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Hardin County Emergency Services District 7

Minutes Meeting on August 27, 2026

1. Establish a quorum was present. Mr. Shelton presents the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. A quorum was present: Present, Denise Marcontell, Elena Kelley, Tommy Shelton and Daneen Oswalt. Curtis Davis was not present. Tommy Shelton called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.
3. Public Comment – limited to 3 minutes; no formal action, discussion, deliberation, or comment will be made by any of the board members.
 - a. None
4. Approval of meeting minutes for July 16, 2026 Regular Meeting
 - a. Mrs. Oswalt motioned to approve Minutes. Seconded by Mrs. Marcontell. Motion carried. All voting for the motion.
5. Discussion and approve Treasurer Report and possibly amend budget
 - a. Previous Checking Account Balance \$50,277.30. Deposit \$511.43. Debit \$30,913.23
 - .. Bank Balance \$19,825.50
 - b. Previous Money Market Account Balance \$4,511.79 Earned Interest \$7.02. Transfer from checking 30,000.00 Balance \$34,518.81
 - c. Total Bank Balance \$54,343.81
 - f. No amendments were made on budget.
 - e. Mrs. Kelley motioned to approve the Treasurer report. Seconded by Mrs. Oswalt. Motion carried. All voting for the motion.

6. Discussion on Safe-D Meeting September 19, 2026

- a. Mrs. Marcontell and Mrs. Oswalt will be attending

7. Discussion and approve sign for building

- a. Tabled

8. Discussed obtaining grants

- a. The fire department is on the list with Texas Forestry
- b. Clay with Hardin County will help with his resources to apply for grants

9. Discuss and update on internet service

- a. Still waiting on pricing

10. Discuss and take action on setting date for Truth in Taxation Public Hearing

- a. Date set for September 14, 2026

11. Discussion and take action on modifications of fiscal year 2026-2027 proposed budget

a. Mrs. Oswalt motioned to approve the proposed budget. Seconded by Mrs. Marcontell. Motion carried. All voting for the motion

12. Discussion and approve proposed tax rate

a. Mrs. Marcontell motioned to approve tax rate at .047136. Seconded by Mrs. Kelley. Motion carried. All voting for the motion.

13. Set date for the Public Hearing and Public comments on fiscal year 2026-2027 budget

- a. Date set for September 14, 2026

14. Set date for the Public Hearing and Public comments on proposed tax rate

- a. Date set for September 14, 2026

15. Discussion and take action on requestion for purchasing fuel

a. Mrs. Kelley Motion to apply for a fuel card. Seconded by Mrs. Oswalt. Motion carried. All voting for the motion.

16. Discussion and take action to establish policy and procedure on distribution of keys

- a. Mrs. Kelley suggested a combination lock to be placed on the door

b. Mrs. Oswalt motioned to approve combination lock. Seconded by Mrs. Marcontell. Motion carried.
All voting for the motion.

17. Interim Fire Chief Report

Total calls 10

- Medical 7
- Structure 1
- Mutual aid given 2

Workdays

- Truck Maintenance
 - 7-24-26
 - 8-21-26
- Property Maintenance
 - 8-20-26
 - 8-24-26

18. Discussion on any other non-agenda item without taking action, from any commissioner or announcements which may be of interest to the public.

- Follow up with Kate to get titles of trucks transferred
- Check with Texas Forestry about insurance
- Discussed simplifying agenda
- Daneen will help Elena with SAM info
- November 2, 2026 will start Siren Santa for auction items
- Discussed Fall Carnival
- Discussed new web page
- Discussed badges for essential personnel

19. Next Meeting Agenda:

- Truth in Taxation
- Public hearing and public comments on fiscal year 2026-2027 adopted budget
- Public hearing and public comments on adopted tax rate

13. Discussion on Adjourning:

a. Mrs. Kelley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 pm. Seconded by Mrs. Marcontell.
Motion carried. All voting for the motion.

Respectfully Submitted August 31, 2026
Daneen Oswalt, Secretary