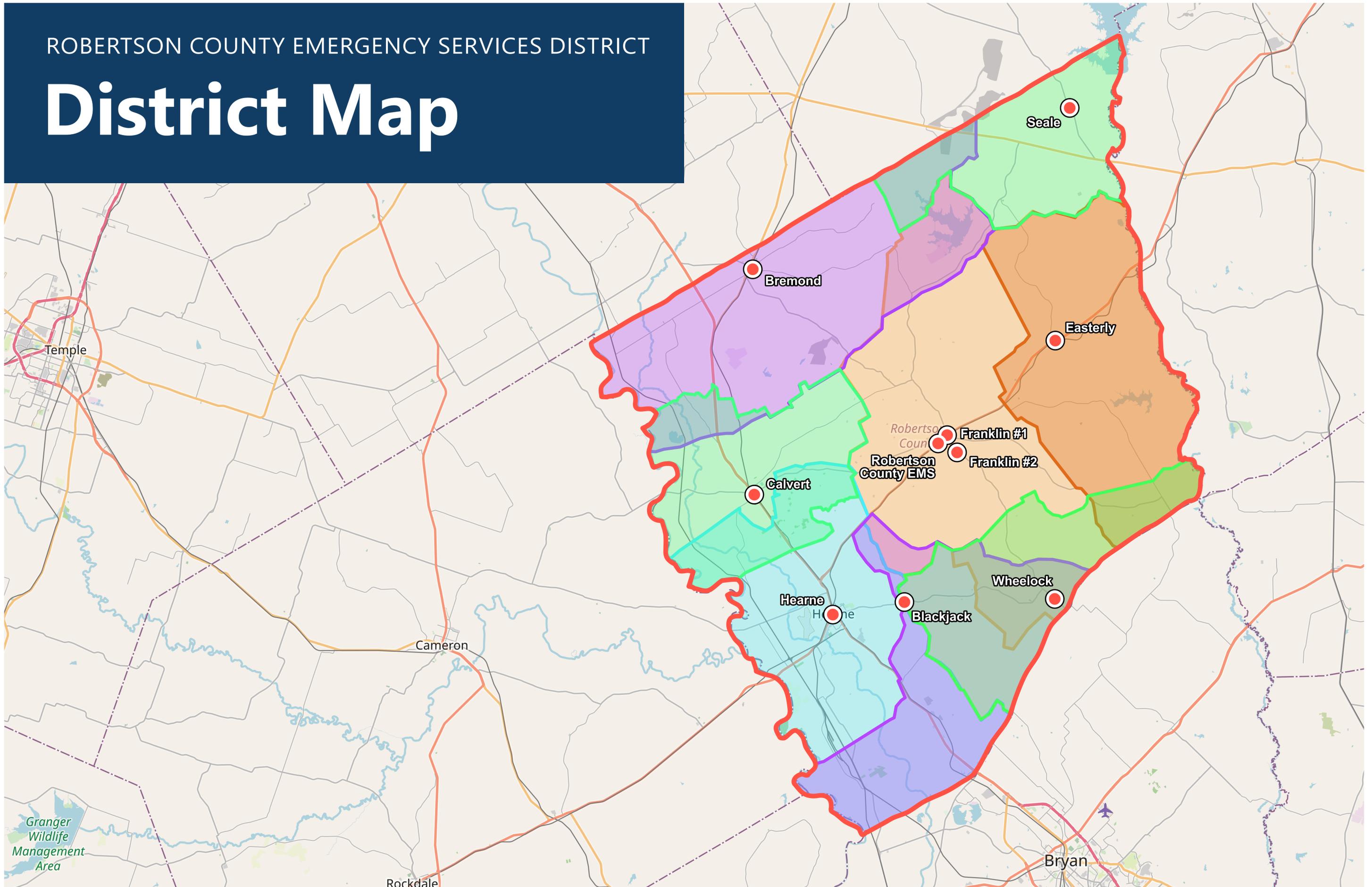


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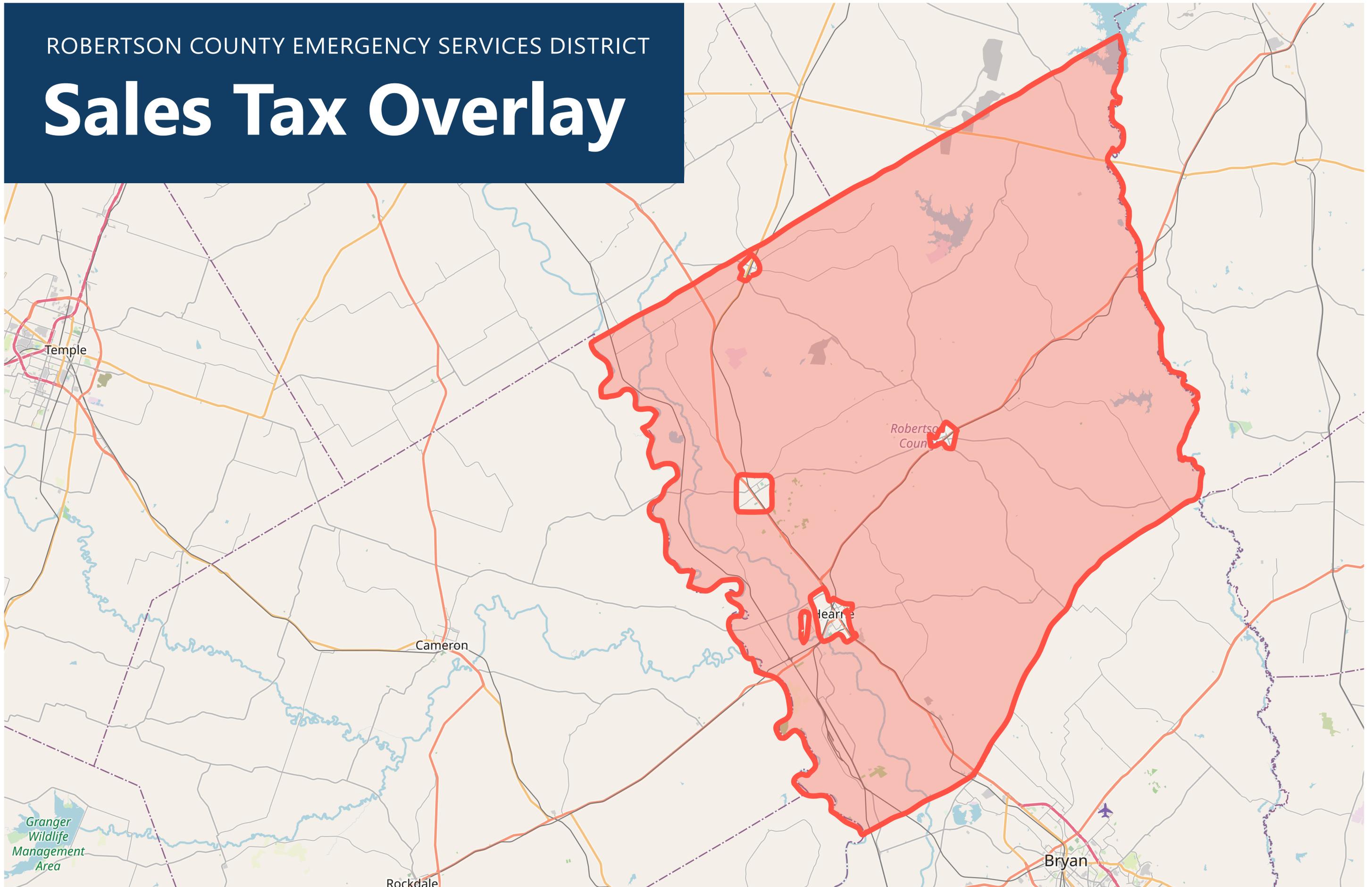
ROBERTSON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT

District Map



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Sales Tax Overlay



District Board of Commissioners

Robertson ESD Commissioners

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Relationship Between Robertson County Emergency Services District and Volunteer Fire Department/Emergency Medical Services Providers

Robertson County Emergency Services District (RCESD) is a political subdivision of the State of Texas serving as a taxing district to support emergency services.

