

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
GALVESTON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of the **GALVESTON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1** will hold a meeting on **Monday, July 27, 2026**, at **6:00 P.M.** at **Santa Fe Fire & Rescue Station 1, 13112 Highway 6, Santa Fe, Texas 77510.**

The District will consider and act upon the following matters:

1. Call meeting to order and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. To receive public comments.
3. To approve the Minutes of prior meeting(s).
4. To review and act on financial matters, including financial reports, audits, investments, Investment Policy, and bills.
5. To receive a status update from strategic planning committee.
6. To receive a monthly report from Santa Fe Fire & Rescue, including authorizing payment of operations funding in accordance with the adopted budget and service agreement.
7. To review and approve a District False Alarm Policy.
8. To review and approve expenditures necessitated for the maintenance, upkeep, replacement, purchase, repairs and modification of real property, vehicles and equipment.
9. To review and act regarding capital acquisitions, including fire fighting vehicles/apparatus, ambulances, and emergency equipment and acquisition funding/financing for same.
10. To review and act on matters related to construction, renovation, repair, maintenance and improvements to District 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.
11. To review and take any action regarding real estate, including sale, purchase, lease, platting, utilities, encumbrances, maintenance and legal actions related to real estate.
12. To review and act regarding Dispatch Services Agreement with the City of Santa Fe, including designation of committee to negotiate with the City regarding renewal and to review dispatch options for the District. The District may also act to approve semi-annual payment to the City for dispatch services under the current agreement.
13. To review and discuss the 2027 Budget and 2026 Tax Rate. As of the date of posting this meeting notice, the certified property values are not yet available and the required no new revenue tax rate calculations are not yet available. Therefore, no Taxpayer Impact Statement as required by Government Code §551.043(c)(2) is available at this time. The Board may act to propose the 2027 Budget and 2026 Tax Rate as well as take action to schedule special meetings and public hearing related to same.
14. To review and act regarding the 2027 contract for emergency services with Santa Fe Fire & Rescue, including funding for same.
15. To review and act regarding bookkeeping and accounting services, including current consultant Ham, Langston & Brezina merging with CohnReznick.
16. To meet in Closed Session under 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.

17. To meet in Closed Session under Government Code §551.072 to deliberate regarding real estate.
18. To meet in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code §551.076 to deliberate regarding security devices or security audits.
19. To meet in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code §551.0761 to deliberate regarding critical infrastructure and cybersecurity matters.
20. To set the regular meeting date for August 2026 and potential budget workshop or special meetings.
21. Adjournment.



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DRAFT 2027 District Budget

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REVENUES

	<u>2027 DRAFT</u>	<u>2026 Approved 8-25-25</u>
Property Taxes*	\$ 2,758,998.00	\$ 2,594,720.00
Interest	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Total Revenues:	\$ 2,808,998.00	\$ 2,644,720.00

*Assuming 98% collections at estimated voter approval rate.

OPERATING EXPENSES

Bookkeeping/Accounting	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00
Audit Expense	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00
Appraisal District	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Tax Assessor/Collector Fees	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Legal & Professional Fees	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Loan Payment - Two Pumper Trucks (due Jan 7th)	\$ 136,700.00	\$ 136,699.00
SAFE-D Association Fees	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00
Training & Seminars	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Commissioners Compensation	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
Service Agmt - Santa Fe & Rescue (Operations)**	\$ 2,563,708.00	\$ 2,322,896.00
Service Agmt - Santa Fe & Rescue (Dept. Insurance)	\$ -	\$ -
Service Agmt - Santa Fe & Rescue (Radios)	\$ -	\$ -
Service Agmt - Santa Fe & Rescue (Pension)	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 70,000.00
VFIS - District Insurance	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Website Maintenance	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00

Total District Operating Expenses: \$ 2,855,008.00 \$ 2,614,195.00

Net Operating Income [Reserve] \$ (46,010.00) \$ 30,525.00

* The Galveston County Appraisal District's PRELIMINARY Taxable Value for 2026 levy is \$3,227300866. Tax Worksheet will be attached as an exhibit as required by Tax Code. ** For 2026 & 2027 all Service Agreement items were combined to one line vs. 2025 which broke out several categories.