

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

## **Notice of Public Hearing and Minutes for Meeting – September 3, 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 September 3, 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 10:07. All commissioners were present with Ashton Elder via phone and Deborah Deas and Peggy Elery from the public.**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

2. **Public Comment: Deborah Deas was given 3 minutes to speak.**

### **REPORTS**

3. **Review and approval of minutes from July 1, 2024 workshop, August 5, 2024 meeting and August 19, 2024 Special meeting. Howard Calloway made motion to accept the minutes from previous meeting and John Johnson made second. 5-0. Motion passed unanimously.**
4. **Review the filing of the 2024 Tax Rate; The tax rate has been filed with the County Tax Office and County Appraisal Office.**
5. **Update from District subcommittee to address obtaining property and building new fire stations in the District; John Johnson discussed that the proposed property on the Athens Loop has been appraised and waiting for the draft of the initial contract from the landowner for review. Also the property on South Hwy 19 has been discussed for 2 acres the owner would be willing to donate and further discussions of the stipulations need to be discussed by the committee.**
6. **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 discussed there were 55 calls responded to in August of which 4 were structures fires, 9 were grass fires, 6 were fire alarms, 6 burn ban violations, 13 emergency service, 11 nda's, 1 power line, and 5 public service. 3 of the calls were for assistance for the City of Athens and 2 for assistance to Brownsboro. Also Chief Irby has applied for SAFER grants for bunker gear for new recruits or existing volunteers that would total 6-8 sets of gear. Safari Waters agreement has been finalized and equipment is to be moved in the next few weeks and training scheduled for both the brush truck and fire engine.**

7. Discuss and consider approval of the Treasurer's report and the payment of invoices, advertising expenses and reimbursement owed to Commissioners for out-of-pocket expenses; **No payments made at this time.**

#### **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

8. Discuss, consider and take action on the District 8 Fire Rescue Agreement; **Phil Elery discussed that the agreement is a guide and a starting point that can be modified as needed by approval of the commissioners. Chief Irby discussed the audit required by the agreement and Phil Elery agreed the audit would be paid by the ESD. Also clarification for any amount over \$1,000 not previously in the budget must be approved by the commissioners. John Johnson made motion to accept District 8 Fire Rescue Agreement, Howard Calloway made second. 5-0. Unanimous vote.**
9. Discuss, consider, and take action on Insurance for the District; **We have not received final quote for insurance and expect to have finalized amount at October 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.**
10. Discuss, consider, and take action on establishing District depository bank account(s) and investment account(s); **No discussion/changes at this time.**
11. Discuss, consider, and take action on possible budget changes and Fire Department payments; **No discussions/changes at this time.**
12. Discuss and consider items for future agendas; **No additional discussion/changes at this time.**

13. Adjourn. **Howard Calloway** made motion to adjourn at 10:53 with a second by **John Johnson**.

DATE: October 1, 2024.



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

**APPROVED**

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

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