MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2026 MEETING
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 on September 24, 2026 at the District's New Caney Fire Station located at 13833 Highway 59 N. Splendora TX 77372.

1. Call meeting to order and establish a quorum.

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, DAVID KNOX** and **WANDA JAMES.** 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 comments (3 minutes per person).

No public comments were received.

3. To approve the minutes of prior meeting(s).

A Motion was made by Commissioner **JAMES,** seconded by Commissioner **VAT,** to approve the August 27, 2026, meeting minutes. After review and discussion, the Motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

4. 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 September 2026 financial report prepared by Stander and Co. A Motion was made by Commissioner **SWANSON,** seconded by Commissioner **KNOX,** to approve the report and payment of District bills as presented. The Motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

5. To review, discuss and act regarding amendments to the 2025-2026 FY budget.

The Board then reviewed proposed amendments to the District's 2025-2026 FY budget. A Motion was made by Commissioner **SWANSON,** seconded by Commissioner **VAT,** to approve the amended budget as discussed. The Motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

6. **To review, discuss and act on District personnel matters including but not limited to compensation, benefits, social security and retirement, scheduling, retention, hiring and/or termination of District employees.**

The Board then discussed the District's current retirement and benefits systems, including participation in social security. Chief Rinewalt informed the Board that the District's current retirement plan (TCDRS) is a qualified social security replacement plan that would allow the District to opt out of social security. Mr. Manley recommended the District obtain an independent legal opinion and actuarial study to confirm the District's ability to opt out of social security before deciding to opt out. A Motion was made by Commissioner **SWANSON,** seconded by Commissioner **KNOX,** to engage an independent actuary to conduct a study of the District's retirement plan to confirm that it qualifies as a replacement plan under social security at a cost not to exceed $20,000. The Motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

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

No action was taken by the Board.

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

No action was taken by the Board.

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

No action was taken by the Board.

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

The Board then reviewed a lease program through Motorola Solutions for Triple Band Radios, including a seven (7) year lease term with seven (7) year warranty at a cost of $193,050.29 per year. A Motion was made by Commissioner **SWANSON,** seconded by Commissioner **VAT,** to approve the lease agreement as presented. After discussion and review, the Motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

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 by the Board.

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 presented the September 2026 report regarding departmental operations. He advised that two (2) Department trucks were currently deployed on TIFMAS missions. New part-time personnel were being added to the Department, and one (1) vacant full-time position was also being filled. He then advised that Department radios continued to have issues and would soon require replacement, and that the new blocking apparatus would require additional work and equipment installed before being put into service. Chief Rinewalt then provided information regarding upcoming training events in September and October and updated the Board regarding station repairs and expense matters.

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 to consult with legal counsel.

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 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 convene in Closed Session to discuss personnel matters.

16. **To review and act on items discussed in Closed Session.**

No action was taken by the Board.

17. **Review, discuss and take action to confirm the date for any future meetings.**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 29, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.

18. **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 5 to 0, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

JACQUELINE VAT
District Secretary