

Henderson County Emergency Services District No. 8

Special Meeting Minutes – August 19, 2025

The Board of Commissioners of Henderson County Emergency Services District No. 8 held a special meeting at **10:00 am on August 19, 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 10:05 am. Commissioners present were: Phil Elery, John Johnson, Ashton Elder, Howard Calloway and Fire Chief Brandon Irby.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

2. Public Comment: Debora Deas spoke for 3 minutes. Ms. Deas spoke of two emails she submitted to the District website with no response. Her questions were if the ESD paid for a full page ad in the newspaper and if it was resolved how it was resolved. Ms. Deas' questions were submitted to District's attorney for review and advised no action necessary.

Ms. Deas also inquired whether the ESD received an updated appraisal amount if this issue was resolved. Ms. Deas voiced her concern of the District assisting in funding ESD 3 requests relating to the underwater equipment or a dive team and she does not feel ESD 8 should fund the entire amount. Ms. Deas also inquired on the September 8 meeting date due to the upcoming holiday.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

3. Consider taking action regarding budget for fiscal year October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026 [budget must be adopted before tax rate]; **Phil Elery made a motion to approve the Resolution Adopting the Budget and was seconded by Howard Calloway. Vote 4-0. Motion passed.**
4. Conduct a public hearing on the proposed tax rate; **A public hearing was opened at 10:09 am. There was no one from the public wishing to speak. The public hearing was closed at 10:10 am.**
5. Take a record vote on the District's 2025 tax rate, adopt an Order Levying Taxes, authorize filing the Order with the County Tax Assessor/Collector; and **Howard Calloway made a motion to adopt the 2025 tax rate and the Order Levying Taxes and stated: "I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.095000 per \$100, which is effectively a 5.27 percent increase in the tax rate." John Johnson seconded.**

Record vote:

**Phil Elery-Yes
Howard Calloway-Yes**

**Ashton Elder-Yes
John Johnson-Yes**

Vote 4-0. Motion passed.

6. Acknowledge and approve posting of statement regarding adopted tax rate to home page of District website; OR Phil Elery made a motion to post the adopted tax rate to the home page of the District website and was seconded by John Johnson. **Vote 4-0. Motion passed.**
7. Announce the date, time, and place of the meeting to vote on the tax rate. **No Action. See item no. 5.**
8. Adjourn. Phil Elery made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 am and was seconded by John Johnson. **Vote 4-0. Motion passed.**

DATE: October 6, 2025





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

APPROVED