

Henderson County Emergency Services District No. 8

Regular Meeting Minutes – June 8, 2026

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 June 8, 2026, at District 8 Fire Rescue Station #2, 6410 County Road 4511, Athens, Texas 75752** for the following purposes:

The following members were present, thus constituting a quorum:

John Johnson	President	Present
Howard Calloway	Vice President	Absent
Jay Gravens	Secretary	Absent
Ashton Elder	Treasurer	Present
Mark Tillison	Vice Treasurer	Present

1. Call meeting to order.

The meeting was called to order at 10:04am.

PUBLIC COMMENT

2. Public Comment: Members of the public may speak for up to three minutes on any agenda item listed below. Additionally, members of the public may speak on topics not listed on the posted agenda. In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, any response to a public comment that is made on an item that is not on the posted final agenda will be limited to a statement of factual information of a statement of existing policy given in response to the public comment. Any deliberation or decision by the Board regarding public comment on items not on the posted agenda must be limited to a proposal to place the subject on a future agenda.

No public comment.

REPORTS

3. Review and approval of minutes from May 4, 2026 meeting.

Commissioner Tillison moved to approve the May 4, 2026 minutes, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, and the motion was approved 3-0.

4. Update from District subcommittee to address obtaining property and building new fire station in the District.

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.

Chief Irby presented his report. He confirmed that District 8 Fire Rescue reported 121 calls in the previous month. No action taken.

6. Discuss, consider, and take action on approval of the Treasurer's report and the payment of invoices, advertising expenses and reimbursement owed to Commissioners for out-of-pocket expenses.

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board, including \$3,329.75 for legal fees, \$10,340.00 for Henderson County and \$500 for administrative services.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the treasurer's report and payments, seconded by Commissioner Tillison, and the motion was approved 3-0.

DISCUSSION/ ACTION ITEMS

7. Discuss, consider, and take action on assuming fire department loan payment at First State Bank.

Tabled. No action taken.

8. Adoption of tax planning calendar.

The Board approved the potential meeting dates of August 3rd and August 18th.

9. Discuss, consider, and take action to adopt the tax and budget planning calendar for 2026, authorize payment of tax process publications, and take any related action.

Commissioner Tillison motioned to approve the potential meeting dates of August 3rd and August 18th and to authorize payment of the tax process publications, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, and the motion was approved 3-0.

10. Schedule budget meetings/workshops.

The Board approved the potential meeting dates of August 3rd and August 18th for budget meetings/workshops.

11. Discuss and consider District website status, accessibility, and posting requirements and take any related action.

No action taken.

12. Adjourn.

Commissioner Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Elder, and the motion was approved 3-0.

DATE: July 6, 2026



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

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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