

MINUTES FOR BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE BRAZOS COUNTY  
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT (9-1-1)  
THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2026, AT 11:30 A.M.  
C&J BARBEQUE  
2112 WEST BRIARGATE DRIVE, BRYAN, TEXAS  
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Call to order.

Meeting was called to order at 11:30 AM with the following members present:

Lloyd Wassermann  
Blake Busse  
Richard Mann  
Dean Swartzlander

Others in attendance:

Asst. Chief James Arnold, College Station Police Department  
Cindy Synwolt, College Station Police Department  
Chuck Fleeger, Amber Alert Network Brazos Valley  
Patrick Corley, 9-1-1 District  
Laura Blackburn, 9-1-1 District  
David Dibello, 9-1-1 District  
Halley Challis, 9-1-1 District  
Michael Reeves, 9-1-1 District  
Nina Payne, Brazos County  
Trevor Lansdown, Brazos County  
Deputy Chief Jordan Gallagher, Bryan Fire Department  
Mike Montgomery, Brazos County ESD #1

1. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held January 15, 2026.

The board first reviewed the minutes from the January 15, 2026 meeting. Chief Mann moved to approve the minutes, Chief Swartzlander seconded, and Mr. Wassermann called the vote, which passed unanimously.

2. Discussion / Action on District Investment Report.

Mr. Corley reported that there had been no meaningful movement in the district's investment accounts since the last meeting. He noted that the monthly report from the investment account provider showed daily interest calculations and that the rate appeared to be around 3.7%, though the exact amount varies. Chief Mann asked whether the return was monthly or annual, and Mr. Corley explained that it is calculated daily. Mr. Wassermann then asked for a motion, Chief Swartzlander moved approval, and was seconded by Mr. Busse. The report passed unanimously.

3. Discussion / Action on Director's Report of Expenditures for FY 2026.

Mr. Corley walked the board through the district's revenue and expenditures for FY2026. He explained that income was tracking well at roughly one-third of the budget year, and expenditures were slightly ahead but still in a healthy range, largely because property and liability insurance had been paid up front and because of a one-time retirement contribution. Chief Mann asked why benefits were higher, and Mr. Corley confirmed that the retirement payment was the main reason. Chief Mann also asked why revenue appeared to be a month behind, and Mr. Corley said emergency service fees had not yet been collected for the most recent month. Mr. Busse made a motion to approve the report which was seconded by Chief Mann. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Discussion / Action on District Investment Policy.

Mr. Corley explained that the district is required by statute to approve its investment policy annually, but that no substantive changes had been made from the prior year aside from the date. He said the policy outlines allowable investment types, though in practice the district keeps funds in simple money market accounts and prioritizes principal safety, liquidity, diversification, and then yield. Chief Mann asked about the required investment officer training, noting it was not clearly in the policy. Mr. Corley clarified that the training requirement is separate from the policy itself and that he stays current on it. Mr. Wassermann then sought approval, and a motion was made for approval by Chief Swartzlander with a second from Chief Mann and the policy passed unanimously.

5. Discussion / Action on Backup Center expansion, relocation, and lease agreement.

Mr. Corley gave the board a detailed overview of the current backup center, which is about 540 square feet in Fibertown's basement area, with 7 workstations, 911 positions, and two Zetron radio consoles. He said the facility was stood up in 2020, is fully funded and maintained by the district, and costs a little over \$30,000 annually to operate. He proposed moving to a larger roughly 1,400-square-foot ground-floor space in the same building because it would support 12 or 13 workstations, provide better room for server and network equipment, reduce noise, improve security, and allow for additional redundancy. Mr. Corley also proposed a funding split in which the cities and county would pay the lease portion while the district continued paying for cross-connects, network access, and equipment. After discussion of the county's role and the need to formalize contracts, Mr. Busse moved for approval and the item passed unanimously following a second from Chief Swartzlander.

6. Discussion / Action on appropriation of funds for Kent Street facility design work.

Mr. Corley said the district and county project management team had already interviewed five design firms and found two qualified firms with relevant public safety experience. He explained that the district had already set aside \$2 million for the new facility, and that design work would likely cost around 10% of the total buildout, or roughly \$1 million. Mr. Corley asked for authority to execute a design contract, ideally with a cap of \$1.1 million to allow some room for negotiation. Chief Mann mentioned that one of the firms, Martinez Architects, had done work on College Station's Fire Station 7 work and had been very responsive, which Mr. Corley acknowledged as useful context. Chief Swartzlander moved for approval, which was seconded by Chief Mann and the board passed the item unanimously.

