

**MINUTES OF AUGUST 23, 2022 SPECIAL MEETING
HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 29**

A regular special meeting was duly called of Harris County Emergency Services District No. 29, which was held at **Champions Emergency Services Fire Station 11** located at **12730 Champion Forest, Houston, Texas 77066** on Thursday, August 23, 2022.

CALL TO ORDER.

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by **Scott Morgan**, President and acting Chairman for the meeting.

ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISH QUORUM.

Mr. **Morgan** announced that a quorum was present. Those Commissioners present were:

Scott Morgan	Present
David Parker	Present
Kenneth Latimer	Present
Jon Taylor	Present

Also present at the meeting were Fire Chief Dan Shelor, and Ira Coveler of Coveler & Peeler, P.C., District legal counsel. Assistant Fire Chief Jason Hearnberger was also in attendance at this meeting.

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.

The Board opened the floor for public comment until 11:45 a.m. though none was offered.

CONCLUDE PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE.

The Board moved to item 3, to conclude the Public Hearing on Tax Increase. Mr. **Taylor** made a Motion, seconded by Mr. **Latimer** to conclude the Public Hearing on Tax Increase. After discussion, President **Morgan** called for a vote and the Motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

TO ADOPT THE DISTRICT'S 2023 BUDGET.

The Board next reviewed the proposed District 2022 budget. After discussion by the Board, a Motion was made by Mr. **Taylor**, seconded by Mr. **Latimer** to adopt the amended District 2023 budget as presented. After discussion, President **Morgan** called for a vote and the Motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

TO ADOPT THE DISTRICT 2022 TAX RATE.

The Board addressed the adoption and ratification of the District's 2022 tax rate. There was extensive discussion had by the Board regarding whether to set the District Tax Rate at the

No-New-Revenue-Rate or to leave the rate unchanged at \$.10/\$100. After review and discussion, a Motion was made by Mr. **Taylor**, wherein he stated:

“I move/motion that property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$.10/\$100, which is effectively a 11.16% increase in the tax rate.”

The Motion was seconded by Mr. **Latimer**. After discussion, President **Morgan** called for a vote and the Motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

CANCEL THE DISTRICT’S TAX RATE ELECTION.


Mr. Coveler informed the Board that the tax rate adopted by the Board was lower than the voter approval rate and the District did not need to call for an election to adopt \$.10/\$100 as the 2022 District tax rate. A Motion was made by Mr. **Latimer**, seconded by Mr. **Taylor** to cancel the election to be held November 8, 2022. After discussion, President **Morgan** called for a vote and the Motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business brought before the Board, Mr. **Parker** made a Motion seconded by Mr. **Latimer** to adjourn the meeting at 11:54 a.m. After discussion, President **Morgan** called for a vote and the Motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

The foregoing minutes were passed and approved by the Board of Commissioners on October 6, 2022.

**HARRIS COUNTY
EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 29**

By: 

Jon Taylor
District Secretary