

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE
HIDALGO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 5

Notice is hereby given that **HIDALGO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 5** will hold a meeting on **April 8, 2026 at 6:30 P.M.**, at the following location: **Hidalgo County Precinct 3, 724 N. Breyfogle Mission, Texas 78574.**

The District will consider and act upon the following matters:

1. Call Meeting to Order, Roll Call and Establish a Quorum

2. Invocation

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Comment

Members of the public wishing to address the Board must sign in prior to the meeting and identify themselves before speaking. Speakers addressing agenda items are limited to three (3) minutes. Speakers addressing non-agenda items may be limited to two (2) minutes, or one (1) minute for repeat speakers, in accordance with District policy. Pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Board may not deliberate or take action on items not posted on the agenda, except as permitted by law.

5. Consent Agenda *(All items listed below are considered routine and may be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Commissioner requests that an item be removed and considered separately)*

a. To approve meeting minutes of March 25, 2026.

6. New Business

a. To receive a report from the District's bookkeeper Luis Orozco regarding the District's financial condition.

b. To discuss and consider approval to pay District bills as presented.

c. To receive a report from Consultant Gus Ramirez regarding EMS Services.

d. To review, discuss and consider the approval of District logo and District Commitment Statement.

e. To receive a Committee Report from District Committee.

f. To review, discuss and consider action regarding contract for EMS Services with Med Care.

g. To review, discuss and consider action to approve an Interlocal Agreement with Palmview for EMS Services in the District's territory.

h. To review, discuss and take action to approve under Texas Government Code 2254, for the District to provide a Written Statement and Finding of the District's Need for Specialized Contingent Fee Legal Services

i. To review, discuss and take action to approve Awarding a Contract for Delinquent Tax Collection Services to Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP.

j. To review, discuss and take action to approve the Adoption of Resolution Modifying Penalties Imposed Under Texas Tax Code Sections 33.07 and 33.08.

k. To review, discuss and take action to approve the Adoption of Resolution Setting Penalties Imposed Under Texas Tax Code Section 33.11.

1. To discuss and take action on scheduling District meetings and items to be added to meeting agendas.
7. **Executive Session: Pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code Section 551.071**
 - a. To consult with Legal Counsel.
8. **Return to Open Session for Possible Action**
9. **Adjournment**

**HIDALGO COUNTY
EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 5**

By: 
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Administrative Assistant

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of Hidalgo County Emergency Services District No. 5 will be held on April 8, 2026 at 6:30pm for the purpose of considering and taking action on all matters on the agenda for the meeting, including approval of an agreement with the law firm of Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP as special counsel to perform all legal services necessary to collect delinquent property taxes and authorizing the execution of such agreement.

The agreement to be considered is necessary for the delinquent taxes owed to Hidalgo County Emergency Services District No. 5 to be collected in the most effective manner. The District desires that such delinquent tax, penalties and interest be collected as provided in the Texas Tax Code.

The Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP firm is fully qualified to provide this representation, being the largest delinquent tax collection law firm in the State of Texas, as well as the United States and having been engaged in this specialized legal service for more than 50 years. In addition, the Linebarger Goggan Blair and Sampson, LLP firm possesses infrastructure and technology, such as call center technology, that the District does not currently possess.

Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP currently represents the vast majority of taxing entities within Hidalgo County and Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP represents these taxing entities with competence and professionalism.

The specialized legal services required by this agreement cannot be adequately performed by the attorneys and supporting personnel of the District due to the high cost of implementing the appropriate infrastructure and technology and employing sufficient in-house attorneys and staff with the level of experience and competence necessary to perform these activities.

Linebarger will be compensated on a contingent fee basis as provided in the Texas Tax Code Sections 6.30, 33.07, 33.08, 33.11, and 33.48. These Texas Tax Code sections specifically provide for an additional penalty on delinquent taxes to compensate collection attorneys. A contract to pay inside or outside attorneys on an hourly basis would represent an additional cost to the District.

Entering into the proposed agreement is in the best interests of the residents of the District because the delinquent taxes will be professionally and competently collected without the additional costs to the District of implementing infrastructure and technology, and employing in-house personnel or paying outside counsel on an hourly fee basis which would otherwise be required.