

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MADISON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR SESSIONS**

08-19-2026

CALL TO ORDER @ 19:00 hours

ROLL CALL: x Mr. Adams	x Mr. Donaldson	x Chief Meister
x Mr. Lee	- Mr. Sill	x Attorney Elko
x Mr. Wayman	x Mr. White	x Joanne Clapp

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - The pledge was recited by all.

REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES

Minutes from the July 15, 2026 regular session were presented for review and approval.

Motion to approve the July 15, 2026 minutes was made by: Mr. Donaldson

Seconded by: Mr. White

ROLL CALL: All ayes

Minutes from the August 5, 2026 special session were presented for review and approval.

Motion to approve the August 5, 2026 minutes was made by: Mr. Lee

Seconded by: Mr. Wayman

ROLL CALL: 5 ayes, Adams abstain

BILLS & PAYROLL - July, 2026

Bills (\$129,787.97) and Payroll (\$225,071.37) for a total of \$354,859.34 were presented for acceptance and payment.

Motion to accept bills and payroll in the amount of \$354,859.34 was made by: Mr. White

Seconded by: Mr. Lee

ROLL CALL: All ayes

FINANCIAL REPORT - July, 2026

Ms. Clapp provided a detail of finances from the fund summary. She also shared that she and Chief Meister worked on a 5 year plan for the Lake County Budget Hearing. Capital outlay integration was included in the submitted plan. She will share with all via email.

Ms. Clapp shared that Executive Order 14247, signed on March 25, 2025, directed the U.S. Department of the Treasury to stop issuing paper checks for federal disbursements - including tax refunds, benefit payments, and vendor disbursements - effective September 30, 2025. The directive shifts federal payments to electronic funds transfer (EFT) methods like direct deposit.

OPENING PUBLIC PORTION - none.

LEGAL COUNSEL - nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS - none.

NEW BUSINESS - none.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Anniversaries: FF/Inspector Jim Solymosi - 7 years, and Capt. Frank Henry - 27 years. Congratulations Captain Henry!

Financial: EMS revenue is 53.3% of yearly projection while tax revenue is 51.6% of budgeted collection YTD. The District spent 45.6% of the annual budget through June.

Staffing: Staffing is stable with minimal overtime in July. Congratulations are in order for our 3 new paramedics, Gianna Birch, Nick Vliek, and Leiona Bussey. They will be a big boost to services provided to the Madison residents.

Volume: The District responded to 361 calls for service in July; 305 EMS and 105 Fire. Chief Meister stated that may even be a District record (he will have to double check). That averages out to 13.2 calls per day vs. typical 11.2 per day.

Inspections: Remain on-going; see report in your folder.

Vehicles: #2191 is currently in need of a catalytic converter replacement (approx. \$1,500 each) and has two of them. The officers recommend that a replacement vehicle be considered as it is a 2014 explorer with over 100,000 miles. Chief Meister will bring more information later this year. Mr. Lee asked what the vehicle is utilized for; Chief Meister explained that it is used by the District Fire Inspector. Mr. Lee also expressed concern for the delivery timeframe; Chief Meister stated that these types of vehicles tend to be readily available (3-6 weeks).

Ladder testing was performed last week by CFS and no issues were found.

The new pickup #2137 has received decals and the lights/sirens package and is in service. The vehicle it replaced (2009) will be surplusd

Buildings: We continue to await the replacement panel for bay door 1 at St. #3. A front elevation refresh and new siding for St. #2 was discussed. The current siding is old and showing its age. Chief Meister will work on estimated costs. The officers also discussed roof replacements as they are both aging. Crews used the drone to view both roofs. St. #2 does show some signs of needing done so that would take first priority. Chief Meister and Joanne have discussed some long-range budget planning for major facility repairs.

Training: Members currently being fit-tested for the new SCBAs (air packs) which were purchased utilizing FEMA grant funds (District expense was 10%). Training on them is on-going and one of them is on display on the side of the meeting room for all to view if interested.

Crews participated in drafting/water movement drills, PWC and Polaris side-by-side training as well as the county trench rescue drill. There will be an internal hazmat update in September. Joint training with neighboring departments (Perry & Geneve) has been discussed.

Other: Public relations; Light Up the Park fireworks oversight, the MHS bonfire (happening as we speak) coverage, and EMS coverage for football games (high school) to begin this week.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Attorney Elko requested an executive session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official per ORC 121.22(G)(1).

Motion to move into executive session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official per ORC 121.22(G)(1) was made at 19:13 by: Mr. White

Seconded by: Mr. Lee

ROLL CALL: All ayes

Board members returned at 19:23 and motion to close executive session and resume the regular session was made by: Mr. Lee

Seconded by: Mr. Donaldson

ROLL CALL: All ayes

Attorney Elko asked for a motion to increase the salary for Laurie Hogya (Administrative Assistant) by \$2.00/hour, effective immediately. Ms. Clapp requested that it be effective at the beginning of the current pay period which began Sunday, August 16th and all members approved the request.

Motion to increase the hourly rate for Laurie Hogya by \$2.00/hour was made by: Mr. Lee

Seconded by: Mr. White

ROLL CALL: All ayes

Ms. Hogya thanked the Board and said it was greatly appreciated to which several members responded that it is well deserved. Attorney Elko added that "good help required good pay".

CLOSING PUBLIC PORTION - none.

CLOSING BOARD COMMENTS - none.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Adams stated there being no further business, he would entertain a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn was made by: Mr. White

Seconded by: Mr. Lee

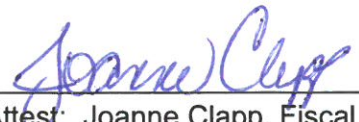
ROLL CALL: All ayes

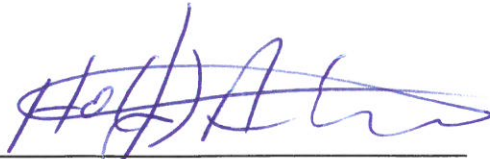
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Chairman Adams announced the next meeting is to be held on September 16, 2026 at 7:00 pm at Station #3.

Meeting was adjourned at 19:25

Accepted and Approved: September 16, 2026


Attest: Joanne Clapp, Fiscal Officer


Jay Adams, Board Chair