

Harris County Emergency Services District No. 14

June 22, 2026 Minutes

The June meeting of H.C.E.S.D. #14 was called to order at 12:00 PM on June 22, 2026, by President Jim Strouhal. Members present were Jim Strouhal, Johnny Gaeke, 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 May 2026 Meeting were presented. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Elaine Marshall and 2nd by Jim Strouhal. Motion approved.

Correspondence received:

- Electronic Report of present and past correction rolls from H.C. Tax-Assessor Collector
- Woodforest National Bank account statement dated May 31, 2026
- Woodforest National Bank Pledge Report May 31, 2026
- Texas Controller of Public Accounts Special Purpose District Sales and Use Tax Allocation Summary ending 6/12/26: \$264,853.77
- Invoice from Harris Central Appraisal District for 3rd Quarter Assessment in the amount of \$2,979.00. Motion by Elaine Marshall, 2nd by Jerry Ickes to approve payment. Motion approved
- Notice from Texas Controller of Public Accounts sent notice of a delinquent account.
- Notice of annexation by City of Baytown
- Preliminary Report of Appraised & Tax Value from Harris Central Appraisal for 2026/2027.

Review and act on District financial matters, including:

- Monthly financial reports from San Jacinto Tax Service.

Woodforest National Bank account statement ending May 31, 2026.

Bank Account	\$195,724.07
Intra-Fi	\$555,964.67
Investments	\$3,496,397.46\$\$

Uncleared Checks	\$4,860.51
Total Balance	\$4,243,225.69

Johnny Gaeke 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 May 2026 expenses. Motion by Jerry Ickes, 2nd by Elaine Marshall to pay invoice in amount of \$478.12. Motion approved.

Invoice from EHCEC for dispatch services for June 2026. Motion by Jerry Ickes, 2nd by Johnny Gaeke pay \$9,473.85 from Sales and Use Tax account. Motion approved.

Invoice from Coveler & Peeler for May 2026 Legal Services. Motion by Elaine Marshall, 2nd by Jerry Ickes to pay the invoice in the amount of \$1,428.91. Motion approved.

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

Invoice from Hdl Companies for Quarterly Sale Tax Consolation in the amount of \$1,500.00. Motion by Johnny Gaeke, 2nd by Elaine Marshall to pay invoice. Motion approved.

Report from Fire Chief Mike Carsner:

The total number of responses for the month of May 2026 was 378.

	Total Calls		In District	Out of District
Fire Calls	131		5 Minutes	11 Minutes
EMS Cal	247		7 Minutes	8 Minutes

EMS Responses	Transports	Non-Transports	No Medical / No Patient	Life Flights
	146	54	29	1

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 July 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 \$118,786.11 for EMS Payroll 2 (two) paydays May 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 \$47,909.16 for Part-Time Firefighter Payroll 2 (two) paydays for May 2026 from the Sales and Use account was made. Motion by Johnny Gaeke, 2nd by Jerry Ickes to approve these funds. Motion approved.
- A request for \$10,271.74 for Firefighter Incentives for May 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 \$6,753.48 to pay EMS Personnel Health Insurance to reimburse the Fire Department for Insurance Premium for May 2026. Motion by Johnny Gaeke, 2nd by Elaine Marshall to approve these funds. Motion approved.
- A request for \$3,466.29 to pay for EMS Supplies for May 2026 from Sales and Use account. Motion by Elaine Marshall, 2nd by Johnny Gaeke to approve these funds. Motion approved.

New Business:

- To designate the Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector's Office to prepare the District's No New Revenue Tax Rate and related tax rate calculations for 2026, and to authorize District counsel to publish the necessary 2026 Tax Rate setting notices. Motion by Jerry Ickes, 2nd by Elaine Marshall to authorize Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector's Office to prepare all tax related documents for 2026 tax year. Motion approved
- To review and act regarding Truth and Taxation planning for the upcoming 2027 Budget adoption and 2026 Tax Rate adoption, including schedules for same.

Discussed

- Discussion with the Highlands VFD Board of Directors regarding possible transition to ESD direct provider.

Discussed

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

Legal Counsel to get information from District's Bookkeeper.

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

No Action

- To review and take any action regarding real estate, including sale, purchase, lease platting, utilities, encumbrances, maintenance, and legal actions related to real estate.

No Action

- 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.

Motion by Jerry Ickes, 2nd by Elaine Marshall to engage Joiner Architects to design new Fire Station on South Main and authorize Jim Strouhal to sign contract after review by Legal Counsel. Motion approved

- 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

- 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 July 27, 2026, at 12:00 PM at Fire Station 27.

Motion by Elaine Marshall, 2nd by Johnny Gaeke to adjourn. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 1:22 PM.

Jerry W. Ickes