

Henderson County Emergency Services District No. 8

Minutes for Meeting – January 6, 2025

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, was held at 10:00 a.m. on January 6, 2025, 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 10:13 a.m. Commissioners present were; Phil Elery, Ashton Elder, John Johnson, Jay Gravens, and Assistant Fire Chief Ricky Harris. Fire Chief Brandon Irby present via telephone; Howard Calloway came in the meeting at 10:40 a.m.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

REPORTS

3. Review and approval of minutes from December 2, 2024 meeting: **Phil Elery made motion to accept the minutes from the December 2nd meeting and Jay Gravens made second. 4-0. Motion passed unanimously.**
4. Update from District subcommittee to address obtaining property and building new fire stations in the District; **John Johnson stated they are waiting on property owner response. No action 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; **Assistant Fire Chief Ricky Harris stated there were 736 total calls for 2024. For the month of December there were 44 calls which included 21 EMS, 6 fires, 3 service, 1 Hazmat, and 13 good intent. Chief Brandon Irby stated that the Jaws that were recently purchased and placed into service have been used twice for extrication. Average response time to actual location of incident was 9 minutes in December.**

12. Discuss, consider, and take action to reconfirm Carlton Law Firm as the attorney for the ESD 8 for the 2025 budget year; **John Johnson made a motion to retain Carlton Law Firm as Legal Counsel for 2025. Phil Elery made second. 4-0. Motion passed unanimously.**
13. Discuss, consider, and take action on publishing notice of address of administrative office location; **Phil made a motion to post as required by law the notice of administrative address of office location and pay. Ashton Elder made second. 4-0. Motion passed unanimously.**
14. Discuss and consider February meeting date, time and location; **Phil made motion to hold meetings at the Baxter location going forward at 6410 CR4511 Athens, Tx 75752. John Johnson made second. 4-0. Motion passed unanimously.**
15. Discuss and consider items for future agendas; **No action taken.**
16. Adjourn. **Phil Elery made motion to adjourn. John Johnson made second. 4-0. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:47.**

DATE: January 6, 2025



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

Phil Elery

President/Commissioner

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APPROVED

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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