

HIDALGO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1
Minutes of Regular Meeting of August 10, 2026

The following Commissioners were present: Mark McCaleb, Ramon “Monse” Montalvo, Jennifer Rektorik, James A. Vos and Jose O. Leal, Jr.

In addition, the following persons were present: Richard S. Talbert, Attorney

- I. Meeting was called to order at 12:07 p.m.
- II. Approval of Minutes of July 20, 2026, meeting – After review and discussion, Commissioner Rektorik moved to approve the Minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Vos. Motion carried unanimously.
- III. Public Comments – None were presented.
- IV. New Business – discussion and possible action
 - A. Financial Report for July 2026 – After review and discussion, Commissioner Montalvo moved to accept the Financial Report as presented and file it for audit, seconded by Commissioner Rektorik. Motion carried unanimously.
 - B. Bills to be Paid – After review and discussion, Commissioner Rektorik moved to pay the bills as follows: (1) \$136.07 to Richard S. Talbert for Food Supplies for meeting on August 10, 2026, seconded by Commissioner Montalvo. Motion carried unanimously.
- V. Other Business – discussion and possible action
 - A. Correspondence
 - 1. Paul Villarreal, Jr., Tax Assessor-Collector – Monthly Collection Report – As no report was available, no further action was required or taken.
 - 2. Paul Villarreal, Jr., Tax Assessor-Collector – 2026 EMS District #1 Anticipated Collection Rate and Excess 2025 Debt Tax Collections – After review and discussion, no further action was required or taken.
 - 3. Paul Villarreal, Jr., Tax Assessor-Collector – 2026 No-New-Revenue Rate and Voter-Approval Tax Rates – After review and discussion, no further action was required or taken.
 - B. City of Weslaco – Interlocal Governmental Agreement – Ambulance Services (IGAAS) - Status of extending current IGAAS relating to ambulance services after September 30, 2026, and entering into new contract relating to rural fire calls for 2027 calendar year – After review and discussion, no further action was required or taken.

- C. Hidalgo County Ad Hoc Committee on Emergency Services – discussion and possible action on proceedings related to county-wide review of provision of emergency services (ambulance and fire) vis a vis existing Emergency Service Districts and related funding mechanisms within the District and Hidalgo County – After review and discussion, no further action was required or taken.
- D. Increase in Authorized Tax Rate – Discussion of future options for potential election – After review and discussion, no further action was required or taken.
- E. Designated Bank Depositories – Review of status of accounts and possible restructuring/renewal of accounts and designation of District depositories – After review and discussion, no further action was required or taken.
- F. Attorney’s Fees for collection of delinquent property taxes - Status Report and authorization to pay current attorney fees on delinquent tax collection accounts as per collection reports from Hidalgo County Tax Office and statements from Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson, LLP – As no invoice was available, no further action was required or taken.
- G. Texas State Association of Fire and Emergency Districts/SAFE-D – membership, training requirements available, reporting requirements and related matters, including reimbursement of expenses incurred by Commissioners in participating in required training – After review and discussion, no further action was required or taken.
- H. 2027 Budget – discussion and action on adoption of 2027 Budget – After review and discussion, Commissioner Rektorik moved to adopt the 2027 Budget as presented, seconded by Commissioner Montalvo. Motion carried unanimously. Copy of 2027 Budget as adopted is attached.
- I. 2026 Tax Rate – discussion and action on procedures and issues to adopt 2026 Tax Rate including establishing maximum tax rate and authorization of publication of required tax rate notices and setting of meeting dates for any required public hearing and for final adoption of 2026 tax rate – After review and discussion, Commissioner Montalvo moved to (1) establish \$0.0228 valuation as the maximum proposed 2026 Tax Rate and (2) authorize legal counsel to insure appropriate Notice is properly published prior to the Regular Meeting on September 21, 2026, of the Board of Commissioners for final determination of the 2026 Tax Rate, seconded by Commissioner Leal. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with the announcement that the next meeting would be September 21, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD S. TALBERT, Attorney for Hidalgo
County Emergency Services District No. 1

APPROVED:

JENNIFER REKTORIK, Secretary / Treasurer

Date: September _____, 2026