

**PUBLIC HEARING AND SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
ON TAX INCREASE
HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 80**

The Commissioners of the **HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 80** held a meeting on **August 24, 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 6:30 PM. Commissioners attending the meeting were Raymond St. Julian, Derek Elkins, 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 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.

There were no public comments.

3. Conclude Public Hearing on Tax Increase.

Randy Foster made a motion to conclude the public hearing on proposed tax increase. Buddy Brewer seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

4. To consider and adopt the District 2027 Budget.

Randy Foster presented the Proposed 2027 District Budget. Chuck Murray made a motion to consider and adopt the 2027 budget, which projects total funds of \$7,333,061.28, expenses of \$7,295,786.45, and a surplus of \$37,274.83. Derek Elkins seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Attachment 1

5. To adopt the District 2026 Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Maintenance and Operations.

Randy Foster made a motion to adopt the 2026 Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Maintenance and Operations of \$0.026201 per \$100 of property valuation. Derek Elkins seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

6. To adopt the District 2026 Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Debt Service.

Randy Foster made a motion to adopt the District 2026 Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Debt Service of \$0.023799 per \$100 of property valuation. Buddy Brewer seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

7. To adopt the District 2026 total Ad Valorem Tax Rate.

Derek Elkins made a motion “I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.050000, which is effectively a 15.86 percent increase in the tax rate.” Legal counsel informed the board that the 15.86% increase was over the “no new revenue” rate. The impact on a \$100,000 home is an increase of \$5.83 for M&O taxes. Chuck Murray seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5 to 0.

8. To adjourn the meeting.

Derek Elkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 PM. The motion was seconded by Chuck Murray. The meeting was adjourned.