

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

## **Minutes for Regular Meeting – November 4, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Henderson County Emergency Services District No. 8, was held at 10:00 am on November 4, 2024, at Henderson County Annex, 125 N. Prairieville Street, Room 100, Athens, Texas 75751 for the following purposes:

1. Call meeting to order; Phil Ellery called meeting to order at 10:00am. All commissioners were present with Fire Chief Brandon Irby and Deborah Deas from the public.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

### **REPORTS**

3. Review and approval of minutes from October 1, 2024 meeting; Phil Elery made motion to accept the minutes from the October meeting and John Johnson made second. 5-0. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Update from District subcommittee to address obtaining property and building new fire stations in the District; The appraisal and survey have been completed and scheduling with realtor and owner is underway. Chief Irby stated they have made a sign that states a future station is to be constructed and there is no current address for the property at this time on the East side of Loop 7. Further legal assistance will be needed to move forward to next step of securing property.
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; Chief Brandon Irby stated the Fire Department responded to 59 calls for services. Calls included 8 structure, 1 car fire, 16 grass fires, 6 car accidents, and 18 medical. Nine mutual aids were given and 3 were received. Average response time for no personnel at the station was 27 minutes, average response time for on-shift personnel was 11 minutes with an out of station time of

**1 minute and 37 seconds. Decreased response times have greatly improved the ability to save lives, structures, and property this month with 4 individual cases being discussed. Chief Irby stated that they have applied for multiple grants for bunker and additional personnel gear.**

6. 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; **The first 9 deposits from the Henderson County Tax Office have been deposited and processes implemented are working correctly. Payments for the annual web-site, Carlton Law, second month payment to the Fire Department, and rescue tools are due to be paid immediately. Phil Elery made motion to approve the paying of monthly invoices and Howard Calloway made second. 5-0. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

7. Discuss, consider, and take action on engagement of an auditor to perform Fiscal Year 2025 audit; **No action taken.**
8. Discuss, consider and take action on the FY2025 Budget – 1 year, 5 year and 10 year plan – development of Short-term and Long-term objectives and workshops; **No action taken.**
9. Discuss, consider, and take action on renewing the contract with Signal Point Solutions (Web Master Services); **No action taken.**
10. Discuss, consider, and take action on Mutual Aid agreements; **No action taken.**
11. Discuss, consider, and take action on Commissioner Training for 2025, including attendance at the Texas State Association of Fire and Emergency Services District (SAFE-D) Annual Conference February 6-8, 2025, at Kalahari Resort in Round Rock, Texas; **To discuss pricing for event at December meeting, at this time no action taken.**
12. Discuss and consider items for future agendas; **No action taken.**

13. Adjourn. Phil Elery made a motion to adjourn meeting at 10:33 am. John Johnson made second. 5-0. Unanimous vote.

DATE: November 4, 2024.



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

**APPROVED**

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