Robertson County Emergency Services District was formed in 2001. RCESD contracts with 8 fire protection service providers and one emergency medical services provider to serve an estimated 16,757 people who live and work in the 856 square miles within the boundaries of Robertson County.

The funds supporting each of these departments are collected by RCESD as an *ad valorem* tax levy (also known as a property tax).

Blackjack VFD

Bremond VFD

Calvert VFD

Easterly VFD

Franklin VFD

Hearne VFD

Seale-Round Prairie VFD

Wheelock FVD

Robertson County EMS

District Strategic Plan

Through sound fiscal management and good stewardship, the Board of Commissioners of Robertson County Emergency Services District has been able to purchase and maintain the current training, apparatus, and equipment to protect the community up to this point while managing their capital reserve for scheduled, long-term expenditures.

However, contracting with and funding 8 VFD providers and an EMS provider can be challenging in the face of economic uncertainties.

There are three major issues facing the District which require additional funding:

- Providing for purchases of role-specific apparatus along scheduled replacement cycles
- Expanding existing stations or building new stations to house apparatus, gear, etc.
- Augmenting VFD budgets for gear and specialized equipment purchases (radios, cascade systems, SCBA, etc.)

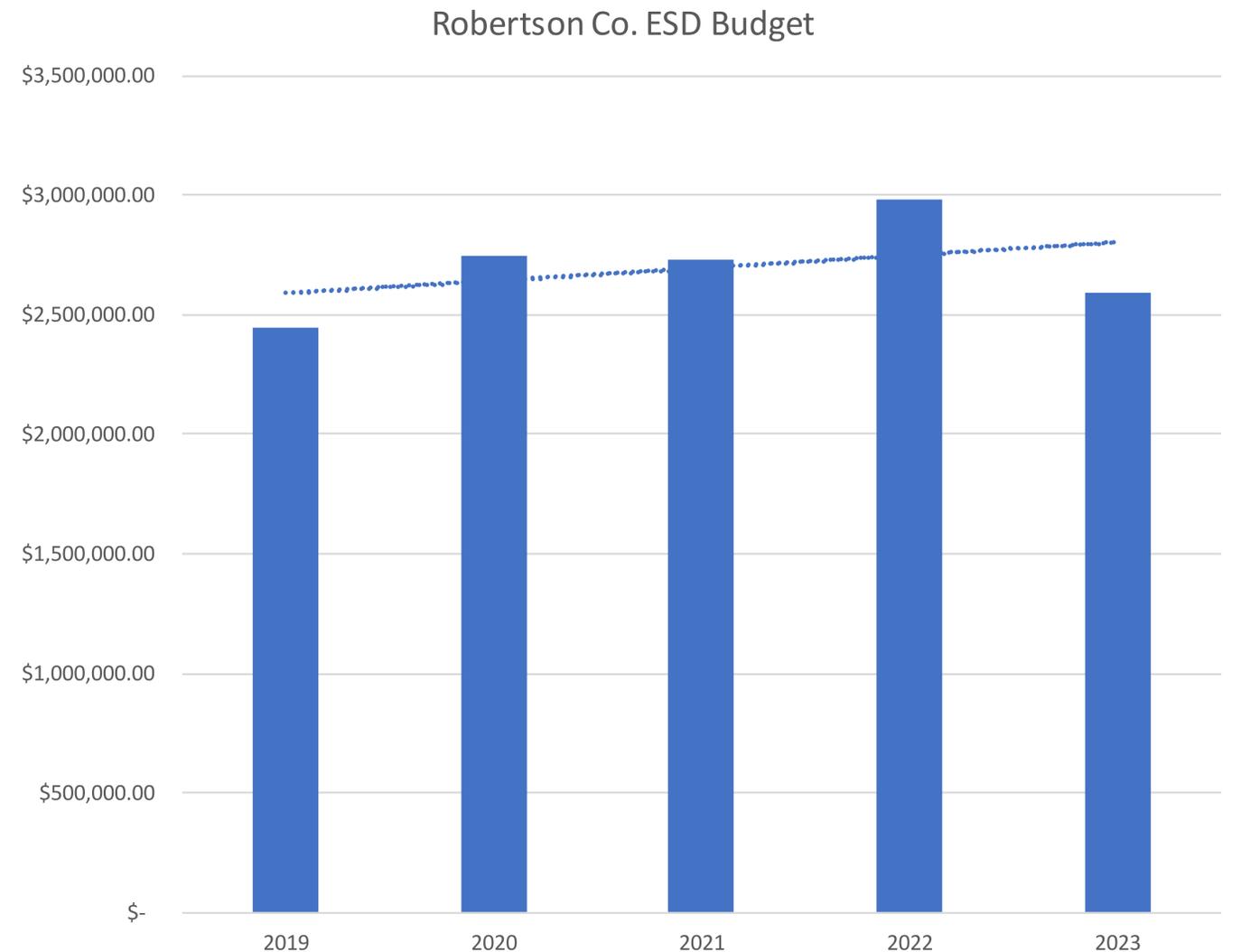
As the Board considers the next 10 years of population growth and emergency response, long-term strategic goals have been drafted to highlight the next steps in anticipating the needs of the District and its providers.

