

**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2025 SPECIAL MEETING
ON TAX INCREASE
HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 4**

A meeting was duly called of the Board of Commissioners of **HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 4**, which was held **September 8, 2025**, at the District Administrative Office, located at 12207 Huffman Oaks Lane, Huffman, Texas 77336.

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Commissioner **Jones**, Board President. Those commissioners present were:

Ray Jones	Present
Christy Graves	Absent
Shareen Redus	Present
Wyatt Watkins	Present
Robin April May-Lutz	Present

Others attending when the meeting began were Tyler Shirley, Fire Chief; Cody Nance, Asst. EMS Chief; Richard Austin, Asst. Fire Chief, David Manley, District's Attorney; Katie Norris, RIT-Financial, and Ricardo Martinez, Martinez Architects.

2. TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board opened the floor to public comment, though none was forthcoming.

3. TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT AND CONDUCT THE PUBLIC HEARING / OPEN FORUM TO ALLOW INTERESTED PARTIES TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BE HEARD REGARDING THE PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE SETTING.

The Board opened the Public Hearing at 6:04 p.m. No public was in attendance.

4. CONCLUDE PUBLIC HEARING.

There being no comment regarding the proposed property tax rate setting, Commissioner **May-Lutz** made a motion, seconded by Commissioner **Redus**, to conclude the public hearing. Motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

5. TO ADOPT THE DISTRICT 2026 BUDGET.

The Board reviewed the proposed 2026 District budget. After review, Commissioner **Redus** made a motion, seconded by Commissioner **Watkins**, to adopt the 2026 budget as presented. Motion passed with a vote of 4 to 0.

6. TO ADOPT THE DISTRICT'S 2025 AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS.

The Board next reviewed tax rate information for fiscal year 2025. After discussion, Commissioner **Redus** made a motion, seconded by Commissioner **Jones**, to adopt a 2025

Maintenance and Operations Rate of \$0.096821 per \$100 property valuation. Motion passed with a vote of 4 to 0

7. **TO ADOPT THE DISTRICT'S 2025 AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR DEBT SERVICE.**

The Board next discussed the District's 2025 Debt Service rate required to ensure payment of current debt obligations. After discussion, Commissioner **Redus** made a motion, seconded by Commissioner **Jones**, to adopt a 2025 Debt Service Rate of \$0.003179 per \$100 property valuation. Motion passed with a vote of 4 to 0

8. **TO ADOPT THE DISTRICT'S 2025 TOTAL AD VALOREM TAX RATE**

The Board then reviewed the total tax rate proposed for the 2025 fiscal year. After discussion, Commissioner **Redus** made a motion, seconded by Commissioner **Jones**, to adopt a total 2025 Ad Valorem Tax Rate of \$0.10 per \$100 property valuation, effectively raising the rate by 2.5%. Motion passed with a vote of 4 to 0.

9. **TO CANCEL THE DISTRICT'S 2025 TAX RATE ELECTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS ELECTION CODE §2.081.**

At this time, Mr. Manley advised the District's tax rate election could be cancelled for mootness, and presented an Order for Board execution reflecting the same. After review, Commissioner **Watkins** made a motion, seconded by Commissioner **Redus**, to cancel the District's 2025 tax rate election. Motion passed with a vote of 4 to 0.

10. **TO APPROVE PAYMENT FOR HOUSTON CHRONICLE AND STAR COURIER INVOICES FOR PUBLICATION OF THE DISTRICT'S NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE**

Invoices related to the District's Notice of Public Hearing publication with the Star Courier and Houston Chronicle HCN had not been received as of the date of this meeting. No action was taken by the Board.

11. **ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner **Redus** made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner **Jones**. Motion passed with a vote of 4 to 0 and the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

HARRIS COUNTY
EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 4


Secretary