7. Discussion of FY 2027 Budget including timeline and priorities.

Mr. Corley outlined the main budget priorities for FY 2027. He said the draft would likely include the backup center expansion, the Kent Street design costs, one additional dispatcher focused on county fire radio traffic, possible health insurance increases, a 911 equipment refresh, and pay scale adjustments to address a roughly one-dollar-per-hour gap behind College Station PD. Chief Mann asked whether healthcare costs would be known soon enough to help guide the pay-scale decision, and Mr. Corley said those estimates usually come in June, so the budget would likely be a first draft with later adjustments. Mr. Corley also explained that the additional dispatcher would be driven by

increased call and radio volume on the county side. He said the preliminary budget would be ready for the May board meeting, with the final proposal sent by August 1 so municipalities would have the required 60-day review period before the September 1 effective date.

8. Director's report and Board concerns, including a discussion of the following items:
  - a. Current staffing levels
  - b. Hiring timeline
  - c. Motorola Vesta NXT Router
  - d. TAMU PD's transition to primary PSAP
  - e. Elevator replacement
  - f. New CAD system implementation
  - g. 9-1-1 Wireless fee legislation
  - h. Phase 1 SIP request for NGCS
  - i. Update on local high school outreach

Mr. Corley reported that staffing was currently strong, with the center actually one person over staff, but said applications would open March 30 because turnover is expected and the district wants to keep overtime reserves available. Chief Mann questioned why applications were being opened without open positions, and Mr. Corley said the district had recently heard that one employee planned to leave, while another might return, so staffing could shift quickly. Mr. Corley then reviewed the Motorola Vesta NXT router project, explaining that it would add more network diversity and multiple carrier paths to next-generation 911 core services at no cost to the district, aside from possible Frontier configuration charges.

Mr. Corley explained the difference between a primary PSAP and a secondary PSAP, then described Texas A&M's request to become a primary PSAP for campus areas and related locations. He said the routing changes would send calls from mapped campus areas directly to Texas A&M rather than through College Station, although some calls could still default-route by cell tower if polygon routing fails. Mr. Corley initially discussed an April 7 cutover date but said that might be ambitious. Chief Mann expressed serious concerns about campus fire calls being transferred away from the district's dispatch process, especially given the existing contractual relationship with Texas A&M. Mr. Corley said the routing work was still under discussion and noted that the board's feedback would guide whether the timeline should move.

Mr. Corley said the elevator replacement at the district's facility was important for the new CAD system implementation. He described the project as a roughly 10-week effort and said the target was to have it back in service by mid-May.

Mr. Corley said the district was moving into a 12- to 18-month implementation period for the new Central Square enterprise CAD system. He described it as a major project that would require coordination over time rather than an immediate cutover.

Mr. Corley and the board also discussed 9-1-1 wireless fee legislation and the district's broader funding strategy. He said the district continues to support the Texas 9-1-1 Alliance in pursuing stronger funding support. He also noted that work was underway on NG911 SIP and carrier routing requests so calls can be delivered natively with more data attached.

Mr. Corley closed by discussing outreach to local high schools and support for students interested in dispatch and public safety careers. He framed it as part of the district's long-term staffing pipeline.

9. Hear public comments.

No comments were heard.

10. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The Board of Managers has determined a necessity to go into a closed-to-the-public session under the provisions of Texas Government Code, Section 551.072 Deliberations about Real Property – review settlement offer from Vertical Bridge related to the District's lease holdings at 101 Regent Av., Bryan, TX.

11. Discussion / Action on Executive Session held March 26, 2026.

Chief Mann made a motion to accept a one-time cash payment in the amount of \$10,000 from Vertical Bridge, but to inform Vertical Bridge that additional action may be taken from the District if their obligations are not met by the due date. This motion was seconded by Chief Swartzlander, and the Board passed the item unanimously.

12. Adjournment.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:40 PM.

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Lloyd Wassermann  
Board of Managers

ATTEST:

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Laura Blackburn  
Recording Secretary