

Meeting of the Talbot County Emergency Services Advisory Board (TCESAB) 3 March 2026

Attendees:

Steve Mroczek - Chairperson

Members:

Shirley Bucci - Absent

Sonny Jones

Terry Satchell

Ruth Sullivan

Tim Cannon

Tina Kintop

Dave Stepp

Debbie Timms

Steve Elliot

Brian LeCates -Absent

Lisa Stone

Steve Mroczek opened the meeting at 6 PM 3 December 2025 in the second-floor conference room in the Mary's Court Public Safety Complex.

Brian LeCates is on travel, Tina Kintop is representing TCDES.

Steve Mroczek welcomed everyone to this evening's meeting noting that because of circumstance and weather this was the first meeting of 2026. As a reminder of where we ended 2025, he distributed the list of focus items prepared by the members last year.

Steve Mroczek discussed the budget submission by the Talbot County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association (TCVFRA). Their highest priority this year is the full funding of the revised Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) approved by Council this year. This revised program with five-year step increases is a major part of the association's retention program. While most other budget line items were proposed at current levels, an 8% increase in operating costs was proposed.

Steve Elliot discussed the Sheriff's Department Budget. There were no major new asks in their FY27 Budget requests. Cars are always an item in every budget. Getting a new car delivered takes almost a year from when they are ordered to, they try to keep the pipeline active. The new requests focused on technology, new software, a 3D imaging camera for accident reconstruction and ballistic shields.

Tina Kintop said that there are no new projects in TCDES's FY27 Budget requests. TCDES is still executing the major projects begun in FY26 Budget. Their focus will be to complete the Mary's Court technology build out and complete the new North County Station.

A general discussion followed regarding the 1 cent Public Safety Property Tax add on. FY 27 estimates are this will total almost \$1M. There was concern that the monies should be earmarked for specific Public Safety projects rather than a plus up to the general fund. There were opinions on both sides of the issue but the consensus at the end was it was too late in this year's budget process to "fence off" these funds.

Our next meeting will be on April 1.