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## Hardin County Emergency Services District 7

### Minutes Meeting on August 19, 2025

Meeting called to order at 6:31 PM

1. Establish a quorum was present. Mr. Davis gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. A quorum was present: Present was Elena Kelley, Denise Marcontell and Curtis Davis, Daneen Oswalt and Tommy Shelton. Curtis Davis called the meeting to order at 6:31 P.M.
  - Mrs. Marcontell motioned to go into Executive Session at 6:33 pm for reasons of Government Code 551, Chapter D Section 551.074 Matters of Personnel. Returned to Regular Meeting at 6:41 pm.
3. Public Comment – limited to 3 minutes; no formal action, discussion, deliberation, or comment will be made by any of the board members.
  - a. Becky Lindsey questioned about where the agendas are posted and about negotiation on contract.
  - b. Shanna Laird questioned why Elena Kelley was applying for same grant as the Votaw a Thicket Volunteer Fire Department and accuses her of hacking into their account.
4. Approval of meeting minutes for July 21, 2025 regular meeting and July 26, 2025, August 11, 2025 and August 12, 2025 special meeting.
  - a. There was a typo on agenda stating there was a special meeting on August 13, 2025. The correction is special meeting August 12, 2025.
  - b. Mrs. Oswalt motioned to approve Minutes list above. Seconded by Mrs. Marcontell. Motion carried. All voting for the motion.

5. Treasurer report update by Mrs. Marcontell:

- a. Treasurer's Report-Previous Bank Balance \$42,542.25. July debits - \$13,930.00 Deposits \$423.36 Bank Balance \$29,035.61.
- b. Accounts Payable – none at this time.
- c. Mr. Shelton made a motion to approve treasurer report. Seconded by Mrs. Oswalt. Motion carried. All voting for the motion.

6. Action taken to amend current budget for legal fees

- a. Mr. Shelton made a motion to approve amendment to budget. Seconded by Mrs. Marcontell. Motion carried. All voting for the motion

7. Action taken to move \$4300.00 from reserve to a Money Market Account.

- a. Mrs. Oswalt made a motion to approve moving money. Seconded by Mrs. Kelley. Motion carried. All voting for the motion

8. Update from Mrs. Marcontell on Association fees line item 7320 in budget

- a. Association fees are confirmed \$295.00 per person

9. Update and possible taking action regarding Insurance requirements for Hardin County Emergency Services District 7

- a. Waiting on quote from Shannon Stryk with VFIS of Texas

10. Update from Mr. Davis on insurance quote on Truck and Generator line item 7610 and 7630 in budget

- a. Waiting on quote from Shannon Stryk with VFIS of Texas

11. Update and possible taking action regarding the Strategy and Goals mission / Vision for 2025 and Beyond

- a. Discussed the cost of acquiring property and a building for a Fire Department.

12. Update and possible take action from Mr. Davis on Mutual aid/Statewide 411 contract discussions with HC ESD 1 / VFD Kountze, HC ESD 3 / Saratoga VFD, HC ESD 4 Batson VFD, Segno VFD, and North Liberty County VFD.

- a. Mutual Aid has been agreed on with Segno VFD and Saratoga VFD. Formal action still needs to take place.

13. Discussion and possible take action on establishing policies.

a. Mr. Davis gave the team a handout on policies that need to be approved.

14. Discussion and possible take action on Automatic / Direct Aid with the Saratoga Volunteer Fire Department and Segno Volunteer Fire Department

a. Mutual Aid has been agreed on. Formal action still needs to take place.

15. Update from Mr. Davis dispatcher fees line item 7820 on budget

a. There is no fees at this time. Therefore, this fee can be removed from budget

16. Update from Mr. Davis on radio use fees line item 6810 on budget

a. Proposed budget fee is \$2500.00

17. Discussion and Adopt budget for 2025-2026 fiscal year

a. Will schedule meeting to complete Budget Workshop

18. Discussion and adopt legislative changes:

- HB 21
- HB 35
- HB 331
- HB 2128
- HB 3000
- HB 5424
- HB 1522
- SB 2778
- SB 2965

a. Mrs. Oswalt read aloud the legislative changes

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

a. None

20. Next Meeting Agenda Items:

- Approve tax rate

21. Discussion on Adjourning

a. Mr. Shelton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 pm. Seconded by Mrs. Marcontell  
Motion carried. All voting for the motion.

Respectfully Submitted August 20, 2025  
Daneen Oswalt, Secretary