

Williamson County Emergency Services District No. 8
Minutes of the Commissioner's
Regular Session Meeting August 19, 2026

The regular scheduled meeting of the Williamson County Emergency Services District #8 was held on Wednesday, August 19, 2026 at 6:00pm at Georgetown Fire Station #6, 6700 Williams Dr, Georgetown, TX 78633. The President Bobby Bunte being in the chair, and a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 6:00p.m.

Present:	Commissioners Bobby Bunte, Ira Wood, Justin Word and Pieter Sybesma
Staff:	Ron Barrick, Nancy Rangel
Not Present:	Commissioner Troy Rodriguez
Visitors:	GFD: Fire Chief John Sullivan, TJ Blair, Megan Callahan and Jed Buie w/Buie & Co. and resident D. Crockett

Meeting

A. Call Meeting to order

- 6:00p.m.

B. Establish Quorum

- Quorum established.

C. Public Comment

- None.

D. Consideration and possible action to approve the minutes from the Regular Session Meeting July 15, 2026.

- Commissioner Word made a motion to accept the minutes from the Regular Session Meeting July 15, 2026. Commissioner Wood seconds. Motion carries.

E. Discussion and possible action to approve a Letter of Engagement with Barrick & Company, LLC to provide accounting services for FY26/27.

- Commissioner Wood made a motion to accept the Letter of Engagement with Barrick & Company, LLC to provide accounting services for FY26/27. Commissioner Sybesma seconds. Motion carries.

F. Discussion and possible action to approve a Letter of Engagement with Medack & Oltmann, LLP to perform annual financial audit.

- Commissioner Word made a motion to accept the Letter of Engagement with Medack & Oltmann, LLP to perform annual financial audit. Commissioner Wood seconds. Motion carries.

G. Discussion and possible action to approve a contract with Buie & Co. for continuing public awareness.

- Commissioner Wood made a motion to accept the contract with Buie & Co. for continuing public awareness. Commissioner Sybesma seconds. Motion carries.

H. Presentation of the monthly Treasurer's report and payment of bills by Ron Barrick

- a. **Money Market balance: \$9,247,458.28**
- b. **Checking: \$2,300.21**
- c. **Total Money Market and Checking balance: \$9,249,758.49**

<u>Invoices Submitted for Payment:</u>		
Barrick & Company, LLC	\$	1,475.00
Buie & Co, LLC	\$	7,398.82
Clicktunity, LLC	\$	149.00
Nancy Rangel	\$	995.00
VFIS	\$	1,000.00
Bobby Bunte	\$	52.19

Commissioner Wood made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report and payment of bills. Commissioner Word seconds. Motion carries.

I. Discussion and possible action related to the adoption of the ESD8 FY2026/2027 annual budget.

- Commissioner Wood made a motion to approve the property tax rate of .0912% per \$100 valuation and approve the ESD8 FY2026/2027 annual budget based on that number as presented by Ron Barrick. Commissioner Sybesma seconds. Motion carries.

J. Discussion and possible action to propose a tax rate for FY 2026/2027 and schedule public hearings if necessary. Must have a record vote on this agenda item.

- Commissioner Word made a motion to propose a tax rate for FY2026/2027 at .0912% per \$100 valuation for FY 2026/2027. Commissioner Wood seconds. Motion seconds.

Commissioner Bunte – yes
Commissioner Wood - yes
Commissioner Word – yes
Commissioner Sybesma - yes

K. Discussion and possible action to purchase a Microsoft package for ESD8's laptop.

- Commissioner Sybesma made a motion to purchase a Microsoft package for ESD8's laptop not to exceed \$500.00. Commissioner Word seconds. Motion carries.

L. Presentation of the monthly Sales and Use Tax revenue report generated by HDL.

- Carry over. July collections: \$506,331.67, August collections: \$599,759.00

M. Discussion and possible action related to ongoing public outreach support with Buie & Co. including final review and approval of the survey questions. Buie Representative will be in attendance.

- Jed Buie and Megan Callahan – review and discussion of ESD8 2026 Strategic Plan Update presentation that was emailed to the Board prior to the meeting.

Carry over.

N. Discussion and possible action on operational plans for the District.

- General discussion. Carry over.

O. Monthly presentation, report(s) and updates by City of Georgetown Fire Chief John Sullivan.

- Chief Sullivan gave the Board a brief overview of City-wide events and developments that occurred in July.

P. Adjourn

- No further business was discussed, or actions were taken. Commissioner Wood made a motion for adjournment. Commissioner Word seconds. Meeting was adjourned at 8:09p.m. Next Regular Session meeting is scheduled for Wednesday September 16th at 6: 00p.m.at 6700 Williams Dr., Georgetown, TX 78633.