

# **Henderson County Emergency Services District No. 8**

## **Minutes for Regular Meeting – August 5, 2024**

In compliance with the provisions of Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, notice is hereby given of a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Henderson County Emergency Services District No. 8, to be held at **10:00 am on August 5, 2024, at District 8 Fire Station #1, 9518 FM 773, Murchison, Texas 75778** for the following purposes:

1. **Call meeting to order; Phil Elery called meeting to order at 10:00 am. All commissioners were present and Deborah Deas from the Public.**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

2. **Public Comment: Deborah Deas was given the opportunity to speak for three minutes.**

### **COMMISSIONER ITEMS**

3. **Discuss, consider and take action on obtaining a Treasurer's bond; Phil Elery recommended postponing until September meeting. No action taken.**
4. **Update from District subcommittee to address obtaining property and building new fire stations in the District; John Johnson gave update that the owner of the property was reviewing tax implications for the property but agreement was still in process and moving forward for 2 acres.**

### **REPORTS**

5. **Receive monthly report from District 8 Fire Rescue regarding emergency operations, apparatus, response times, call volume, training, and management activities and take any related action; Fire Chief Brandon Irby stated that District 8 Fire Dept. responded to 39 calls averaging 2 personnel for each call.**

### **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

6. **Review and approval of minutes from July 1, 2024, meeting; John Johnson made motion to approve the minutes for July 1<sup>st</sup> meeting with second from Howard Calloway. 5-0. Motion passed unanimously.**

7. Discuss and consider approval of the Treasurer's report and the payment of invoices, advertising expenses, and reimbursements owed to Commissioners for out-of-pocket expenses; **Ashton Elder stated no payments were made but several fees including attorney fees, Web Master fee, insurance policy, and quarterly payment for the Fire Dept would be due in October. No action taken.**
8. Update on securing contract for Tax Assessment and Collection Services with Henderson County; **Phil Elery confirmed with Elle Eades from our legal representation that no action would be needed.**
9. Discuss, consider, and take action on possible interim funding options for the District; **Ashton Elder stated the interim funding amount needed at this time would be \$89,330 with additional discussions needed. Phil Elery made a motion to approve \$100,000 for interim financing, John Johnson made second. 5-0. Motion passed unanimously.**
10. Discuss, consider, and take action on establishing District depository bank account(s) and investment account(s); **Bank account for ESD No. 8 has already been established and no further actions are needed.**
11. Discuss, consider, and take action on adopting the District's budget for FY25 and a Resolution for same; **Phil Elery made a motion for approval of the Resolution for the approved budget for 2024 and 2025. Howard Calloway second the motion. 5-0. Motion passed unanimously.**
12. Discuss, consider, and take action regarding 2024 tax rate, including:
  - a. establishing proposed tax rate and taking record vote; **Howard Calloway made motion to propose a tax rate of \$0.10 cents for 2024, John Johnson made a second.**  
**Phil Elery - Yes**  
**Ashton Elder - Yes**  
**Jay Gravens – Yes**  
**Howard Calloway – Yes**  
**John Johnson – Yes**  
**5-0. Motion passed unanimously.**
  - b. authorizing expense and publication of "Small Taxing Unit Notice" in newspaper; **Phil Elery made a motion to allow our attorneys to publish in the newspaper the before stated tax rate of \$0.10 for 2024**

**and Howard Calloway made second. 5-0. Motion passed unanimously.**

- c. acknowledging and approving posting of "Small Taxing Unit Notice" to home page of District website. **Phil Elery made motion to post proposed tax rate for 2024 and John Johnson made a second. 5-0. Motion passed unanimously.**

13. Discuss, consider, and take action on insurance for District; **Phil Elery stated a new quote for insurance will be discussed on September meeting. No action needed today.**

14. Discuss, consider, and take action on the District 8 Fire Rescue Agreement; **Phil Elery and Fire Chief Brandon Irby further discussed proposed contract and will be on the agenda for August 19<sup>th</sup> for review. No action needed today.**

15. Discuss and consider items for future agendas; **Phil Elery stated to be notified if anyone has any additional request for meeting on August 19<sup>th</sup>. No action taken.**

16. Adjourn. **Phil Elery made motion to adjourn at 10:58 with second by Howard Calloway.**

DATE: August 2, 2024.



Phil Elery

President/Commissioner

Henderson County Emergency Services District #8

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The Board may retire to Executive Session any time between the meeting's opening and adjournment for any purpose authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, including but not limited to: consultation with legal counsel (Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code); personnel matters (Section 551.074); discussion of real estate acquisition (Section 551.072); discussion regarding a prospective gift to the District (Section 551.073); and/or deliberation regarding security devices or security audits (Section 551.076). Action, if any, will be taken in open session.

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**APPROVED**