

**MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 3, 2026, SPECIAL MEETING OF
GALVESTON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1**

A Special Meeting was duly called of **GALVESTON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1**, which was held on August 3, 2026, at **Santa Fe Fire and Rescue Station 1** located at **13112 Highway 6, Santa Fe, Texas**.

The Meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM by Commissioner **GREG GARDNER**. Those Commissioners present when the meeting commenced were **GREG GARDNER, SHARON FREE, TOMMY GASS, KEVIN O'BRIEN** and **JACK HELTON**. Also in attendance were Fire Chief Chris Anderson and Staff of Santa Fe Fire & Rescue ("Department").

A quorum being present and established, the meeting proceeded as scheduled.

The Board opened the floor for public comment under item 2 of the agenda. No public comment was forthcoming.

The Board then addressed item 3 of the agenda, to propose the District Budget for 2027. The Board reviewed the potential tax revenue available, District administrative costs estimates and the funding request options from the contracted emergency services provider, Santa Fe Fire & Rescue. The Board preliminarily accepted Santa Fe Fire & Rescue's proposed "Option 2" which would obligate the District to fund \$2,452,588.00 to Santa Fe Fire & Rescue in FY 2027. The Board noted that this includes a \$10,000.00 reduction in the category "Apparatus" (remaining at \$80,000.00). The Board also discussed adding a line item to the District budget for pending dispatch services of \$110,000.00. The discussed changes lead to a total District 2027 Budget proposed with expenditures of \$2,853,888.00. A motion was made by **Commissioner HELTON**, seconded by **Commissioner FREE**, to propose the 2027 budget as discussed. With a vote of 5 to 0 the motion carried. The Board will coordinate with legal counsel to have the Proposed 2027 Budget posted as required by the Tax Code and Open Meetings Act for later final adoption.

The Board then addressed item 4, to propose the District 2026 Tax Rate. A motion was made by **Commissioner HELTON**, seconded by **Commissioner FREE**, to propose a rate of \$0.0888 per \$100. With a vote of 5 to 0, the motion carried.

The Board then addressed item 5, to receive a status update from the Strategic Planning Committee. There was no discussion on this item.

There being no further business brought before the Board, **Commissioner GARDNER** made a motion, seconded by **Commissioner HELTON**, to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 PM. By a vote of 5 to 0, the motion carried.

Secretary of the Board