

Harris County Emergency Services District No. 14

March 23, 2026 Minutes

The March meeting of H.C.E.S.D. #14 was called to order at 12:00 PM on March 23, 2026, by President Jim Strouhal. Members present were Jim Strouhal, Johnny Gaeke, Mark Taylor, Elaine Marshall and Jerry Ickes. A quorum was determined to be present. Attorney John Peeler was also present.

Public Comment:

No Public Present

The minutes of the February 2026 Meeting were presented. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Elaine Marshall and 2nd by Johnny Gaeke. Motion approved.

Correspondence received:

- Electronic Report of present and past correction rolls from H.C. Tax-Assessor Collector
- Woodforest National Bank account statement dated February 28, 2026
- Woodforest National Bank Pledge Report February 28, 2026
- Texas Controller of Public Accounts Special Purpose District Sales and Use Tax Allocation Summary ending 3/13/26: \$227,400.74
- Texas Controller of Public Accounts sent notice of two (2) accounts that are delinquent

Review and act on District financial matters, including:

- Monthly financial reports from San Jacinto Tax Service.

Woodforest National Bank account statement ending February 28, 2026.

Bank Account	\$200,038.30
Intra-Fi	\$498,093.86
Investments	\$3,466,565.86
Total Balance	\$4,157,314.31

Jerry Ickes made a motion to approve the financial report as presented, 2nd by Elaine Marshall. Motion approved.

- Payment of bills and invoices.

Invoice from San Jacinto Tax Service for February 2026 expenses. Motion by Elaine Marshall, 2nd by Johnny Gaeke to pay invoice in amount of \$481.24. Motion approved.

Invoice from EHCEC for dispatch services for April 2026. Motion by Johnny Gaeke, 2nd by Elaine Marshall pay \$9,43.85 from Sales and Use Tax account. Motion approved.

Invoice from Coveler & Peeler for February 2026 Legal Services. Motion by Elaine Marshall, 2nd by Mark Taylor to pay the invoice in the amount of \$1,243.11. Motion approved.

Invoice from Clicktunity for \$149.00 for monthly website maintenance. Motion by Johnny Gaeke, 2nd by Jerry Ickes to approve. Motion approved

Invoice from McCall, Gibson, Swedlund, Barfoot Ellis, PLLC for the 2025 Budget year audit in the amount of \$12,500.00. Motion by Elaine Marshall, 2nd by Mark Taylor to pay. Motion approved

Invoice from Hdl Companies for Second Quarter works in the amount of \$1,500.00. Motion by Johnny Gaeke, 2nd by Mark Taylor to pay invoice. Motion approved

Report from Fire Chief Mike Carsner:

The total number of responses for the month of February 2026 was **342**.

	Total Calls		In District	Out of District
Fire Calls	114		5 Minutes	14 Minutes
EMS Cal	228		6 Minutes	8 Minutes

EMS Responses	Transports	Non-Transports	No Medical / No Patient	Life Flights
	118	65	26	0

Reviewed H.V.F.D. Treasurer's report for tax account.

HVFD Request for funds:

- A request for \$16,000 for routine operations for the month of April 2026 from the Property Tax account was made. Motion by Jerry Ickes, 2nd by Elaine Marshall to approve these funds. Motion approved.
- A request for \$140,021.08 for EMS Payroll 2 (two) paydays February 2026 from Sales and Use account was made. Motion by Elaine Marshall, 2nd by Johnny Gaeke to approve these funds. Motion approved.
- A request for \$56,134.31 for Part-Time Firefighter Payroll 2 (two) paydays for February 2026 from the Sales and Use account was made. Motion by Elaine Marshall, 2nd by Johnny Gaeke to approve these funds. Motion approved.
- A request for \$8,973.58 for Firefighter Incentives for February 2026 was made from the Sales and Use account. Motion by Elaine Marshall, 2nd by Johnny Gaeke to approve these funds. Motion approved.
- A request for \$9,087.54 to pay EMS Personnel Health Insurance to reimburse the Fire Department for Insurance Premium for February 2026. Motion by Johnny Gaeke, 2nd by Mark Taylor to approve these funds. Motion approved.
- A request for \$4,973.13 to pay for EMS Supplies for February 2026 from Sales and Use account. Motion by Johnny Gaeke, 2nd by Elaine Marshall to approve these funds. Motion approved.

New Business:

- Review and take action regarding real estate, including sale, purchase, lease, platting, utilities, encumbrance and legal actions related to real estate.

No Action

- To review and act on claims, lawsuits, or Public Information Act requests.

No Action

- Review and act regarding District funding for HVFD participation in the Texas Emergency Service Retirement System, VFIS length of service award program and other programs.

Received some information, still waiting to receive more information.

- Review and act on matters related to construction, renovation, repair, maintenance and improvements to District or Department facilities and real property, including engagement of design professionals or engineering services, selection of builders/contractors, acquisition of materials for same, and cooperation with other county entities regarding the development of stations, including action on construction financing.

No Action

- To review and act on the acquisition of equipment and vehicles, including approval of acquisition financing for same and to discuss and act on disposition of surplus or salvage property pursuant to Texas Health and Safety Code 775.0735

No Action

- Discuss and authorize sending out request for design professionals. Motion by Jerry Ickes, 2nd by Elaine Marshall to authorize District's legal counsel to send out request for Design Professionals. Motion approved

- To review and act on property tax exemptions for 2026. Motion by Jerry Ickes, 2nd by Johnny Gaeke to leave tax exemptions the same as 2025. Motion approved

- Discuss and approve discussions with H.C. Commissioner Tom Ramsey's Office about the County developing a Soccer Field in the area that is to be set aside for a detention area on the South Main property.

Discussion was held and no action taken at this time.

- Review and take any necessary action concerning the proposal Agreement for Professional Services from Weisser Engineering and Surveying for Platting Services for the 10+ acre subdivision recently purchased. Motion by Jerry Ickes, 2nd by Johnny Gaeke to pay Weisser Engineering and Surveying \$12,990.00 for platting service on the South Main property. Motion approved

- 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.

No Action

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

No Action

- To meet in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code 551.076 to deliberate regarding security devices or security audits.

No Action

- To meet in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code 551.0761 to deliberate regarding critical infrastructure and cybersecurity matters.

No Action

Next meeting will be April 27, 2026, at 12:00 PM at Fire Station 27.

Motion by Jerry Ickes, 2nd by Elaine Marshall to adjourn. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 1:35 PM.

Jerry W. Ickes