

THE STATE OF TEXAS           §  
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COUNTY OF GALVESTON       §

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING  
OF GALVESTON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2**

**September 16, 2026**

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Galveston County Emergency Services District No. 2 will be held on September 16, 2026, beginning at 12:00 p.m., at the Crystal Beach fire station, located at 930 Noble Carl Dr., Crystal Beach, Texas 77650, for the following purposes:

**Public Hearing**

1. Call to order.
2. Determination of quorum.
3. Pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags.
4. Public Hearing regarding the District's proposed 2026 property tax rate.
5. Adjourn.

Upon adjournment of the Public Hearing, the Board of Commissioners of the Galveston County Emergency Services District No. 2 will move into the Regular Meeting.

**Regular Meeting**

1. Call to order.
2. Determination of quorum.
3. Public comment. In accordance with the Texas Attorney General's opinion, any public comment that is made on an item that is not on the published final agenda will only be heard by the Board of Commissioners. No formal action, discussion, deliberation, nor comment will be made by the Board of Commissioners.
4. Review and discuss the District and VFD's FY 2026-27 Budgets, take action by record vote to adopt the District's FY 2026-27 Budget (*see* attached copies of the District's proposed FY 2026-27 Budget and Taxpayer Impact Statement), and take action to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the budget.
5. Discuss and take action by record vote to set the District's 2026 ad valorem tax rate, and discuss submittal of information/materials to the Galveston County Tax Assessor-

Collector regarding same, and posting of the required notices concerning the adopted tax rate on the District's website.

6. Consent Agenda

The following items are of a routine or administrative nature. The Board has been furnished with background and support material on each item. All items will be acted upon by one vote without being discussed separately unless requested by a Board member. Any item requested to be discussed separately will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in sequence after the remaining items have been acted upon.

- a. Minutes of the August 12, 2026 Regular Meeting;
  - b. Payment of District's bills and accounts; and,
  - c. Payment of VFDs' monthly reimbursement requests.
7. Receive, review, and take any needed action regarding the District's financial reports and the monthly Treasurer's Report.
  8. Review, discuss and take action on any proposed budget amendments and/or account fund transfers.
  9. Review, discuss, and take action on any expenditure requests/capital purchases, including, but not limited to, online training services for EMS personnel.
  10. Review, discuss and take any needed action regarding High Island VFD's notice of intent to purchase rescue jacks.
  11. Review, discuss and take action to approve and authorize RAC-R data share agreement.
  12. Review, discuss and take action to approve and authorize Memorandum of Understanding with TexSar (Texas Search & Rescue).
  13. Discuss and take any needed action regarding property located at 1811 Broadway, Port Bolivar, TX, which was recently listed for sale.
  14. District Manager's report.
  15. Counsel report.
  16. Such other matters that may come before the board.
  17. Adjourn.



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Galveston County Emergency Services District No. 2

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A packet containing all supportive documentation for this agenda will be available for inspection on the third Wednesday of every month at the District's administrative office, located at the Crystal Beach fire station, 930 Noble Carl Dr., Crystal Beach, Texas 77650, between 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 pm (except in the event that the District's administrative office is closed to the public in emergency situations).

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Galveston County Emergency Services District No. 2 is committed to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Reasonable modifications and equal access to communications will be provided upon request.

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The Board may retire to Executive Session any time between the meeting's opening and adjournment for the purpose of consultation with legal counsel pursuant to Chapter 551.071 of the Texas Government Code; discussion of personnel matters pursuant to Chapter 551.074 of the Texas Government Code; and/or, discussion of real estate acquisitions pursuant to Chapter 551.072 of the Texas Government Code. Action, if any, will be taken in open session.

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## Galveston County ESD#2 DRAFT Budget for 2026-2027

| A-1                                         |                        |
|---------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Revenues to Galveston County ESD #2         | Estimated Revenues     |
| 1000 - Property Tax collected by Galv. Cnty | \$ 1,600,000.00        |
| 1002 - Sales Tax                            | \$ 1,400,000.00        |
| 1004 - EMS Billing Receivables              | \$ 285,000.00          |
| 1020 - Interest Income                      | \$ 75,000.00           |
| Use of Reserves                             | \$ 821,117.13          |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>                        | <b>\$ 4,181,117.13</b> |

