

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

## **Minutes of Meeting – June 2, 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 am on June 2, 2025, at District 8 Fire Rescue Station #2, 6410 County Road 4511, Athens, Texas 75752** for the following purposes:

1. Call meeting to order; **Phil Elery called the meeting to order at 10:18am. Commissioners present were: Phil Elery, Ashton Elder, John Johnson and Fire Chief Brandon Irby.**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

2. Public Comment: **There was no public comments.**

### **REPORTS**

3. Review and approval of minutes from May 5, 2025 meeting; **Phil Elery made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 5, 2025 meeting and was seconded by John Johnson. 3-0. Motion passed unanimously.**
4. Update from District subcommittee to address obtaining property and building new fire stations in the District; **No action.**
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 Irby stated there was 61 calls in May, of those: 3 Structure Fires, 34 Medical, 5 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 7 Grass Fires, 1 Mutual Aide, 2 Public Assist, 3 Downed Trees, 1 Fire Alarm, 3 Canceled Enroute and 2 Smoke Investigations. It was reported that 2 firemen have completed EMT classes, 32 firemen will be attending EMR classes in 2 weeks and that 10 firemen will be attending Texas A&M fire school this year.**
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; **Ashton Elder stated that we had a monthly District 8 Fire Rescue payment and a payment the Carlton Law Firm due. Phil Elery made a motion to pay the expenses that were due as stated and was seconded by Ashton Elder. 3/0. Motion passed unanimously**

## DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

7. Discuss, consider, and take action on establishing District depository bank account(s) and investment account(s); **Phil Elery made a motion to allow Ashton Elder to research and obtain additional bank accounts with a different bank or banks as needed and was seconded by John Johnson. 3/0. Motion passed unanimously.**
8. Discuss, consider, and take action on securing contract for Tax Assessment and Collection Services with Henderson County; **Phil Elery made a motion to secure the contract with the Henderson County Tax Assessment and Collection Services and was seconded by John Johnson. 3/0. Motion passed unanimously.**
9. Discuss, consider, and take action to develop the 2025 - 2026 Budget; **Phil Elery made a motion for the board to have a workshop to discuss the 2025 – 2026 Budget on June 23, 2025 at the Baxter Fire Station at 10am and was seconded by John Johnson. 3/0. Motion passed unanimously.**
10. Discuss, consider and take action on the Tax Rate Guidelines; **No action.**
11. Discuss and consider adopting the tax and budget planning calendar for 2025 and authorize payment for tax process publications; **Phil Elery made a motion to pay the necessary funds needed to have the required tax process publications published in the newspaper as needed and was seconded by Ashton Elder. 3/0. Motion passed unanimously.**
12. Discuss and consider status of District website, accessibility, and posting requirements and take any related action; **No action.**
13. Conduct annual review of investment policy and investment strategies and adopt resolution; **No action.**
14. Discuss potential sales tax election and educational material preparation for same; **No action.**
15. Adjourn. **Phil Elery made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:39am and was seconded by John Johnson. 3/0. Motion passed unanimously.**

DATE: July 7, 2025



Phil Elery

President/Commissioner

Henderson County Emergency Services District #8

**APPROVED**