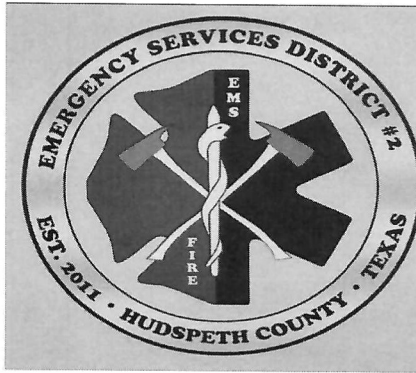


Notice of Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Hudspeth County Emergency Services District #2



MINUTES OF Regular MEETING

August 20th, 2025, Sierra Blanca 3:00PM (MDT)

IN ATTENDANCE

<u>ESD #2 Commissioners Present (In Person)</u>	<u>Others Present (In Person)</u>	<u>Others Present (In Person)</u>	<u>Others Present (Via Zoom)</u>	<u>Others Present (Via Zoom)</u>
Jesse Larson	Mikala Gilbert	Stacie Ordonez	Nick Rudl	Ken Berumen
Charles Holder	Kaitlyn Snow	Richard Worthy	Adrian Santana	Anthony Velasquez
Monica Moutran	Ben Mares	Lucia Snyder	Ed Stec	
Debi Berry	Cristal Gonzales	Luis De La Hoz	DJ Cedillos	
<u>Present (Via Zoom)</u>	Manny Rivera	David Kretchman	Killian Landersman	
	Mari Rivera	Touchy McGowan	Matthew Bougher	
	Shelly Ruddock	Maranda Abilez	Ryan	

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Prayer.

Jesse Larson called the meeting to order at 3:06 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer followed.

2. Establishment of a quorum and certification of posting of agenda.

Jesse Larson declared a quorum, with 4/5 commissioners present. Jesse Larson certified that the meeting was posted on 8-15-2025 at 11:15am.

3. Public Comment

(In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, any response to a public comment that is made on an item not on the published final agenda will be limited to a statement of factual information or a statement of existing policy given in response to the public comment. Any deliberation or decision by the Board must be limited to a proposal to place the subject on a future agenda.)

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Lucia Snyder is a taxpayer and involved in emergency care stated she was concerned with Provider financial cuts. Richard Worthy stated that he feels that the meetings are getting out of hand and as a result meetings are taking way too long. Stacie Ordonez thanked everyone for attending the meeting and stated that the ESD board's priority should be to keep EMS up and running for the community. Stacie Ordonez also stated that having the special meetings only being held at Dell City does not always give those who live in other areas the opportunity to attend. She feels the special meetings should also alternate locations just as the regular meetings do. Luis De La Hoz is concerned about how the budget is being handled. He stated he would like to see analysis added to the budgeting process. Rick Worthy added that the taxpayers and Dell Valley EMS are the ones that bring in funding to ESD#2 Mikala Gilbert stated that there are budget cuts all across the county.

4. Consider, discuss, and/or take action 2023-2024 Fiscal Year District Audit.

Shelly Ruddock provided print outs with 3 additional procedures that will help the board with better checks and balances.

Jesse Larson motioned to accept and approve the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year District Audit.

Charles Holder seconded motion.

Motion carried by the board.

5. Review and approval of minutes of regular and/or special meetings.

- a. July 17th, 2025, Regular Meeting;

- a. Jesse Larson motioned to accept regular meeting minutes as is.

Charles Holder seconded motion.

Motion carried by the board.

6. Consider, discuss, and/or take action on Hudspeth County ESD #2 Operations Administrator Reports and Updates.

- a. Hudspeth County ESD #2 Operations Administrator.

Kaitlyn Snow stated that according to Nader Darwish from VFIS we are not able to remove equipment from insurance.

Monica Moutran motioned to approve the reports.

Charles Holder seconded motion.

Motion carried by the board.

BREAK 3:52PM-4:04PM

7. Consider, discuss, and/or take action on All Providers EMS and Fire Operations Reports, regarding emergency operations, call volume, training, management activities, personnel.

Northern Hudspeth County EMS: 25 total calls with 22 transports.

Northwest County Volunteer Fire Department: 3 total calls, 4 Trainings. Nick Rudl stated that they had a Fire Engine go out of service on Saturday but has been repaired and back in service since yesterday.

Dell Valley EMS: 13 total calls. Tony Velasquez stated that the variance requested was accepted.

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Dell Valley Volunteer Fire Department: 1 MVA at Cornudas Cafe 62/180. 1 training

Sierra Blanca Volunteer Fire Department: 1 vehicle fire

Monica Moutran motioned to approve the reports.

Charles Holder seconded motion.

Motion carried by the board.

8. Consider, discuss, and/or take action on allowing use of ESD facilities for purposes other than emergency services, i.e., fundraising, community meetings, etc.

Nick Rudl requested use of the Desert Haven facility on 09/12/2025 between 6pm- 10pm and on 09/13/2025 between 9am-5pm for citizens fire academy.

Monica Moutran motioned to approve the request.

Debi Berry seconded motion.

Motion carried by the board.

9. Review and approval of monthly bills and payments, including provider invoices, if any.

Charles Holder motioned to approve bills and payments.

Debi Berry seconded motion,

Motion carried by the board.

BREAK 4:47PM-4:55PM

10. Consider, discuss, and/or take action on regarding 2025 tax rate, including:

(A) Establishing proposed tax rate and taking record vote

Jesse Larson motioned a proposed tax rate of .092271.

Debi Berry votes yes to proposed tax rate of .092271,

Charles Holder votes yes to proposed tax rate of .092271,

Monica Moutran votes yes to proposed tax rate of .092271,

Jesse Larson votes yes to proposed tax rate of .092271.

(B) Authorizing expense and publication of "Small Taxing Unit Notice" in newspaper; and

Monica Moutran motioned to approve the expense and publication of "Small Taxing Unit Notice" in the newspaper.

Charles Holder seconded motion.

Motion carried by the board.

C) acknowledging and approving posting of "Small Taxing Unit Notice" to the homepage of the district website.

Monica Moutran motioned to approve the posting of "Small Taxing Unit Notice" to the homepage of the district website.

Charles Holder seconded motion.

Minutes done by Monica Moutran