



**JIM WELLS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICE DISTRICT # 1**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA – September 09, 2025**

Notice is hereby given that a Regular Monthly Meeting and Public Hearing of the Board of Commissioners of Jim Wells County Emergency Services District #1 will be held on Tuesday September 09, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the Abel Perez Fire House (APFH) located at 101 FM 1540 in Sandia, Texas 78383 for the following purposes.

**1) CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

**2) PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Members of the public must sign-in 15 minutes prior to the meeting and may then speak for up to three (3) minutes regarding general topics or specific agenda items. In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, any response to a public comment made on an item not published on the final agenda will be limited to a statement of factual information or a statement of existing policy given in response to the public comment. Any deliberation or decision by the board must be limited to a proposal to place the subject on a future agenda.*

**3) INVITED GUEST SPEAKERS and/or VISITORS IN ATTENDANCE**

- I. None at this time.

**4) SECRETARY'S REPORT**

- I. Approval of Meeting minutes from Regular Monthly Meeting of August 12, 2025.

**5) TREASURER'S REPORT**

- I. Approval of ESD Financial Report for August 2025.

**6) SVFD COMMAND STAFF REPORT**

- I. Fire Chiefs Incident, Operations, Vehicle, and APFH Maintenance Reports August 2025.
  - a) Update on the installation of a new radio system for Jim Wells County.
- II. Safety Officers Report.
  - a) Selection of a new Safety Officer.

**7) NEW BUSINESS– Discuss, consider, and take action regarding:**

**I. Budget and Tax Rate Adoption**

- a) Take action to approve Resolution Adopting Budget for fiscal year October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026 (budget must be adopted before tax rate);
- b) Take a record vote on the District's 2025 tax rate, adopt an Order Levying Taxes, authorize filing the Order with the Jim Wells County Tax Assessor/Collector; and
- c) Acknowledge and approve posting of statement regarding adopted tax rate to home page of District website.

**II. FY 26 Insurance Premiums**

- a) Accident and Sickness Policy. Cost: \$1,239.00 with additional coverage.
- b) Property & Casualty Policy. Cost: \$20,982.00.
- c) Workman's Compensation Policy. Cost: \$2,066.00 for In-Network and \$2,327.00 for Out of Network.
  - i. District may be eligible for grant money under HB 3667 to reimburse our cost for this policy. SVFD Fire Chief needs go to <https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/RuralVFDInsuranceProgram/> for information on this grant.
- d) HALO Flight Guardian Membership. Cost \$800.00.



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**III. Training Programs**

- a) Renewal of Vector Solutions Online Training Program. Cost: \$2184.30.

**IV. Firefighter Apparel**

- a) Purchase of custom apparel for firefighters.

**8) OLD BUSINESS (Items tabled for further deliberation, updates, and/or action, or review of quotes/information).**

- I. Update on purchase/Installation of a coffee bar for the turnout room.

**9) PENDING ITEMS (Items previously approved or in process)**

- I. Update on SFFMA membership for all active volunteer firefighters.
- II. Update on purchase of volunteer firefighter badges, name plates, and official firefighter ID cards.
- III. Update on planning for future disaster events.
- IV. Update on establishing a Priority Projects list to present to perspective donors.
- V. Update on development of Roles and Responsibilities, Operational, and Organizational SOPs for the JWCESD#1/SVFD.
- VI. Update on the establishment of a travel policy for attending conferences and training meetings.
- VII. Update on website.

**10) ADJOURNMENT**



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Taxpayer Impact Statement pursuant to Texas Government Code Sec. 551.043(c):

<b>Jim Wells County ESD No. 1</b>	<b>TAXPAYER IMPACT STATEMENT</b>		
2024 Median Value of Homestead:	\$	360,975.00	
2025 Median Value of Homestead:	\$	217,545.00	
	<b>District Tax Rate</b>		<b>Homestead Owner Tax Bill</b>
Actual for 2024:	\$	0.100000 per \$100 AV	\$ 360.98
Proposed for 2025:	\$	0.100000 per \$100 AV	\$ 217.55
No New Revenue Rate for 2025:	\$	0.092820 per \$100 AV	\$ 201.93
Difference between Proposed Tax Rate and No-New-Revenue Tax Rate:	\$	0.007180 per \$100 AV	\$ 15.62

**Abraham Aguilar, President JWCESD#1**

*In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code §551, the above Notice of Public Meeting of the Jim Wells County Emergency Services District #1, Board of Commissioners was posted on the bulletin board in front of the Abel Perez Fire House and on the Jim Wells County ESD # 1 website, which are always readily accessible to the public, by 7:00 PM on Wednesday September 03, 2025.*

*Note: Pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act §551.971 thru §551.075, the Jim Wells County Emergency Services District #1 Board of Commissioners reserves the right to meet in Closed Executive Session. The Commissioners reserve the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time regarding any issue on this agenda for which it is legally permissible. Closed Session items may be discussed and acted upon, if appropriate in Open Session.*