

Henderson County Emergency Services District No. 8

Regular Meeting Minutes – August 18, 2026

In compliance with the provisions of Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, notice was 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 August 18, 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	Present
Jay Gravens	Secretary	Present
Ashton Elder	Treasurer	Absent
Mark Tillison	Vice Treasurer	Absent

1. Call meeting to order.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am.

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 or 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.

DISCUSSION/ ACTION ITEMS

3. Discuss and approve purchase of ice machines for Station One and Station Two.
Commissioner Calloway moved to approve two ice machines for Station One and Station Two in the amount of \$2,629.14, seconded by Commissioner Gravens, and the motion was approved 3-0.

4. Discuss and approve purchase of a new chassis and pump module for tanker truck.

Commissioner Calloway moved to approve the payment for the chassis pump and the ancillary equipment in the amount of \$49,143.81, seconded by Commissioner Gravens, and the motion was approved 3-0.

5. Discuss and approve property and vehicle transfer of ownership for Baxter Station's front line vehicles from the fire department to ESD.

Commissioner Calloway moved to approve property and vehicle transfer of ownership for Baxter Station's front line vehicles from the fire department to ESD, seconded by Commissioner Gravens, and the motion was approved 3-0.

6. Discuss and consider taking action regarding budget for fiscal year October 1, 2026 to September 30, 2027 *[budget must be adopted before tax rate]*.

Commissioner Calloway moved to approve the budget for the fiscal year October 1, 2026 to September 30, 2027, seconded by Commissioner Gravens, and the motion was approved 3-0.

7. Conduct a public hearing on the proposal to increase property taxes.

A public hearing was held regarding the proposal to the increase in property tax with no comment. Commissioner Calloway moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Gravens, and the motion was approved 3-0.

8. Take a record vote on the District's 2026 tax rate, adopt an Order Levying Taxes, authorize filing the Order with the County Tax Assessor/Collector.

Commissioner Calloway moved by stating "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 4.02 percent increase in the tax rate," to adopt an Order Levying Taxes, and authorize filing the Order with the County Tax Assessor/Collector, seconded by Commissioner Gravens, and the motion was approved 3-0.

Commissioner Johnson voted yes
Commissioner Gravens voted yes
Commissioner Calloway voted yes

9. Acknowledge and approve posting of statement regarding adopted tax rate to home page of District website.

Commissioner Calloway moved to approve posting the following statement to the home page of the District website: "HENDERSON COUNTY ESD NO. 8 ADOPTED A TAX RATE THAT WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR

MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE. THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 3.74 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$3.42." seconded by Commissioner Johnson, and the motion was approved 3-0.

10. Announce the date, time and place of the meeting to vote on the tax rate.

No action on this item as tax rate was approved by the Board.

11. Adjourn.

DATE: September __, 2026



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