| A - Administrative Expense                                        | Estimated Expense        | Notes                     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| GCESD#2                                                           | <b>\$ 546,600.00</b>     | Please see Attachment C-1 |
|                                                                   |                          |                           |
| B - Volunteer Fire Department & Emergency Medical Service Expense | Estimated Reimbursements | Notes                     |
| Crystal Beach VFD                                                 | \$ 35,000.00             | Please see Attachment B-1 |
| High Island VFD                                                   | \$ 74,750.00             | Please see Attachment B-2 |
| Port Bolivar VFD                                                  | \$ 53,875.00             | Please see Attachment B-3 |
| EMS                                                               | \$ 3,125,600.00          | Please see Attachment B-4 |
| <b>B - Total Reimbursements</b>                                   | <b>\$ 3,289,225.00</b>   |                           |

| C - Capital Expense                      | Estimated Expense    | Notes                     |
|------------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 3010 - Crystal Beach VFD                 | \$ 76,937.64         | Please see Attachment C-2 |
| 3020 - High Island VFD                   | \$ 100,000.00        | Please see Attachment C-2 |
| 3030 - Port Bolivar                      | \$ -                 |                           |
| 3040 - EMS                               | \$ 165,854.49        | Please see Attachment C-2 |
| 5070 - ESD                               | \$ 2,500.00          | Please see Attachment C-2 |
| <b>C - Total Capital Expense - GCESD</b> | <b>\$ 345,292.13</b> | Please see Attachment C-2 |

|                        |                        |                           |
|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Total Expenses</b>  | <b>\$ 3,835,825.00</b> |                           |
| <b>Total Capital</b>   | <b>\$ 345,292.13</b>   | Please see Attachment C-2 |
| <b>Grand Total</b>     | <b>\$ 4,181,117.13</b> |                           |
| <b>Surplus/Deficit</b> | <b>\$ -</b>            |                           |

| CBVFD B-1                                    |                     |                    |               |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES                      | 2026-2027           | 2025-2026          | Justification |
| 2000 - Accounting & Software                 | \$ 4,800.00         | \$ 4,800.00        |               |
| 2300 - Office Supplies & Equipment           |                     |                    |               |
| 2400 - Insurance                             | \$ 6,000.00         | \$ 2,500.00        |               |
| 2500 - Travel Expenses                       | \$ -                | \$ -               |               |
| 2510 - Mileage reimbursement/tolls           | \$ -                | \$ -               |               |
| 2550 - Fire Prevention                       |                     |                    |               |
| 2700 - Dues/Subscriptions/License/Public Rel | \$ 1,700.00         | \$ 1,700.00        |               |
| 2800 - Utilities/Alarm Services              |                     |                    |               |
| <b>CBVFD Administrative Expenses</b>         | <b>\$ 12,500.00</b> | <b>\$ 9,000.00</b> |               |

| OPERATIONAL EXPENSES                       | 2026-2027           | 2025-2026           | Justification                                                                |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 4000 - Firefighting Equipment/Maint/Repair | \$ 8,000.00         | \$ 8,000.00         |                                                                              |
| 4200 - Fuel                                |                     |                     |                                                                              |
| 4210 - Oxygen/Breathing Air                | \$ 2,000.00         | \$ 2,000.00         |                                                                              |
| 4300 - Radio Usage                         | \$ 3,000.00         | \$ 3,000.00         |                                                                              |
| 4500 - Training                            | \$ 5,000.00         | \$ 12,500.00        | new members and EMT training in previous year; decreased to match other VFDs |
| 4600 - Medical Exams/Background Checks     | \$ 500.00           | \$ 500.00           |                                                                              |
| 4700 - Building Maintenance                |                     |                     |                                                                              |
| 4800 - Uniforms/Personnel Costs            | \$ 1,000.00         | \$ 1,000.00         |                                                                              |
| 4900 - Vehicle Maint. & Repair             | \$ 3,000.00         | \$ 3,000.00         |                                                                              |
| <b>CBVFD Operational Expenses</b>          | <b>\$ 22,500.00</b> | <b>\$ 30,000.00</b> |                                                                              |

