

**PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**  
**HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 80**

The Commissioners of the **HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 80** held a meeting on **April 27, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.**, at the following location in the District: **Crosby Fire Station No. 2, 123 S. Diamondhead Boulevard, Crosby, Texas 77532.**

The District considered and acted upon the following matters:

1. Call meeting to order.

Raymond St. Julian called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM. Commissioners attending the meeting were Raymond St. Julian, Buddy Brewer, Chuck Murray, and Randy Foster. Also attending the meeting were District legal counsel Krystine Ramon, District Administrative Assistant Stacey Ponder, District Bookkeeper Kim Russell of Myrtle Cruz, and officers of the Crosby Volunteer Fire Department.

2. To receive public comment.

Tiffany Beardon asked if the Commissioners were interested in have their pictures in a CVFD calendar that is being put together. She would have camera at the May meeting. There were no other public comments.

3. To approve minutes of prior meetings.

The minutes from March 23, 2026, meeting were reviewed. Chuck Murray made a motion to approve March 23, 2026, Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Buddy Brewer. The motion was approved.

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4. To receive the District's 2025 Audit Report from McCall Gibson Swedlund Barfoot PLLC and to discuss and take action related to the same.

Jennifer Day gave an overview of the District's 2025 Audit Report. Ms. Day reported the District received an unmodified opinion. Randy Foster made a motion to approve the 2025 Audit Report from McCall Gibson Swedlund Barfoot PLLC. Buddy Brewer seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Attachment 2

5. To review and act on financial matters, including Financial Report, investments, Investment Policy, audits, depository institutions and bills.

The Financial Report was reviewed. Randy Foster made a motion to approve the Financial Report and approve the payment of the invoices presented at the meeting. Chuck Murray seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

6. To review and take action on contract from Myrtle Cruz.  
No action was taken. Tabled until next month.
  
7. To pay Crosby Volunteer Fire Department (“VFD”) operations funding under fire suppression agreement.  
The operation payment was paid via wire transfer.
  
8. To review, discuss and take action on reports from the Crosby Volunteer Fire Department, including the Crosby Stipend Program and any revisions to the budget.  
The District received the monthly reports. A justification was presented requesting additional funding for fractional HR and legal services. Chuck Murray made a motion to approve the proposed addition of contracted HR and additional legal expenses associated with HR issues not to exceed \$48,000. The motion was seconded by Buddy Brewer. The motion was approved. The department will present a revised budget at the May meeting.

9. To review, discuss and act on revisions to District budget(s).  
No action was taken.
  
10. To review and act regarding capital acquisitions, including purchase of fire fighting vehicles/apparatus and implementation of long-range capital acquisition plan.  
A Project Justification was presented for an Aqua Eye Fleet upgrade. The purposed upgrade would replace three existing Aqua Eye devices with newly developed Aqua Eye Pro devices equipped with the Command Hub option. Implementation of this new technology will allow for more comprehensive searches of areas of concern to help identify probable victims’ locations more efficiently. This enhancement will support quicker recovery efforts, provide faster closure for families, and reduce the amount of time divers are required to remain in the water, significantly improving the safety of both dive and support personnel.  
Aqua Eye has offered a \$10,000.00 buy-back for the department’s current scanners in service. The total project cost, including on-site training, is \$39,995.00. After application of the buy-back credit, the total cost will be \$29,995.00

Chuck Murray made a motion to approve the Aqua Eye Fleet upgrade with the buy-back option in the amount of \$29,995.00. Buddy Brewer seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

The D-87 and D-88 vehicles will be picked up on Monday May 18, 2026. The HPV was taken to College Station to be serviced. E-81 will be picked up on May 4, 2026.

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11. To review and act on Texas Emergency Services Retirement System matters.  
No action was taken.
  
12. To review and act on interlocal agreement(s) regarding traffic preemption or other emergency services projects and to take any action necessary for same.  
The Haas Alert equipment will need to be added to the new vehicles. No action was taken.
  
13. To review, discuss and take action on proposal to demolish house on Dallas property.  
The house on Dallas Road has been demolished, and the septic has been pumped out. No action was taken.
  
14. To review and act on the disposition of surplus/salvage property pursuant to Texas Health and Safety Codes 775.0735.  
No action was taken.
  
15. To review and act on facilities, including construction, renovations, or repairs, including review of District and Department needs, construction delivery methods, future stations and selection of architect and/or design professionals.  
Mr. Brewer made a motion to approve the issuance of the RFP for the proposed new Fire Station 3 on January 1, 2027. Chuck Murray seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
  
16. To review and act on repairs and expenses for District and VFD equipment and vehicles.  
HPV has been repaired. E-81 has been repaired. No action was taken.

17. To review and act on communications, dispatch, and mutual aid.  
We are updating the radio channels to accommodate responses into Liberty County. No action was taken.
  18. To review and act on any matters related to computers, Information Technology and security system improvements, including software and equipment related to communications, dispatch, mutual aid, and the management of emergency responses and emergency resources.  
No action was taken.
  19. To review and act on sales tax matters.  
The sales tax chart was reviewed. No action was taken.
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20. To review and take action on approval of expenses related to upcoming training classes, course materials, equipment and related expenditures to be incurred by the District.  
No action was taken.
  21. To review and act on personnel matters, including policies, scheduling, evaluations, benefits including insurance, duties, compensation, hiring, and retention of District employees, including district administrative staff.  
No action was taken.
  22. To meet in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code §551.071, §551.072, §551.074, and §551.076 to consult with legal counsel, regarding security devices or audits, personnel matters, real estate and Tax Code §323.3022 to review sales tax information.  
A closed session was conducted. The closed session started at 8:06 PM and ended at 8:40 PM.
  23. To review and take any action regarding real estate, including sale, purchase, lease, platting, utilities, encumbrances and legal actions related to real estate.  
No action was taken.
  24. To review, discuss and take action regarding scheduling the May 2026 meeting.  
The next meeting is scheduled for May 27, 2026.

25. Adjournment.

Chuck Murray made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 PM. The motion was seconded by Buddy Brewer. The motion was approved.