Budget

During Fiscal Years 2020-2022, Robertson County Emergency Services District Board of Commissioners increased spending to pay down debt, and in 2022 paid off some large capital purchases like apparatus. The goal is to get the District to a debt-free status mid-2023.

Through prudent fiscal management and proactive planning, the District executed a vision of moving forward on a cash-positive basis, wherein forecasting capital outlay and building a strong capital reserve will help weather economic changes that may occur in the future.

Of note: the budget trendline continues trending upwards as inflation and supply issues cause operational cost increases.



Ballot Language

The May 6, 2023 ballot will ask residents of the District to vote for or against a Local Sales and Use Tax, for the entity known as Robertson County Emergency Services District. It will read as follows:

Proposition:

“ THE ADOPTION OF A LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX IN ROBERTSON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT AT A RATE NOT TO EXCEED TWO PERCENT (2%) IN ANY LOCATION IN THE DISTRICT. ”

Voters will need to be looking for this language if they wish to cast their vote regarding the sales and use tax for Robertson County ESD.

Early Voting Polling Places

Location (*ubicación*)

**Address, City, ZIP
(*dirección, ciudad, código postal*)**

Robertson County Election Center

601 N. Hearne Street, Franklin, Texas 77856

Hearne Public Safety Building

306 W. 3rd Street, Hearne, Texas 77859

Calvert Fire Department

700 Railroad Street, Calvert, Texas 77837

Justice of the Peace #4

113 Jack Street, Bremond, Texas 76629

Monday, April 24 to Friday, April 28
(*el lunes, 24 de abril a viernes, 28 de abril*)

8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Saturday, April 29 (*el sábado, 29 de abril*)

10:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Saturday, April 29 is only open in Hearne at the Public Safety Building. No other locations will be open that day.
(*el sabado, 29 de abril solo esta abierto en Hearne en el Edificio de Seguridad Publica. Ningún otro lugar estará abierto ese día.*)

Monday, May 1 to Tuesday, May 2
(*el lunes, 1 de mayo a martes, 2 de mayo*)

7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Election Day Polling Places

Location (*ubicación*)

**Address, City, ZIP
(*dirección, ciudad, código postal*)**

The Pridgeon Center

351 Cooks Lane, Franklin, Texas 77856

Hearne Public Safety Building

306 W. 3rd Street, Hearne, Texas 77859

Calvert Fire Department

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**Saturday, May 6
(el sabado, 6 de mayo)**

7:00 AM to 7:00 PM