



Hardin County Emergency Services District 7 Special Meeting Minutes Meeting on August 11, 2025

Special Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM.

1. Establish a quorum was present. Mr. Davis gave the invocation and lead Pledge of Allegiance.
2. A quorum was present: Present was Denise Marcontell and Curtis Davis, Daneen Oswalt, and Elena Kelley. Tommy Shelton was not present. Curtis Davis called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
3. Discuss and review Goals and Strategies for 2026 and beyond
 - Acquire property for a new facility. Determine property to be utilized. In search for .5-1 acre of land.
 - Observing 2 partials of land of interest.
 - The 1 acre where the fire department currently sets is owned by an investment company that will not sell.
 - Building a 40'x60' fire station with the intention on adding on in the future.
 - Discussed the possibility of placing a radio tower on new station.
 - Discussed sales and use tax.
 - 8.25% sales tax with 6.25% going to the state of Texas. The remaining 2% of the sales tax that is paid in the District would go to the Hardin County ESD #7. However, to retain the Sales Tax the request would have to go on a ballot and be approved by the voters.
 - Equipment
 - Pumper truck donated by Silsbee City Council on 8/18.
 - Tahoe-Mr. Davis will schedule a meeting with Sheriff Mark Davis for a full commitment when one comes available.
 - High Water Bush Truck, Mr. Davis will check with the County Judge on status of grant.
 - AED-purchase 1 at this time. Acquire others via grants this year.

- PPE-Possibility of having it donated from ESD 4 / Batson Volunteer Fire Department.
- Check with Silsbee City Council on Cab and Chasey truck.
- Maintenance of Generator
 - Acquire Bids for Maintenance contract
 - Purchase Propane
- Training for ESD
 - NIMS Training
 - Safe D Training
 - Evaluating additional training needs
- Fire Prevention and Safety
 - Pre-fire plans
 - Red Cross Smoke Detectors
 - Schedule meetings with local Pipeline and Railroad Companies in area to determine their Emergency Response plans within the district.
- Communication
 - Post Agenda and Minutes on website.
 - Post Commissioners email contact on website.

4. Discuss and/or act regarding the 2025 tax rate, including:

- a. Established proposed tax rate at 0.049473
 - 1) Mrs. Marcontell motioned to approve tax rate. Seconded by Mrs. Kelley. Motion carried all voting in favor of the motion.
- b. Taking record vote and scheduling public hearing
 - 1) President: Mr. Curtis Davis voted in favor
 - Vice President: Mr. Tommy Shelton was not present to vote
 - Secretary: Mrs. Daneen Oswalt voted in favor
 - Treasurer: Mrs. Denise Marcontell voted in favor
 - Assistant Treasurer: Mrs. Elena Kelley voted in favor
- c. Hardin County ESD #7 Board of Commissioners authorizes publication of "Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate" in the Silsbee Bee Newspaper
- d. Hardin County ESD #7 Board of Commissioners acknowledges and approves posting of notice about 2025 Tax Rates and "Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate" to home page on the Districts website.

5. Next Meeting Agenda Items:

Budget Workshop

6. Mrs. Oswalt motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Mrs. Marcontell. Motioned carried all voting in favor of the motion. Adjourn at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully Submitted August 12, 2025.
Daneen Oswalt, Secretary

Curtis G. Davis

President