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| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b> | <b>\$ 35,000.00</b> | <b>\$ 39,000.00</b> |  |
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\$ 4,000.00 decrease

| HIVFD B-2                                   |                     |                     |               |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES                     | 2026-2027           | 2025-2026           | Justification |
| 2000 - Accounting & Software                | \$ 3,000.00         | \$ 2,700.00         |               |
| 2300 - Office Supplies & Equipment          | \$ -                | \$ -                |               |
| 2400 - Insurance                            | \$ 6,000.00         | \$ 6,000.00         |               |
| 2500 - Travel Expenses                      | \$ -                | \$ -                |               |
| 2550 - Fire Prevention                      | \$ 750.00           | \$ 750.00           |               |
| 2700 - DuesSubscriptions/License/Public Rel | \$ 750.00           | \$ 678.77           |               |
| 2800 - Utilities/Alarm Services             | \$ 13,500.00        | \$ 13,500.00        |               |
| <b>HIVFD Administrative Expenses</b>        | <b>\$ 24,000.00</b> | <b>\$ 23,628.77</b> |               |

| OPERATIONAL EXPENSES                       | 2026-2027           | 2025-2026           | Justification |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| 4000 - Firefighting Equipment/Maint/Repair | \$ 15,000.00        | \$ 20,000.00        |               |
| 4200 - Fuel                                | \$ 4,500.00         | \$ 4,500.00         |               |
| 4210 - Oxygen/Breathing Air                | \$ -                | \$ -                |               |
| 4300 - Radio Usage                         | \$ 3,000.00         | \$ 3,000.00         |               |
| 4500 - Training                            | \$ 5,000.00         | \$ 5,000.00         |               |
| 4600 - Medical Exams/Background Checks     | \$ 250.00           | \$ 321.23           |               |
| 4700 - Building Maintenance                | \$ 6,000.00         | \$ 6,000.00         |               |
| 4800 - Uniforms/Personnel Costs            | \$ 2,000.00         | \$ 2,000.00         |               |
| 4900 - Vehicle Maint. & Repair             | \$ 15,000.00        | \$ 10,000.00        |               |
| <b>HIVFD Operational Expenses</b>          | <b>\$ 50,750.00</b> | <b>\$ 50,821.23</b> |               |

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| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b> | <b>\$ 74,750.00</b> | <b>\$ 74,450.00</b> |  |
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\$ 300.00 total increase

| PBVFD B-3                                    |                     |                     |               |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES                      | 2026-2027           | 2025-2026           | Justification |
| 2000 - Accounting & Software                 | \$ 2,000.00         | \$ 2,000.00         |               |
| 2300 - Office Supplies & Equipment           | \$ -                | \$ -                |               |
| 2400 - Insurance                             | \$ 6,000.00         | \$ 6,500.00         |               |
| 2500 - Travel Expenses                       | \$ -                | \$ -                |               |
| 2550 - Fire Prevention                       | \$ 1,750.00         | \$ 1,750.00         |               |
| 2700 - Dues/Subscriptions/License/Public Rel | \$ 1,300.00         | \$ 1,300.00         |               |
| 2800 - Utilities/Alarm Services              | \$ 13,000.00        | \$ 12,500.00        |               |
| <b>PBVFD Administrative Expenses</b>         | <b>\$ 24,050.00</b> | <b>\$ 24,050.00</b> |               |
|                                              |                     |                     |               |
| OPERATIONAL EXPENSES                         | 2026-2027           | 2025-2026           | Justification |
| 4000 - Firefighting Equipment/Maint/Repair   | \$ 10,000.00        | \$ 10,000.00        |               |
| 4200 - Fuel                                  | \$ 4,000.00         | \$ 4,000.00         |               |
| 4210 - Oxygen/Breathing Air                  | \$ 3,775.00         | \$ 3,775.00         |               |
| 4300 - Radio Usage                           | \$ 3,800.00         | \$ 3,795.00         |               |
| 4500 - Training                              | \$ 5,000.00         | \$ 5,000.00         |               |
| 4600 - Medical Exams/Background Checks       | \$ 500.00           | \$ 500.00           |               |
| 4700 - Building Maintenance                  |                     |                     |               |
| 4800 - Uniforms/Personnel Costs              | \$ 500.00           | \$ 500.00           |               |
| 4900 - Vehicle Maint. & Repair               | \$ 2,250.00         | \$ 2,225.00         |               |
| <b>PBVFD Operational Expenses</b>            | <b>\$ 29,825.00</b> | <b>\$ 29,795.00</b> |               |
|                                              |                     |                     |               |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>                        | <b>\$ 53,875.00</b> | <b>\$ 53,845.00</b> |               |

