

PP VFD/EMS Board, Inc.
Board Meeting Minutes
March 05, 2026

Board Members – Present

Jeanie Curry – President
Richard Bearsdley – Vice President
Ray Reynolds – Treasurer
Johnny Hutchison – At Large
Robert Carroll – Secretary

VFD/EMS

Chief Dave Paxton
Chief Wesley Green
Deputy Chief Patrick Cobb

President Jeanie Curry called the meeting to order 4:00 p.m.

New Business:

The discussion started by exploring ways to increase revenue for the VFD/EMS. The need for the additional revenue is twofold. Pecan Plantation is growing rapidly which means the current funding level will be outstripped in the near term. Pecan Plantation VFD/EMS benefits from extremely generous benefactors. We greatly appreciate the donations but cannot rely on them to budget in the future. Possible increased revenue sources discussed included a request for a vote to increase 2017 dues level, an additional PPOA initiation fee, and/or a small amount from the commission of the local realtors after a sale in Pecan Plantation since the VFD/EMS is a tremendous marketing point.

The funding for additional office space in the EMS building was next on the docket. The proceeds from the Ledbetter endowment have been left untouched. The consensus is the use of those funds will be appropriate for the EMS building interior upgrade.

The discussion moved onto the Pecan Plantation VFD/EMS Auxiliary. During the last Auxiliary meeting, Kayla Pittman offered to take the lead on the golf tournament fund raiser. To that end, Richard Bearsdley motioned and Ray Reynolds seconded that Kayla Pittman be designated the Emergency Medical Services Representative from the VFD/EMS Department. The vote passed unanimously.

The next topic was the Hood County Subsidy Account, First National Bank Account Number xxx3093. The money in the CD account for Medic 85 has dropped below \$10,000. In order to avoid fees on the account, Ray Reynolds motioned and Johnny Hutchison seconded that account be changed to a checking account without an ATM card. The vote passed unanimously.

A concern was raised about lack of cooling in the server room. The feasibility of purchasing a mini split was discussed.

Chief Paxton took the floor next. He presented a budget for the remainder of the fiscal year based on the limited amount of available data. Ray Reynolds stated that the numbers looked appropriate.

A theme throughout Chief Paxton's briefing is that documentation in a number of areas is inadequate. The Board is actively seeking a full time Fire Station manager.

Chief Paxton has submitted a request with Fire Marshall for an additional 15 air tanks.

The need for acquiring a new boat either through direct purchase or a grant was presented.

The availability of fire training at Texas A&M in late July until early August was discussed.

All of the fire vehicles need to be put on a preventative maintenance program. The focus was on service providers and costs. The tanker has a power steering leak and an inoperative PTO. The estimate for repairs on the tanker is approximately \$37,000.

Chief Paxton requested a motion for the Board to approve gift cards based on the number of runs each fire fighter made last year. Ray Reynolds made the motion and Jeanie Curry seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Johnny Hutchison gave an update on the fire station annex. The floors are not properly finished and need some additional work, the windows are in, the IT wiring placement will be confirmed on March 6th and then installed.

EMS Chief Wes Green and Deputy Chief Patrick Cobb gave a wide ranging presentation on multiple topics. They have been in contact with the leadership at LGMC concerning transfers to LGMC.

The overwhelmingly positive increase in EMS revenue after the change to RescueMed was presented.

The FY 2026 budget is operating within original estimates. The outline for FY 2027 was presented. The overview contained proposed changes to the pay and benefits package. A lengthy discussion occurred.

EMS Deputy Chief Cobb presented the new policies #201 Electronic Use and #202 Work Product for the EMS and requested a motion to approve implementation of the policies.

Robert Carroll made the motion and Jeanie Curry seconded. The motion passed unanimously but the vote was 4-0 because Johnny Hutchison had departed from the meeting.

A debate ensued concerning termination of employment if an employee refused to sign the policy letters. A consensus was reached but no vote was taken.

President Jeanie adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.



Robert Carroll, Secretary

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