

Henderson County Emergency Services District No. 8

Notice of Public Hearing and Minutes off Special Meeting – August 19, 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 19, 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 10:06 am. All commissioners were present and Deborah Deas and Greg Werner, the Fire Chief from Athens, were present from the Public.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

2. **Public Comment: Deborah Deas and Greg Werner were each given three minutes to speak.**

PUBLIC HEARING

3. **Conduct a public hearing on the District's proposed 2024 tax rate; Phil Elery opened the public hearing at 10:12am. Deborah Dease stated since ESD No 8 was new with know history the tax rate had not been established and she hoped the commissioners would choose wisely. Phil Elery closed the public hearing at 10:14am.**

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

4. **Take a record vote on the District's 2024 tax rate, adopt an Order Levying Taxes, authorize filing the Order with the Henderson County Tax Assessor/Collector; Howard Calloway made a motion that the property tax rate of .10 cents per \$100 property evaluated be adopted by ESD No. 8, John Johnson made a second.**

**Phil Elery-Yes
Jay Gravens-Yes
John Johnson-Yes**

**Ashton Elder-Yes
Howard Calloway-Yes**

5-0. Motion Passed unanimously.

Phil Elery made a motion that ESD No.8 sign the Order Levying Taxes document, Ashton Elders made a second. 5-0. Motion passed unanimously.

Phil Elery made a motion authorizing the filing of the Order with the Henderson County Tax Assessor/Collector office, Howard Calloway made second. 5-0. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Authorize posting of statement regarding adopted tax rate to home page of District website; **Phil Elery made a motion to authorize posting of the adopted tax rate on the District's website, John Johnson made second. 5-0. Motion passed unanimously.**
6. Discuss, consider, and take action on possible interim funding options for the District; **Phil made a motion to establish accounts with Athens Bank for funding and financing for the ESD No. 8, second made by Ashton Elders. 5-0. Motion passed unanimously.**

Phil made a motion to allow Aston Elders to move funds as necessary, John made a second. 5-0. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Discuss, consider, and take action on the District 8 Fire Rescue Agreement; **Contract has not been completed, no action taken.**
8. Discuss, consider, and take action on establishing District depository bank account(s) and investment account(s); **Ashton Elders stated she believes we need to discuss possible additional accounts to diversify and protect money collected, Phil Elery had reviewed prior with our legal representation and stated as we received funds we would need to diversify accounts as needed.**

Phil Elery made a motion that all commissioners be a signatory on the account at Athens Bank, second made by Howard Calloway. 5-0. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Discuss, consider, and take action on possible budget changes; **Ashton Elders presented suggested possible budget changes based upon tax rate computations. Largest change was for paying of 2 individuals 24 hrs a day, 7 days a week, for 365 days a year at a fire station within District 8. Fire Chief Brandon Irby discussed the pay for the individuals that would be at the station on hourly rate, the stipend pay for individuals**

responding to any calls within in the district, and the general requirements while on duty which have been adopted into ESD No. 8 Standard Operating Guidelines.

10. Discuss and consider items for future agendas; **Next meeting will be held on September 3rd, 2024. Additional items for the next agenda include insurance charges, minutes from previous meetings, and a contract for the current Fire Station.**
11. Adjourn. **Phil Elery made motion to adjourn meeting at 10:58 with a second by John Johnson.**

DATE: August 15, 2024.





Phil Elery
President/Commissioner
Henderson County Emergency Services District #8

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 (Sections 551.076 and 551.089). Action, if any, will be taken in open session.

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