RUSK COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING

In compliance with the provisions of Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, notice is hereby given of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Emergency Services Commissioners of Rusk County Emergency Services District No. 1, to be held at 1515 Whippoorwill Ave., City of Henderson, Texas, at 7 p.m., August 21, 2025.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The following agenda items will be discussed, considered and action taken as appropriate:

*****Public Comments*****

Any member of the public that wishes to make a public comment must request to be called on prior to the meeting. Requests shall be made to the Secretary/Treasurer of the Board, Gloria Dooley, and comments are limited to 5 minutes per agenda item.

1. Call meeting to order and establish a quorum
2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call of Departments
4. Consider and approve minutes of previous meetings
5. Consider and approve monthly Financial Reports
6. Consider and approve monthly Payment of Bills
7. Consider and approve any revenue transfers among District accounts
8. Consider and approve monthly financial reports from District VFDs
9. Consider and possibly approve any pending items regarding the training facility
10. Consider and possibly approve anything pertaining to communications/technology in the District
11. Consider and possibly approve maintenance contract on hourly rate from Siddons-Martin to lock in cost
12. Consider, discuss and possibly act on any committee reports from the Rusk County Firefighters Association
13. Consider and possibly approve contract with HdL
14. Consider and possibly approve reimbursement to the Rusk County Rescue Unit for the following (a) EMT class costs at $668.40; (b) one set of bunker gear at a cost of $3458.03; (c) cost of replacement of a/c condensing unit at $3,500; (d) room cost of $221.20 for Advanced System Key Training for Jacob Dooley
15. Consider and possibly approve moving September meeting to September 11, 2025
16. Consider and possibly approve setting date for 3rd Strategic Planning Meeting
17. Consider and possibly approve the purchase of 2 desk top scanners at a cost of $449.99
18. Consider and possibly approve paying off the lease/purchase not at cost of approximately $420,000.00 saving $73,348.35 in interest

19. Consider and possibly approve reimbursement to the Crims Chapel VFD for items purchased and installed on new rescue/brush truck for a total amount of $20,440.30
20. Consider taking action regarding 2026 budget
21. Consider and discuss taking action regarding 2025 tax rate, including:
    a. Establishing proposed tax rate;
    b. Taking record vote and scheduling public hearing;
    c. Authorizing expense and publication of “Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase” in the newspaper;
    d. Acknowledging and approving posting of “Notice About 2025 Tax Rates” and “Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase” to home page of District website
22. Consider, discuss and possibly approve Building Access Policy for the ESD building
23. Consider and possibly approve reimbursement to the Carlisle VFD for one set of bunker gear not to exceed $4,000.0
24. Consider and possibly approve the purchase of a Fire Dog Suit to be used by all departments for fund raising and educational events at a cost not to exceed $5000
25. Consider and possibly approve the purchase of 8 six foot light weight folding tables to be used at District events at a cost of $598.96
26. Public Comments/Announcements
27. Adjournment

On this 18th day of August 2025, this notice was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Gloria Dooley, Secretary/Treasurer

The Rusk County Emergency Services District #1 is committed to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for accommodation or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please call Gloria Dooley, Secretary/Treasurer of Rusk County Emergency Services District #1 at (903) 646-5917 for information. Hearing impaired or speech disabled person equipped with telecommunications devices for deaf may utilize the statewide Relay Texas Program by dialing 7-1-1 or 1-800-735-2988.

The Board may retire to Executive Session any time between the meeting’s opening and adjournment for any purpose authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, including but not limited to: consultation with legal counsel (Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code); discussion of real estate acquisition (Section 551.072); discussion regarding a prospective gift to the District (Section 551.073); personnel matters (Section 551.074); and/or deliberation regarding security devices or security audits (Section 551.076 and 551.089). Action, if any, will be taken in open session.