

Henderson County Emergency Services District No. 8

Regular Meeting Minutes – August 3, 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 3, 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	Absent
Ashton Elder	Treasurer	Present
Mark Tillison	Vice Treasurer	Present

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.

REPORTS

3. Review and approval of minutes from July 6, 2026 meeting.

No action taken.

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

Commissioner Calloway indicated that the 2 acres on Highway 19 South were under review with the property owner. 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 123 calls for the 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 \$400.00 to The Carlton Law Firm for legal fees, \$3,779.50 for boat repair.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the Treasurer's report and the payment of invoices, seconded by Commissioner Tillison, and the motion was approved 4-0.

DISCUSSION/ ACTION ITEMS

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

Agenda item tabled. No action taken.

8. Approve quarterly investment report for 2nd quarter.

No action taken.

9. Consider taking action regarding 2026-27 budget.

The Board discussed the 2026-27 budget. No action taken.

10. Discuss and consider taking action regarding 2026 tax rate, including:

- a) establishing proposed tax rate;

Commissioner Callahan moved to establish a proposed rate of .095 per \$100 valuation, seconded by Commissioner Johnson.

- b) taking record vote and scheduling public hearing;

Commissioner Johnson voted yes
Commissioner Callaway voted yes

Commissioner Elder voted yes
Commissioner Tillison voted yes
Commissioner Gravens was not in attendance

The public hearing will be held on August 18, 2026, at 10:00am at District 8 Fire Rescue at 6410 county road 4511 Athens Texas 75752.

- c) authorizing expense and publication of "Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase" in the Athens Daily Review; and

Commissioner Calloway moved to approve expense of \$2,500.00 to pay for publication in the Athens Daily Review, seconded by Commissioner Elder, and the motion was approved 4-0.

- d) acknowledging and approving posting of "Notice About 2026 Tax Rates" and "Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase" to home page of District website.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the posting of Notice About 2026 Tax Rates and Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase to home page of District website, seconded by Commissioner Elder, and the motion was approved 4-0.

11. Adjourn.

Commissioner Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Calloway, and the motion was approved 4-0. The meeting adjourned 10:46am.

DATE: September __, 2026



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