

**MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 24, 2026, PUBLIC HEARING AND 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 24, 2026, at **Santa Fe Fire and Rescue Station 1** located at **13112 Highway 6, Santa Fe, Texas**.

The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Commissioner **GREG GARDNER**. Those Commissioners present when the meeting commenced were **GREG GARDNER, SHARON FREE, TOMMY GASS**, and **KEVIN O'BRIEN**. Commissioner **JACK HELTON** was absent. Also in attendance were Fire Chief Chris Anderson and Staff of Santa Fe Fire & Rescue ("Department"), and District Legal Counsel John Peeler of Coveler & Peeler, P.C.

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

The Board then addressed item 2 of the agenda, 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. No public comment was forthcoming.

The Board then addressed item 3 of the agenda, to conclude the public hearing on Tax Increase. The public hearing was concluded at 6:03 PM.

The Board then addressed item 4, to consider and adopt the District 2027 Budget. A motion was made by **Commissioner GASS**, seconded by **Commissioner O'BRIEN**, to approve the budget as presented. With a vote of 4 to 0, the motion carried.

The Board then addressed item 5, to adopt the District 2026 Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Maintenance and Operations. A motion was made by **Commissioner FREE**, seconded by **Commissioner GASS**, to adopt a maintenance and operations tax rate of \$0.0888 per \$100. With a vote of 4 to 0, the motion carried.

The Board then addressed item 6, to adopt the District 2026 Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Debt Service. A motion was made by **Commissioner FREE**, seconded by **Commissioner GASS**, to adopt a debt service tax rate of \$0.000 per \$100. With a vote of 4 to 0, the motion carried.

The Board then addressed item 7, to adopt the District 2026 total Ad Valorem Tax Rate. A motion was made by **Commissioner FREE**, seconded by **Commissioner GASS**, that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.0888 per \$100, which is effectively a 8.00 percent increase in the tax rate. With a vote of 4 to 0, the motion carried.

There being no further business brought before the Board, **Commissioner GASS** made a motion, seconded by **Commissioner FREE**, to adjourn the meeting at 6:06 PM. By a vote of 4 to 0, the motion carried.

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Secretary of the Board