

**Converse County
Municipal and County Joint Powers Board
January 7, 2026 Regular Meeting – 7:00 a.m.
Location: Ramos, Douglas**

Voting Members Present:

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| • Jim Willox | • Rick Grant | • Trent Kaufman |
| • Judi Colling | • Ken Montgomery | • Art Stringham |
| • Bruce Roumell | • Joel Weeks | |

Attendees:

- Victor LeGloahec, Tourism
- Ashley Byerly, CCJCC
- Clint Becker, Sheriff
- Tory Walsh, Special Projects
- Karie Moulton, GPD
- Johnna Shepherd, Public Health
- Rick Andrews, Douglas Fire, FSA
- Alex Boespflug, CCJCC
- Colter Felton, GPD
- Robert Short, Commissioner

Mr. Willox called the meeting to order at 7:02 a.m.

Introductions

All voting members and attendees provided introductions. With apologies, voting members Jody Ettles, Rolling Hills Council and Councilman Matt Schmidt of Douglas were absent.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Willox asked if there were any corrections, additions or any discussion on the October 8, 2025 minutes. There being none, Mr. Willox ordered the meeting minutes from October 8, 2025 approved and filed.

Business Review

E911 – Ms. Byerly provided a staffing update and discussed the status of Code Red. The system has suffered failures and alternative software is being considered; including Crisis 24 for the short-term and potentially Rave for a permanent solution. There were no funding requests made at this time. Ms. Byerly provided an update on EMD training and administrator change.

Other Entities – Business Updates

1. Public Health Department

Ms. Shepherd provided a staffing update, as well as the current flu status; vaccinations are currently available. Public Health is working to provide car seats to the community and working cooperatively with staff from WHF to provide blood draws and.

2. Tourism Promotion Board

Mr. LeGloahec discussed new signage, the State Tourism Convention next month and provided a staffing update. Lodging tax is slightly down from last year and the board is currently staffed.

3. Joint Justice Center

Rick Grant provided Justice Center updates, to include the status of false alarms, new door locks and the recent power outage. New door locks are anticipated to be installed and complete mid month.

5. EWC Grant

Mr. Willox briefed the Board on the construction status of the facility and potential fundraising opportunities. There is a tentative projected opening anticipated for the spring of 2027.

6. FSA

Mr. Andrews provided an update on Glenrock buildings and reported grassfires have been high lately.

Action Items

Election of Officers – Mr. Grant made a motion to nominate Mr. Kaufman as Chairman, with there being no other nominations and seconded by Mr. Montgomery; with all members voting aye, motion carried. Mr. Montgomery made a motion to nominate Mr. Grant for Vice-Chair, with there being no other nominations, and seconded by Mr. Weeks; with all members voting aye, the motion carried. Mr. Grant made a motion to nominate Ms. Colling as Secretary/Treasurer, with there being no other nominations, and seconded by Mr. Montgomery; all members voting aye, the motion carried.

Call to Audience

Mr. Willox briefed the Board that Settler Wind will be applying for an extension on their start date to November of 2027, still within the time frame allotted in the permit. An update was provided on the property at Natural Bridge, the County building in Glenrock and bid status on repaving Jenne Trail.

Mr. Stringham reported an upcoming fencing project around the park in the Town of Lost Springs.

Mr. Roumell discussed dirtwork for the firehouse, and restrooms for the Veterans' Park.

Mr. Montgomery provided updates on walking paths near 55 Ranch Rd and the town park. Rolling Hills has a new dog park and is pending gate install.

Mr. Weeks reported sales tax is slightly down, and progress continues with the Community Center and the property at 112 N. 2nd in Douglas.

Mr. Short reported the animal shelter expansion project is progressing as scheduled.

Mr. Becker stated fraud cases are still occurring, and bitcoin is prevalent in cases. The Search and Rescue license plates are available; cost is \$180 and \$150 of that goes into the Search and Rescue fund. Possible expenditure opportunities from this fund were discussed.

Mr. LeGloahec advised volume from out of Converse County is increasing at the hospital.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2026 at 7:00 a.m. in Glenrock.

Adjourn

Mr. Willox duly adjourned the meeting at 7:38 a.m.

Approved: Jim Willox, Chair

Attest: Tory Walsh, Special Projects