\$ 30.00 increase

| EMS B-4                                 |                        |                        |                                                                                                  |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES                 | 2026-2027              | 2025-2026              | Justification                                                                                    |
| 2110 - Software Services                | 25,000.00              | 25,000.00              |                                                                                                  |
| 2210 - Professional Fees Other          | 3,000.00               | 3,000.00               |                                                                                                  |
| 2220 - Billing Services                 | 35,000.00              |                        |                                                                                                  |
| 2230 - Dispatch Services                | 15,000.00              |                        |                                                                                                  |
| 2250 - Medical Director Fees            | 18,000.00              | 18,000.00              |                                                                                                  |
| 2300 - Office Supplies/Equipment        | 5,000.00               | 3,000.00               |                                                                                                  |
| 2310 - Station Supplies                 | 22,000.00              | 22,000.00              |                                                                                                  |
| 2330 - Medical Supplies                 | 60,000.00              | 60,000.00              |                                                                                                  |
| 2430 - Insurance Auto/Boat              | 70,000.00              | 70,000.00              |                                                                                                  |
| 2440 - Workers Comp                     | 55,000.00              | 53,000.00              |                                                                                                  |
| 2500 - Travel                           | 2,500.00               | 2,500.00               |                                                                                                  |
| 2600 - Salary & Hourly Employees        |                        |                        |                                                                                                  |
| 2610 - Payroll Tax Expenses             | 165,000.00             | 165,000.00             |                                                                                                  |
| 2630 - Salary & Hourly Employees        | 2,000,000.00           | 2,000,000.00           |                                                                                                  |
| 2640 - payroll services                 | 11,000.00              | 10,000.00              | increase in payroll fees                                                                         |
| 2650 - Employee Medical/Benefits        | 240,000.00             | 240,000.00             | room for increase in insurance cost; potentially less full time employees                        |
| 2660 - Retirement                       | 200,000.00             | 200,000.00             |                                                                                                  |
| 2700 - Dues/Subscriptions/Licenses      | 3,000.00               | 2,000.00               | slight increase in several current subscriptions                                                 |
| 2730 - Public Relations                 | 3,000.00               | 3,000.00               | Large amount spent on trunk or treat in CY (should not have to spend that amount again in 26-27) |
| 2740 - Good of the Department           | 3,000.00               | 3,000.00               |                                                                                                  |
| 2800 - Utilities                        | 15,000.00              | 13,000.00              | verizon, Direct TV, AT&T                                                                         |
| <b>EMS Administrative Expenses</b>      | <b>\$ 2,950,500.00</b> | <b>\$ 2,892,500.00</b> |                                                                                                  |
|                                         |                        |                        |                                                                                                  |
| OPERATIONAL EXPENSES                    | 2026-2027              | 2025-2026              | Justification                                                                                    |
| 4000 - EMS Small Equipment/Maint/Repair | 12,500.00              | 12,500.00              |                                                                                                  |
| 4100 - Special Operations Response Team | 12,500.00              | 12,500.00              |                                                                                                  |
| 4200 - Fuel                             | 40,000.00              | 40,000.00              |                                                                                                  |
| 4210 - Oxygen/Breathing Air             | 6,000.00               | 6,000.00               |                                                                                                  |
| 4300 - Radio Usage                      | 4,100.00               | 3,500.00               | added 2 radios                                                                                   |
| 4500 - Training                         | 20,000.00              | 20,000.00              |                                                                                                  |
| 4600 - Medical Exams/Background Checks  | 1,500.00               | 1,500.00               |                                                                                                  |
| 4800 - Uniforms/Personnel Costs         | 12,500.00              | 12,500.00              |                                                                                                  |
| 4900 - Vehicle Maint. & Repair          | 50,000.00              | 50,000.00              |                                                                                                  |
| 6000 - Port B Rent/Utilities            | 16,000.00              | 15,000.00              |                                                                                                  |
| <b>EMS Operational Expenses</b>         | <b>\$ 175,100.00</b>   | <b>\$ 173,500.00</b>   |                                                                                                  |
|                                         |                        |                        |                                                                                                  |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>                   | <b>\$ 3,125,600.00</b> | <b>\$ 3,066,000.00</b> |                                                                                                  |

