

**MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 22, 2024, MEETING OF
MONTGOMERY COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 7**

A Meeting was duly called of **MONTGOMERY COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 7**, on **August 22, 2024**, at the New Caney Fire Station, 19870 FM 1485 West, New Caney, Texas, 77357.

1. Call to order, roll call, and pledge of allegiance, invocation and welcome guests.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M. by, **JAN PETERSON**, District President. Those Commissioners present when the meeting commenced were **JAN PETERSON**, **JACQUELINE VAT**, **WANDA JAMES** and **WESLEY SWANSON**. **TJ KNOX** was unable to attend. Chief Howard Rinewalt, Chief Lonnie Cantwell, Chief Wade Julian and Kyle Romagus with the East Montgomery Fire Department were also in attendance, and David Manley, the District's General Counsel was also in attendance.

2. To receive public comment and conduct a public hearing to allow interested parties to address the Board of Commissioners and be heard regarding the proposed property tax rate setting.

The Board opened the floor for public comment. None was received.

3. Conclude public hearing

The public hearing was concluded at 1:15 p.m.

4. To adopt District's 2025 budget.

A Motion was made by Commissioner **VAT**, seconded by Commissioner **JAMES** to adopt the budget as proposed by Chief Rinewalt. After review and discussion, the Motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

5. To adopt the District's 2024 Ad Valorum tax rate for maintenance and Operations

A Motion was made by Commissioner **SWANSON**, seconded by Commissioner **VAT** that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate for maintenance and Operations of .0939. which is effectively a 16.07 percent increase in the total tax rate. After review and discussion, the Motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

6. To adopt the District's 2024 Ad Valorum tax rate for debt service

A Motion was made by Commissioner **SWANSON**, seconded by Commissioner **VAT** that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate for debt service of .0036. which is effectively a 16.07 percent increase in the total tax rate. After review and discussion, the Motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

7. To adopt the District's 2024 Ad Valorum tax rate

A Motion was made by Commissioner VAT, seconded by Commissioner SWANSON that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of .0975. which is effectively a 16.07 percent increase in the tax rate. After review and discussion, the Motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

8. Adjournment.

There being no further business brought before the Board, Commissioner SWANSON made a motion, seconded by Commissioner VAT, to adjourn the Special Meeting. The Motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0 and the meeting was adjourned at 1:24 p.m.



JACQUELINE VAT
District Secretary