

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

## **Notice of Regular Meeting – December 2, 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 December 2, 2024, at Henderson County Annex, 125 N. Prairieville Street, Room 100, Athens, Texas 75751** for the following purposes:

1. Call meeting to order; **Phil Elery called the meeting to order at 10:16 a.m. Commissioners present were; Phil Elery, Ashton Elder, and John Johnson. Jay Gravens and Fire Chief Brandon Irby were present via telephone; Howard Calloway came in the meeting at 10:30 a.m.**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

### **REPORTS**

3. Review and approval of minutes from November 4, 2024 meeting; **Phil Elery made a motion to accept the minutes to the November 4<sup>st</sup> meeting. John Johnson made second. 4-0 vote. Motion passed.**
4. Update from District subcommittee to address obtaining property and building new fire stations in the District; **John Johnson stated he had an upcoming meeting with a property owner regarding potential property. No Action was taken.**
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 46 calls for the month of October. Calls included 9 mutual aid calls. The FD currently has a Tanker down for transmission repair with a grant approved to assist payment for the repair and that Engine 1 had two tires damaged on a call. Used tires replaced the damaged tires, with 4 new tires ordered. Engine 1 is still in service. The new tires for a brush truck should arrive soon. No Action Taken.**

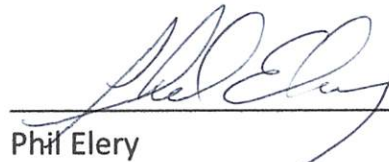
6. Discuss and consider approval of the Treasurer's report and the payment of invoices, advertising expenses and reimbursement owed to Commissioners for out-of-pocket expenses; **Phil Elery made a motion to pay the expenditures needed for the month and to allow for the payment of the Henderson County collection bill that is due. John Johnson made a second. 4-0 vote, Motion Passed**

#### **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 obtaining and future use of a Real Estate Agent; **Discussion was made. A motion was made by John Johnson to make Agent Brad Rummel the Real Estate agent for the ESD 8 board; Seconded by Aston Elder, 4-0 vote, Motion Passed**
9. 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.**
10. Discuss, consider, and take action on fire station locations and potential available properties; **Phil Elery made a motion, pursuant to the Texas Government Code; Title 5; Subtitle A; Chapter 551; Subchapter D; Section 551.072 - Deliberation Regarding Real Property that the board enter into executive session. John Johnson seconded the motion. Ashton Elder voted yes, Jay Gravens voted yes and Howard Calloway voted yes. Passed 5-0 vote. The executive session started on December 2, 2024 at 10:35 a.m. The executive session ended on December 2, 2024 at 10:57 a.m. 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; **Phil Elery recommended that the board join the SAFE-D and attend the annual convention for 2025. Phil Elery made a motion to allow Ashton Elder to pay for the annual membership to the SAFE-D for the ESD 8 board for the year of 2025 and allow reimbursement for receipts for the commissioners expenses for the conference. John Johnson seconded the motion. 5-0 vote. Motion Passed.**

12. Discuss and consider commissioner terms expiring at year-end; **This item was not presented to the commissioners at the meeting. No Action Taken.**
13. Discuss and consider items for future agendas; **No Action Taken**
14. Adjourn. **A motion was made by John Johnson to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Howard Calloway. 5-0 vote. Motion Passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.**

DATE: December 2, 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phil Elery", is written over a horizontal line.

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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