

**HIDALGO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting of November 17, 2025**

The following Commissioners were present: Mark McCaleb, Jennifer Rektorik and James A. Vos

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

- I.      Meeting was called to order and quorum was established at 12:08 p.m.
- II.     Approval of Minutes of October 20, 2025, 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 October 2025 – After review and discussion, Commissioner Rektorik moved to accept the Financial Report as presented and file it for audit, seconded by Commissioner Vos. Motion carried unanimously.
  - B.     Bills to be Paid – After review and discussion, Commissioner Rektorik moved to pay the bills as follows: (1) \$88.70 to Richard S. Talbert for reimbursement for food supplies for November 17, 2025 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Vos. Motion carried unanimously.
- V.     Other Business - discussion and possible action
  - A.     Correspondence
    1.     Paul Villarreal, Jr., Tax Assessor-Collector – Monthly Collection Report – After review and discussion, no further action was required or taken.
    2.     Paul Villarreal, Jr., Tax Assessor-Collector – 2025 Tax Roll – After review and discussion, Commissioner Vos moved to approve as per Section 26.09(e) of the Texas Property Tax Code, seconded by Commissioner Rektorik. Motion carried unanimously.
    3.     Hidalgo County Appraisal District – Proposed 2025 Budget Amendments – After review and discussion, no further action was required or taken.
    4.     Montalvo Insurance – Old Republic Surety Group – renewal of coverage on Commercial Blanket Bond for period 12/12/2025 to 12/12/2026 – After review and discussion, Commissioner Rektorik moved to renew the coverage on the same terms and conditions as present coverage and to authorize payment of the \$321.00 annual premium, seconded by Commissioner Vos. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. City of Weslaco – Interlocal Governmental Agreement – Ambulance Services (IGAAS) - Status report on current IGAAS from October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2026; Approval of quarterly contract payments for quarterly periods April, May and June and July, August and September 2025 – 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 vis a vis existing Emergency Service Districts and related funding mechanisms within the District and Hidalgo County – Mr. Talbert reported that the Hidalgo County Judge’s Office had called a meeting with ESDs to discuss the rural fire contract on November 21, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. and that both he and Commissioners McCaleb and Montalvo attended. Other than the county wanting ESD’s to take over both administrative and financial duties relating to rural fire calls no specific action has been taken and further meetings are contemplated. After review and discussion, no further action was required or taken.
- D. Increase in Authorized Tax Rate – discussion and possible action on status of election to seek an increase in the maximum authorized tax rate for the District in accordance with the provisions of Section 775.0745 of the Texas Health & Safety Code including discussion and possible action on ordering an election to be held May 2, 2026, in association with the Hidalgo County Elections Office to seek an increase in the maximum authorized tax rate for the District in accordance with the provisions of Section 775.0745 of the Texas Health & Safety Code and authorizing the President and/or Vice President and Secretary to execute all necessary documents related thereto. – 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 – After review and discussion, Commissioner Rektorik moved to pay the invoice for the attorney fees of \$430.21 for the month of October 2025, seconded by Commissioner Vos. Motion carried unanimously.
- 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. Status on recommendation to Hidalgo County Commissioner David Fuentes on the appointment of a new Commissioner to fill current vacancy on remaining two (2) year term through December 31, 2026 – Mr. Talbert reported that he had not received any response from Commissioner Fuentes’ office. He confirmed that he would contact Commissioner Fuentes’ office again regarding filling the vacancy for the remainder of the January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2026 term. After review and discussion, no further action was required or taken.
- I. Recommendation to Hidalgo County Commissioner David Fuentes on the re-appointment of three (3) Commissioners for additional two (2) year term from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2027. – After review and discussion confirming that Commissioners McCaleb and Rektorik were willing to continue to serve and to their knowledge that Commissioner Montalvo was also willing to continue to serve. Mr. Talbert confirmed that he would send a letter to David L. Fuentes, Hidalgo County Commissioner Precinct 1, regarding the reappointment of the three (3) current Commissioners for an additional two-year term for the period January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027. After review and discussion, no further action was required or taken.

V. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned with the announcement that the next regular meeting was scheduled for December 15, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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

APPROVED:

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JENNIFER REKTORIK, Secretary / Treasurer

Date: December \_\_\_\_\_, 2025