

HIDALGO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1
Minutes of Regular Meeting of July 21, 2025

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

In addition, the following people were present: Richard S. Talbert, Attorney and Manuel Garcia, CPA

- I. Meeting was called to order and quorum established at 12:05 p.m.
- II. Approval of Minutes of June 16, 2025, meeting – After review and discussion, Commissioner Montalvo moved to approve the Minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Rektorik. Motion carried unanimously.
- III. Public Comments – None were presented.
- IV. New Business – discussion and possible action
 - A. Financial Report for June 2025 – After review and discussion, Commissioner Vos 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) \$133.48 to Richard Talbert for reimbursement for food for July 21, 2025, and (2) \$4,989.30 to Richard Talbert for attorney’s fees for April – June 2025, 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 – After review and discussion, no further action was required or taken.
 - 2. Paul Villarreal, Jr., Tax Assessor-Collector – 2025 EMS District #1 Anticipated Collection Rate and Excess 2024 Debt Tax Collections – After review and discussion, no further action was required or taken.
 - 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 payment for period April, May and June 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. – 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, Commissioner Rektorik moved to adopt Resolution 2025-01 as attached which authorizes Frost Bank to only release information relating to any financial account with Frost Bank to the Law Office of Richard S. Talbert, seconded by Commissioner Montalvo. Motion carried unanimously.
- 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 Montalvo moved to pay \$191.93 for June 2025, seconded by Commissioner Rektorik. 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. Website – status on establishment of website – After review and discussion, no further action was required or taken.
- I. Presentation and status update on 2024 Audit – [NOTE: This item was taken up immediately after confirmation of a quorum as a convenience for Mr. Garcia]. Mr. Manuel Garcia, CPA with Garcia & Pena, presented the 2024 Audit and related correspondence to and reviewed them with the Commissioners noting that the Audit was a clean report. After review and discussion of the Audit, Commissioner Montalvo moved to accept the Audit as presented and to authorize payment of \$3,100.00 to Garcia & Pena, CPA’s, in accordance with the prior engagement letter, seconded by Commissioner Rektorik. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Talbert advised the Board that copies of the Audit would be provided to Hidalgo County (County Judge and Treasurer) in accordance with the requirements of the Health & Safety Code.
- J. Consideration of recommendation to Hidalgo County Commissioner David Fuentes on the appointment of a new Commissioner. – After review and discussion, no further action was required or taken.
- K. 2026 Budget – discussion on process of adopting 2026 Budget – After review and discussion, no further action was required or taken.

- L. 2025 Tax Rate – discussion on process of adopting 2025 Tax Rate – After review and discussion, no further action was required or taken.
- V. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with the announcement that the next regular scheduled meeting would be August 18, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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

APPROVED:

JENNIFER REKTORIK, Secretary / Treasurer

Date: August _____, 2025