

**HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 47  
IN HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS**

**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING**  
**CONDUCTED IN PERSON AND ELECTRONICALLY**

TO: THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 47 IN OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS, AND TO ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

A governmental body may hold an open meeting by telephone conference call or video conference if: (1) an emergency or public necessity exists within the meaning of Section 551.045 of the Texas Government Code; and (2) the convening at one location of a quorum of the governmental body is difficult or impossible. The current COVID-19 pandemic and the public proclamations by federal, state, and local governmental officials in 2020 and 2021 ordering persons to stay at home and prohibiting certain gatherings of people constitutes both an emergency and a public necessity.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Government Codes Section 551.001, 551.045, 551.054, and 551.125, as amended, that the Board of Commissioners of Harris County Emergency Services District No. 20 will hold its regular monthly meeting, open to the public, at **7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 11, 2021.** Because of health concerns and social distancing requirements, Commissioners and members of the public who wish to participate in the meeting, have the option to participate either in person or via telephone conference call.

For persons desiring to attend the meeting in person, the meeting will be held at the District Fire Station located at **19636 Saums, Houston, Texas 77084,** inside the boundaries of the District.

Persons desiring to participate in the meeting may access the telephone conference call by **calling 346-248-7799 and entering the meeting id: 870 1493 2196** when prompted to do so.

As a courtesy, and only as a courtesy, Commissioners and members of the general public may also participate in the meeting via Zoom video conference (using the video provisions of Section 551.127 of the Texas Government Code) by going to the following internet site on a computer, tablet, iPad, smart phone, or other mobile device:

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87014932196>**; however, the designated and primary methods

for participation is either in person at the District's Fire Station or by telephone conference call pursuant to Chapter 551.125 of the Texas Government Code.

In accordance with Section 551.125 and 551.127, the meeting will be recorded; and a copy of the recording will be available to the general public within a few days after the teleconference ends.

At this meeting of the District, which is open to the public, the Commissioners will consider and act upon the following matters:

1. **Confirmation of Emergency Status:** Discussion of current events to determine whether or not an emergency exists and to confirm compliance with applicable statutes for open meetings and for emergencies.
2. **Review Electronic Meeting Protocols:** Discuss provisions of Texas Government Code 551 and associated requirements for open meetings held via telephone conference and via video conference.
3. **Public Comment:** To receive comment from members of the public (By District policy, speakers under this item are limited to five minutes for their presentation and comments, whether their intended comments relate to an identifiable item of business on this agenda or to other matters).
4. **Financial and Bookkeeper's Report:** Review and approve the finances of the District, the bookkeeper's report, the investment report, the payment of bills, and the payment of compensation to Commissioners; authorize all appropriate action related thereto, including but not limited to additional allocation of funds and/or ratification of checks issued and funds expenditures since last meeting.
5. **Interlocal Agreement with Harris Fort Bend ESD 100.** Consider, finalize, and ratify Interlocal Agreement with Harris Fort Bend ESD 100 for dispatch services at a new communications facility to be built by ESD 100 and staffed by Community VFD. Take any action associated with this endeavor as deemed necessary and appropriate, including but not limited to approval of the agreement and allocation of funds.
6. **Termination of Agreement with Current Dispatch Service Provider.** Consider, finalize, and ratify termination agreement, MOU, or similar document terminating the existing dispatch service arrangement utilized by the Department on behalf of the District.

- 7. Revised Contract between District and Westlake Fire Department:** Finalize and approve a new emergency services contract between the District and the Westlake Fire Department.
- 8. Discuss Commissioners Election Called for Tuesday, November 2, 2021:** Discuss issues and timetables related to upcoming Commissioners' election to be held later this year, including but not limited to positions open, pertinent dates, and projected costs.
- 9. Discussion of 2021 Tax Levy.** Review and discuss District's Certified Tax Roll and the process for establishing the District's 2021 tax rate and the corresponding tax levy, including discussion of for potential meeting and hearing dates, as desired and/or appropriate.
- 10. Attorney's Report:** Receive a report from the District's Attorney and authorize all appropriate action, including but not limited to reviews of the District's contracts with consultants and review of any applicable laws, rules, regulations, and statutes.
- 11. Convene Closed Meeting (a.k.a. Executive Session) Pursuant to Section 551 of the Texas Government Code:** Conduct a Closed Meeting of the Commissioners pursuant to Section 551 of the Texas Government Code for: a private discussion with counsel with regard to pending or contemplated litigation or a settlement offer; the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property; a prospective gift or donation to the state or a governmental body; a deliberation regarding the appointment, employment, discipline or dismissal or a public officer or employee or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee; the deployment or implementation of security personnel or security devices or a security audit. The District must keep a certified agenda of the closed meeting in accordance with applicable laws; and any final action, decision, or vote on a matter deliberated in the closed meeting or executive session may only be made in an open meeting held in compliance with the notice provisions of the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.
- 12. Reconvene Open Meeting to Take Any Final Action, Decision, or Vote on the Matters Discussed in the Closed Meeting (Executive Session):** Take final action, decision, or vote on the matters deliberated or discussed in the closed meeting or executive session just ended by the Board, if appropriate, desired, necessary, or required.
- 13. Other:** Such other matters that may come before the Board and authorize appropriate action.

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