

HIDALGO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1
Minutes of Regular Meeting of July 20, 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 12:08 p.m.
- II. Approval of Minutes of June 26, 2026, meeting – After review and discussion, Commissioner Vos 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 2026 – After review and discussion, Commissioner Montalvo moved to accept the Financial Report as presented and file it for review, seconded by Commissioner Rektorik. Motion carried unanimously.
 - B. Bills to be Paid – After review and discussion, Commissioner Vos moved to pay the bills as follows: (1) \$134.93 to Richard Talbert for Food Supplies for meeting on July 20, 2026, and (2) \$6,132.50 to Richard Talbert for Attorney’s Fees (April – June 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 – After review and discussion, 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 – As report was not received, no further action was required or taken.
 - 3. Hidalgo County Appraisal District – Public Hearing on HCAD’s 2027 Proposed Budget and 2027-2028 Reappraisal Plan – After review and discussion, no further action was required or taken.
 - 4. Hidalgo County Appraisal District – 2026 Entity Assessment Statement – After review and discussion, no further action was required or taken.
 - 5. Montalvo Insurance Agency – Commercial General Liability 03/30/26 – 03/30/27 – Hired Auto and Non-Owned Auto Liability – Commissioner Montalvo abstained from discussion and vote. After review and discussion, Commissioner Rektorik moved to add Hired Auto and Non-Owned Auto Liability coverage to the General Liability Insurance policy and to authorize payment of the additional premium in the amount of \$314.67, seconded by

Commissioner Leal. Motion carried with Commissioner Montalvo abstaining.

- 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 January, February and March 2026; Approval of quarterly contract payment for period April, May and June 2026; 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, Commissioner Montalvo moved to authorize the quarterly payment for January, February and March 2026 in the amount of \$90,000.00 and the quarterly payment for April, May and June 2026 in the amount of \$90,000.00, seconded by Commissioner Leal. Motion carried unanimously.
- 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 – A reminder was made that the next Ad Hoc Committee meeting was July 23, 2026, at the Emergency Management Office in Edinburg. 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 – After review and discussion, Commissioner Vos moved to pay \$295.25 for June 2026, seconded by Commissioner Montalvo. 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. 2027 Budget – discussion and action on adoption of 2027 Budget – After review and discussion, no further action was required or taken.

- I. 2026 Tax Rate – discussion on procedures and issues to adopt 2026 Tax Rate –
After review and discussion, no further action was required or taken.
- VI. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned with the announcement that the next meeting scheduled would be August 10, 2026, rather than August 17, 2026, to allow Commissioner McCaleb to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

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

APPROVED:

JENNIFER REKTORIK, Secretary / Treasurer

Date: August _____, 2026