\$ 59,600.00 total increase



| ESD C-1                               |                   |                   |                                                                                                        |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Administrative Expenses               | 2026-2027         | 2025-2026         | Justification                                                                                          |
| 2000 - Auditing Fees                  | 13,000.00         | 13,000.00         |                                                                                                        |
| 2010 - Accounting Fees                | 22,000.00         | 20,000.00         |                                                                                                        |
| 2110 - Software Services              | 18,600.00         | 18,600.00         |                                                                                                        |
| 2200 - Legal Fees                     | 35,000.00         | 25,000.00         | Increase in fees                                                                                       |
| 2210 - Professional Fees Other        | 30,000.00         | 30,000.00         | Monthly HR contract (\$1,000/month)                                                                    |
| 2230 - Dispatch Services (VFDs)       | 24,000.00         |                   |                                                                                                        |
| 2420 - Insurance-Liability            | -                 | 6,000.00          | previously was paying a VFD insurance through ESD; All VFD insurance is paid through reimbursement now |
| 2450 - Bond                           | 2,500.00          | 400.00            | increase in bond payment                                                                               |
| 2500 - Travel/Conferences             | 5,000.00          | 3,000.00          | safe-d conference                                                                                      |
| 2510 - Mileage reimbursement/tolls    | 12,000.00         | 12,000.00         |                                                                                                        |
| 2600 - Salary & Hourly Employees      |                   |                   |                                                                                                        |
| 2610 - Payroll Tax Expenses           | 18,900.00         | 18,900.00         |                                                                                                        |
| 2630 - Salary & Hourly Employees      | 221,000.00        | 221,000.00        |                                                                                                        |
| 2650 - Employee Medical/Benefits      | 11,000.00         | 9,200.00          |                                                                                                        |
| 2660 - Retirement                     | 21,100.00         | 21,100.00         |                                                                                                        |
| 2700 - Dues & Subscriptions           | 2,500.00          | 2,500.00          |                                                                                                        |
| 2800 - Utilities                      | 41,000.00         | 38,000.00         |                                                                                                        |
| 2900 - Collections Expense County&CAD | 20,000.00         | 17,500.00         | increase in quarterly fees                                                                             |
| 4000 - Fire Hydrant Maintenance       | 4,000.00          | 4,000.00          |                                                                                                        |
| 4050 - ESD Equipment/Repair           | 45,000.00         | 40,000.00         | R&M for VFD Equipment owned by ESD                                                                     |
|                                       |                   |                   |                                                                                                        |
| <b>ESD Administrative Expenses</b>    | <b>546,600.00</b> | <b>500,200.00</b> |                                                                                                        |

46,400.00 total increase



## **Galveston Co. ESD No. 2 – Taxpayer Impact Statement**

(Required under Texas Government Code § 551, as amended by HB 1522, effective September 1, 2025)

This notice informs taxpayers of the potential impact of the proposed FY 2026-27 budget and proposed 2026 tax rate, comparing what would be paid under the no-new-revenue tax rate versus the proposed tax rate.

### **Average Taxable Homestead Value**

|                           |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| Prior Year (FY 2025-26)   | \$397,905 |
| Current Year (FY 2026-27) | \$375,097 |

### **Tax Rates**

|                                      |                                |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Prior Year Tax Rate (FY 2025-26)     | \$0.060041 per \$100 valuation |
| No-New-Revenue Tax Rate (FY 2025-26) | \$0.060716 per \$100 valuation |
| Proposed Tax Rate (FY 2025-26)       | \$0.063242 per \$100 valuation |

### **Estimated Annual Tax Bill Comparison**

| Scenario                     | Tax Rate | Estimated Tax Bill | Difference from No-New-Revenue Rate |
|------------------------------|----------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Prior Year (FY 2025-26)      | 0.060041 | \$238.91           | \$11.17                             |
| No-New-Revenue (FY 2026-27)  | 0.060716 | \$227.74           | -                                   |
| Proposed Budget (FY 2026-27) | 0.063242 | \$237.22           | \$9.48                              |

### **Calculations**

Prior Year Tax Bill:  $(\$397,905 \div \$100) \times \$0.060041 = \$238.91$

No-New-Revenue Tax Bill:  $(\$397,905 \div \$100) \times \$0.060716 = \$227.74$

Proposed Tax Bill:  $(\$397,905 \div \$100) \times \$0.063242 = \$237.22$

### **Summary**

If Galveston Co. ESD No. 2 adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.063242 per \$100 valuation, the average homestead owner would pay approximately \$9.48 more annually compared to the no-new-revenue tax rate. This increase supports continued district services (fire and EMS) and capital improvements.