

Hays County  
Emergency Services District 7  
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Meeting Minutes: August 21, 2024

President Julia New called the meeting to order after verifying quorum at 6:30 p.m.

Present:	Julia New	President
	Andrew Cable	Vice-President
	Scott Brown	Treasurer
	Michael Floreani	Secretary

The minutes of the July 2024 meeting were reviewed. Scott Brown moved to approve the minutes. Andrew Cable seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Ken Strange spoke regarding WEMS ambulance operations. They are doing well. They are fully staffed, with 5 medics on each shift.

Scott Brown spoke regarding the Treasurer's Report. Tax revenues are within their normal parameters and the expenditures were normal. One check needs to be written – to the Hays County Tax Assessor-Collector - in the amount of \$2,205.90 for their usual services. Michael Floreani moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and authorize the issuance of the check. Andrew Cable seconded the motions and they passed unanimously.

Scott Brown discussed the proposed budget and the provisional tax rate. The proposed provisional tax rate he recommends for the next fiscal year is 5.56 cents per \$100 in valuation, which is a decrease one one-hundredths of a percent from last year's rate. \$2.9 million is expected for tax and interest revenues in the next fiscal year. The monthly payment to WEMS will increase by 3% in the next fiscal year. This will result in an annual budget deficit of approximately \$700,000. We have reserves in place to cover a similar budget deficit through the 2032 fiscal year. Scott Brown recommended a plan to run a similar budget deficit for the next four fiscal years to reduce the reserves, while allowing for enough of a reserve cushion for unforeseen contingencies.

Michael Floreani moved to approve the budget. Andrew Cable seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Michael Floreani moved to approve the provision tax rate of 5.56 cents per \$100 valuation. Scott Brown seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The public hearing required to adopt the proposed tax rate will occur at WEMS on September 4, 2024 and September 11, 2024, both at 6:30 p.m.

Scott Brown moved to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. The motion seconded by Julia New and passed unanimously.

The next meeting is set for Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at WEMS.