

**MINUTES OF THE JUNE 25, 2026, MEETING OF
MONTGOMERY COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 7**

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Montgomery County Emergency Services District No. 7 was duly called and held on June 25, 2026, at the New Caney Fire Station, 13833 Highway 59 N., Splendora, Texas 77372.

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

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M. by **JAN PETERSON**, District President. Those Commissioners present when the meeting commenced were **JAN PETERSON, JACQUELINE VAT, WESLEY SWANSON, and WANDA JAMES**. **TJ KNOX** was unable to attend. Also in attendance were Chief Howard Rinewalt and members of his staff, Nick Stander, the District's Bookkeeper, David Manley, the District's General Counsel, and other members of the community.

2. To receive public comment.

No public comments were offered.

3. To approve the minutes of prior meetings.

A Motion was made by Commissioner **VAT**, seconded by Commissioner **JAMES**, to approve the May 28, 2026 meeting minutes as presented. After review and discussion, the motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

4. To receive the District's 2025 audit report and take any related action.

The audit report was unavailable at this time. No action was taken by the Board.

5. To review and act on financial matters, including 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 June 2026 financial report prepared by Stander and Co. A motion was made by Commissioner **SWANSON**, seconded by Commissioner **JAMES**, to approve the report and pay District bills as presented. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

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

No action was taken by the Board.

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

No action was taken by the Board.

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

No action was taken by the Board.

- 9. 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 by the Board.

- 10. 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 by the Board.

- 11. 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.**

The Fire Chief presented the June 2026 report regarding departmental operations. Fleet work included completing an engine replacement on E155, replacing the turbo on E156, repairing the air-conditioning and belt systems on T151, and completing preventive maintenance on six vehicles. Work continued on the Station 151 remodel, although the project was delayed by the failure and required replacement of the central air-conditioning system. Routine station inspections, generator and aerobic-system maintenance, water-softener treatments, grounds work, equipment repairs, and 16 work orders were also completed.

Thirty SCBA cylinders were sent for hydrostatic testing, two thermal-imaging cameras were sent for service, and three additional apparatus were equipped with new Harris radio systems. Six new sets of turnout gear remained pending delivery. Training activities included completion of a TCFP Fire Instructor II class and preparations for Fire Officer I and II classes. The Department onboarded three part-time firefighters and scheduled interviews with two additional candidates.

The Department also revised several SOPs, continued development of a Fireground Accountability SOP, updated response box cards with FireCom, and coordinated mutual-aid improvements with the Cleveland and Porter fire departments. Planning continued for implementation of the First Due records-management and scheduling platform. Three additional personnel were added to the IQS system for potential TIFMAS deployments, and additional staffing and boat-rescue resources were planned in anticipation of possible severe weather. No action was taken by the Board.

12. To review, discuss and act regarding a policy related to legal fee reimbursements.

The Board reviewed a resolution to reimburse Chief Rinewalt for legal expenses incurred in the course of his duties to the District. Commissioner **SWANSON** made a Motion, seconded by Commissioner **VAT**, to approve the resolution as presented. The motion passed by a vote of 4 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 did not convene in closed session under this item.

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

The Board did not convene in closed session under this item.

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

The Board did not convene in closed session under this item.

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

No action was taken by the Board.

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

No action was taken by the Board.

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

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

19. Adjournment.

There being no further business brought before the Board, Commissioner **SWANSON** made a motion, seconded by Commissioner **VAT**, to adjourn. The Motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0 and the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.



JACQUELINE VAT
District Secretary