

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 26, 2026 MEETING OF
MONTGOMERY COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 7**

A public meeting was duly called by the Board of Commissioners of **Montgomery County Emergency Services District No. 7**, on **March 26, 2026**, which was held at the New Caney Fire Station, located at 13833 Highway 59 N. Splendora TX 77372.

1. Call to order, roll call, and pledge of allegiance, invocation and welcome guests.

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 P.M. by **JAN PETERSON**, District President. Those Commissioners present when the meeting commenced were **JAN PETERSON**, **JACQUELINE VAT**, and **WANDA JAMES**. **TJ KNOX** and **WESLEY SWANSON** were unable to attend. Also in attendance were Chief Howard Rinewalt and members of his staff, Nick Stander, the District's Bookkeeper, and David Manley, the District's General Counsel.

2. To receive public comment.

No comments were forthcoming.

3. To approve the minutes of prior meetings.

A Motion was made by Commissioner **VAT**, seconded by Commissioner **JAMES**, to approve the January and February meeting minutes as presented. After review and discussion, the Motion passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

4. To review and act on financial matters, including audit, report from the District bookkeeper and Treasurer, to pay bills, determine investments, financial institutions/depositories, security agreements, and sales tax related items.

Mr. Nick Stander presented the financial report prepared by Stander and Co. and noted that TIFMAS reimbursement payments in the amount of \$418,078.38 were expected soon. A Motion was made by Commissioner **VAT**, seconded by Commissioner **JAMES** to approve the Financial Report and pay the District's bills as presented. After review and discussion, the Motion passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

5. To review, discuss and act regarding adoption of the District's 2026 tax exemptions.

Mr. Manley presented revenue information related to potential property tax exemptions for 2026. A Motion was made by Commissioner **VAT**, seconded by Commissioner **JAMES**, to readopt the current exemptions as shown below. After discussion and review, the Motion passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Homestead:	0%
Over 65:	\$25,000
Disability:	\$0

- 6. To review, discuss and act on communications regarding discontinuing service to areas outside of District.**

No action was taken.

- 7. To review and act on items related to construction, improvements, repairs, and renovations of District facilities.**

No action was taken.

- 8. To review, discuss and take action related to granting an easement to Entergy Texas, Inc. (ETI)**

No action was taken.

- 9. To review and act on disposition of surplus and/or salvage property.**

No action was taken.

- 10. To review and act to acquire supplies, technology, equipment and vehicles, including financing and approval of any necessary resolutions related to same.**

No action was taken.

- 11. To review and act regarding real estate, including sale, purchase, financing, lease, platting, utilities, encumbrances and legal actions related to real estate.**

No action was taken.

- 12. To receive a report on Fire Department operations and activities, including action to approve expenses related to equipment and training, and proposed personnel policies and benefits.**

Chief Rinewalt and his staff provided a summary of the Department's activities. See Chief's report for details. A Motion was made by Commissioner VAT, seconded by Commissioner JAMES, to approve the report as presented. The Motion was passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

- 13. To meet in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code §551.071 to consult with legal counsel regarding pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers or on matters which require confidentiality under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas and Tax Code §323.3022 to discuss sales tax matters.**

The Board went into Closed Session at 1:53 p.m. to consult with legal counsel. The Board came out of Closed Session at 2:20 p.m.

- 14. To meet in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code §551.072 to deliberate regarding real estate matters.**

The Board did not meet in Closed Session to discuss real estate matters.

- 15. To meet in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code §551.074 to discuss personnel matters.**

The Board did not meet in Closed Session to discuss personnel matters.

- 16. To review and act on items discussed in closed session.**

No action was taken.

- 17. To review, discuss and act on personnel matters.**

No action was taken.

- 18. Review, discuss and act to confirm future meetings.**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 30, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.

- 19. Adjournment.**

There being no further business brought before the Board, Commissioner **JAMES** made a motion, seconded by Commissioner **VAT**, to adjourn. The Motion passed by a vote of 3 to 0 and the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.



JACQUELINE VAT
District Secretary