

# East Niceville Fire District Board Meeting

May 12, 2026

## 1. Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

## 2. Prayer

A prayer was given asking God to look over the meeting, protect family and friends, and bless everyone present.

## 3. Call to Order

The East Niceville Fire District May 12 board meeting was called to order at approximately **5:05 PM**.

## 4. Attendance

Present at the meeting:

- Kenny Revell
- John Homier
- Ken Delprincipe
- Chief Kramer

No public members were present, so the meeting moved past public comment.

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## 5. Approval of April Minutes

The board reviewed the April meeting minutes.

**Motion:** John made a motion to approve the April minutes.

**Second:** Ken Delprincipe seconded the motion.

**Vote:** All in favor.

**Result:** Motion passed unanimously.

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## 6. Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was presented.

### Account Balances

- Money Market: **\$1,058,657.37**
- Payroll Account: **\$31,959.74**
- General Bill Pay: about **\$17,882**
- CD: **\$40,369.53**
- April deposits: **\$45,631**
- Total cash on hand as of May 1: **\$1,148,866.90**

### April Expenses

- Withdrawals / ACH: about **\$49,000**
- Checks issued: **\$15,880**
- Payroll: **\$47,663**
- Total April monthly expenditures: **\$112,570.86**

The report included the monthly withdrawals, checks issued, payroll breakdown, and recap of all accounts.

**Motion:** Ken made a motion to accept the treasurer's report.

**Second:** Ken Delprincipe seconded the motion.

**Vote:** All in favor.

**Result:** Motion passed unanimously.

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## 7. Old Business

### New Truck Update

The new truck is at the station but is not yet in service.

The remaining item is getting Williams to install the radio. The chief hopes the truck will be in service by the next board meeting, and at the latest around **June 1**.

## **Health Insurance Update**

There was no final update on health insurance.

The chief said he was not happy with the numbers received from the broker connected with Bennett's group. He told his own broker that the district is only interested if the deal significantly improves pricing.

The chief stated that if better numbers are not provided, he is willing to look elsewhere, including companies from Pensacola that have already shown interest.

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## **8. New Business**

### **Sale of Equipment / Squad Truck**

The district listed the squad and pumper on a fire equipment sales site.

The squad received several interested buyers quickly. One buyer made an offer of **\$70,000**, and the chief accepted.

The truck was originally purchased in 2000 for about **\$119,000** and sold in 2026 for **\$70,000**. The money was already in escrow and would be transferred to the district after the truck was delivered.

No vote was recorded on this item in the transcript.

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## **9. Camera and Door Lock System**

The board discussed adding cameras and electronic door locks to the station.

The chief explained the goal was to secure the station better, especially if crews leave on calls and bay doors are left open. The system would help prevent people from entering offices, bunk rooms, or other interior areas.

## Option 1: Verkada System

The Verkada system included:

- Cloud-based cameras
- Door control
- Phone/web access
- AI search
- Person and vehicle tracking
- Three years of licensing

Estimated cost was around **\$31,000–\$32,000** upfront, with about **\$6,000 every three years** afterward for licensing.

A board member raised concern that after buying the equipment, the district could be stuck if licensing prices increased later.

## Option 2: A to Z Security & Sound

The A to Z system included the same number of cameras and door locks but was not cloud-based and had no licensing fees.

Estimated cost: **\$23,581**.

The chief said the A to Z cameras appeared to be better quality based on his research, and the system would be owned by the district.

## Vote on A to Z Contract

**Motion:** Ken made a motion to accept the A to Z contract.

**Second:** Ken seconded the motion.

**Vote:** All in favor.

**Result:** Motion passed unanimously.

The chief said he would email A to Z and work on getting the installation scheduled.

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# 10. Chief's Report

## County Tone System Upgrade

The county replaced and upgraded the station tone system at no cost to the district.

The new system is working well after a couple early resets. The chief said the system can support future add-ons such as:

- Bed shakers
- Gradual alert lights
- Bay door automation
- Lights turning on and off automatically

The county also provided six new pagers. The chief said they are much more capable than the old pagers and can monitor several channels.

## **Pumper Sale Update**

The old pumper was listed for **\$30,000**, but there had not been much interest yet. The chief said they may lower the price if needed.

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## **11. Board Seat / Election Update**

The chief explained that appointed board members now have to run in the next election to keep the seat.

John will need to pick up a packet from the Shalimar elections office.

Important dates:

- Packets available: **May 18**
- Filing period: **June 8 through June 12**

The chief said he would follow up with John, Larry, and Leo as needed.

No vote was taken on this item.

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## **12. Boundary Drop Update**

The chief said the new boundary changes are in effect and mostly working smoothly.

Walmart now falls into East Niceville's response area, and crews had already responded there multiple times. There were still some small dispatch issues, including calls near Wine World, but overall the system was working well.

No vote was taken.

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## 13. Consolidation / Media Discussion

The chief discussed recent media coverage and comments about consolidation.

He said there is no active consolidation happening and described the public comments from the city side as political messaging. He made clear that any consolidation decision would not be controlled by media statements.

No vote was taken.

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## 14. Budget / Financial Outlook

The chief warned that the next month may be expensive because several large checks were going out, including truck payments, workers comp, and insurance.

He said the expenses were expected and budgeted.

The district still had over **\$1 million** in the bank and was projected to roll over about **\$450,000 to \$500,000** if things stay on track.

No vote was taken.

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## 15. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting was originally set for June 9, but the chief will be at a special district conference.

The board discussed moving the meeting.

**New meeting date: Tuesday, June 23, 2026 at 5:00 PM.**

No formal vote was clearly recorded, but the board agreed to move the meeting.

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## **16. Adjournment**

**Motion:** Kenny made a motion to adjourn.

**Second:** John seconded the motion.

**Vote:** All in favor.

**Result:** Meeting adjourned.