

Henderson County Emergency Services District No. 8

Regular Meeting Minutes – February 2, 2026

In compliance with the provisions of Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, notice is hereby given that a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Henderson County Emergency Services District No. 8, was held at **10:00 a.m. on February 2, 2026, at District 8 Fire Rescue Station #2, 6410 County Road 4511, Athens, Texas 75752** for the following purposes:

1. Call meeting to order; **John Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Commissioners John Johnson, Jay Gravens, Howard Calloway, Ashton Elder, and Mark Tillison were present and constituting a quorum. Fire Chief Brandon Irby was also present.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

3. Discuss, consider, and take action on approving and accepting statements and oaths for appointed / reappointed commissioners; **Commissioner Mark Tillison performed oath after receiving statements.**
4. Discuss, consider, and take action on election of officers for the Board; **Commissioners Mark Tillison, John Johnson and Ashton Elder performed their oaths after receiving statements appointing Commissioner Tillison and reappointing Commissioners Johnson and Elder. Commissioner Elder motioned to approve the appointing / reappointing of the commissioners to the following positions: Commissioner Johnson – President, Commissioner Calloway – Vice President, Commissioner Gravens – Secretary, Commissioner Elder – Treasurer, Commissioner Tillison – Assistant Treasurer. Commissioner Calloway seconded the motion; and the motion passed unanimously.**

REPORTS

5. Review and approval of minutes from January 5, 2026 meeting; **Commissioner Calloway made a motion to accept the January 5, 2026 meeting minutes as presented; Commissioner Elder seconded the motion; and the motion passed unanimously.**
6. Update from District subcommittee to address obtaining property and building new fire stations in the District; **The Board had a discussion about scheduling a meeting regarding the onsite property located off of 19 Hwy S.**

7. 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 reported on 89 calls with a 51 second average out of the station to the Board. No action taken.**
8. 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; **The Board reviewed and discussed the District's expenses for the First State Bank for the District loan in the amount of \$22,870.17, the Carlton Law Firm for legal services in the amount of \$1,013.62, and to Ackerman for the District audit in the amount of \$3,250. Commissioner Calloway motioned to approve the payments as presented. Commissioner Elder seconded the motion; and the motion passed unanimously.**

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

9. Discuss, consider, and take action on updating disbursements and signature authorization resolutions; **No action taken.**
10. Discuss, consider, and take action on reviewing and approving quarterly investment report for 4th quarter of previous year; **No action taken.**
11. Discuss, consider, and take action on assuming fire department loan payment at First State Bank; **No action taken.**
12. Discuss, consider, and take action on Texas Comptroller Special Purpose District Financial and Tax Reporting Requirement; **The Board discussed approval of having the Carlton Law Firm complete and submit this report on behalf of the District. No action taken.**
13. Discuss, consider, and take action to ratify decisions made at the January 5, 2026 meeting. **Commissioner Calloway moved to ratify item 9, item 10, item 11, and item 16 in the January 5, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Elder seconded the motion; and the motion passed unanimously.**
14. Adjourn. **Commissioner Calloway motioned for the meeting to adjourn. Commissioner Elder seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned.**

DATE: _____, 2026



John Johnson
President/Commissioner
Henderson County Emergency Services District #8