax Liabilities	95,000.00	10,000.00	105,000.00
6183.04 - Retirement Expense	850,000.00	75,000.00	925,000.00
6315 - Payroll	6,600,000.00	500,000.00	7,100,000.00
6316 - Uniforms	90,000.00	12,000.00	102,000.00
6348 - Misc. Equipment	382,500.00	65,000.00	447,500.00
6910 - Reserve Funds	5,410,000.00	88,000.00	5,498,000.00
<i>Total Expense Adjustment:</i>	13,427,500.00	750,000.00	14,177,500.00
<i>Net Income - Budget Adjustment:</i>		750,000.00	

Completed on: 4/10/2026

Budget amendment discussed and approved at ESD Board Meeting:

Treasurer Signature: Cindy L. Colston