

**MINUTES OF THE JULY 30, 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 July 30, 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 **WESLEY SWANSON**, District Vice President. Those Commissioners present when the meeting commenced were **JACQUELINE VAT**, **WESLEY SWANSON**, and **WANDA JAMES**. **DAVID KNOX** and **JAN PETERSON** were 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, Jon Watson of Brooks Watson & Co, the District's Auditor, and other members of the community.

2. To administer Oath of Office to appointed Commissioner.

Commissioner **KNOX** was not present and no action was taken.

3. To receive public comment.

No public comments were offered.

4. To approve the minutes of prior meetings.

A Motion was made by Commissioner **VAT**, seconded by Commissioner **JAMES**, to approve the June 25, 2026 meeting minutes as presented. After review and discussion, the motion passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

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

Mr. Jon Watson of Brooks Watson & Co. presented the District's 2025 audit. Commissioner **JAMES** made a Motion, seconded by Commissioner **VAT** to approve the report as presented. After review and discussion, the motion passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

6. 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 July 2026 financial report prepared by Stander and Co. A motion was made by Commissioner **VAT**, seconded by Commissioner **JAMES**, to approve the report and pay District bills as presented. The motion passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

7. To review, discuss and take action related to the District's Treasurer's Bond.

Chief Rinewalt advised a bond was already in place. No action was taken by the Board.

8. To review, discuss and propose the District's 2027 Budget.

The Board then reviewed the District's draft budget for 2027. A Motion was made by Commissioner VAT, seconded by Commissioner JAMES, to propose the District's 2027 budget as presented. After discussion and review, the motion passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

9. To review, discuss and propose the District's 2026 Tax Rate.

Mr. Manley advised the District could propose a rate of up to \$0.10 per \$100 valuation, though calculations had not been received yet from the county. Commissioner JAMES made a Motion, seconded by Commissioner VAT, to propose a rate of \$0.10 per \$100 property valuation for 2026. After review and discussion, the motion passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

10. To schedule a public hearing regarding the District's 2026 tax rate and the date of the meeting to adopt.

The Board agreed to hold the public hearing on tax matters on August 27, 2026 at 1:00 p.m., to coincide with the District's regular Board meeting.

11. To authorize District Counsel to publish the necessary 2026 tax rate setting notices.

Mr. Manley advised that his firm, with Board approval, would handle the required publications and notice postings related to the District's 2026 tax setting process. Commissioner VAT made a Motion, seconded by Commissioner JAMES, to authorize counsel to manage the necessary publications as requested. The motion passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

12. To review and take action on matters relating to an election to be held on November 3, 2026.

The Board declined to call for a tax rate election with the county. No action was taken by the Board.

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

No action was taken by the Board.

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

No action was taken by the Board.

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

No action was taken by the Board.

- 16. 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.

- 17. 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.

- 18. 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 July 2026 report regarding departmental operations. He advised that the Department had been busy working on the audit with Mr. Watson, and developing the 2027 budget for Board review. He further advised that additional punch list items for Station 151 had been completed during the month.

- 19. 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.

- 20. 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.

- 21. 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.

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

No action was taken by the Board.

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

No action was taken by the Board.

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

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 27, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.

25. 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 1:56 p.m.



JACQUELINE VAT
District Secretary