

Henderson County Emergency Services District No. 8

Minutes of Regular Meeting – July 7, 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 July 7, 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 10:03am. Commissioners present were: Phil Elery, Ashton Elder, Howard Calloway and Fire Chief Brandon Irby.

PUBLIC COMMENT

2. Public Comment: Debora Deas spoke.

REPORTS

3. Review and approval of minutes from June 2, 2025 meeting, June 23 Workshop and June 30 Workshop; Phil Elery made a motion to approve the June 2, 2025, June 23, 2025 and June 30, 2025 meeting and workshop minutes and was seconded by Howard Calloway. 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 were 63 calls in June, of those; 1 Structure Fire, 1 Vehicle Fire, 3 Grass Fires, 7 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 37 EMS, 1 Hazmat, 11 Public Service, 6 Canceled Enroute and 1 False Alarm call. The fire department is looking into establishing a Special Ops Dive Team in the future. There is no dive team currently in Henderson County, Texas.
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, a payment for the Carlton Law Firm and commissioners expense reimbursement due and that a loan payment needed to be paid for the Fire department. Howard Calloway made a motion to reimburse the District 8 Fire Rescue for a debt

payment and to pay the monthly bills listed and was seconded by Ashton Elder. 3/0. Motion passed unanimously.

After the August meeting date was established on line item #12, Phil Elery made a motion to make the District 8 Fire Rescue August payment now and was seconded by Howard Calloway. 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); **No action.**
8. Discuss, consider and take action on the 2025 - 26 ESD 8 budget; **No action.**
9. Discuss, consider and take action on establishing a policy on how to request an agenda item for an ESD 8 board meeting. **No action.**
10. Discuss, consider and take action on debt reduction for the fiscal year; **No action.**
11. Discuss, consider, and take action on Tax planning process; **No action**
12. Discuss, consider and take action on the Tax Rate Guidelines; **Ashton Elder made a motion to postpone the normal District August 4, 2025 meeting to August 11, 2025 to approve the budget, vote on the proposed tax rate and moved to have a meeting on August 19, 2025 to properly vote and adopt an order to levy taxes and was seconded by Howard Calloway. 3/0. Motion passed unanimously.**
13. Review and approve quarterly investment report for 2nd quarter; **Phil Elery made a motion to approve the 2nd quarter investment report that was provided and was seconded by Howard Calloway. 3/0. Motion passed unanimously.**
14. Adjourn. **Phil Elery made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:03am and was seconded by Howard Calloway. 3/0. Motion passed unanimously.**

DATE: July 7, 2025




Phil Elery

President/Commissioner

Henderson County Emergency Services District #8

APPROVED