

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICE DISTRICT #1

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING
OF WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT # 1**

TO BE HELD:

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2026 AT 9:00 AM

LOCATION:

HOLLY LAKE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

126 PR 7869

HOLLY LAKE RANCH, TEXAS 75765

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Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Wood County Emergency Services District #1 will be held on Monday September 21, 2026 beginning at 9:00am at the Holly Lake Volunteer Fire Department Fire Station located at 126 PR 7869, Holly Lake Ranch, Texas 75765, for the following purposes:

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Call the Meeting to Order
2. Certification by the President or Vice-President that the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, Section 551.001 Et. Seq. of the Texas Government Code have been complied with in connection with the public notice of this meeting and that a quorum is present.
3. Invocation
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Public hearing regarding the Wood County Emergency Services District #1 proposed 2026 ad valorem property tax rate.
6. Adjourn

Upon adjournment of the Public Hearing, the Board of Commissioners of the Wood County Emergency Services District #1 will move into the regular meeting.

REGULAR MEETING

Call the Meeting to Order

Certification by the President or Vice-President that the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, Section 551.001 Et. Seq. of the Texas Government Code have been complied with in connection with the public notice of this meeting and that a quorum is present.

Recognition of guests

Public Comment

Review and consider approval of prior minutes

Present, review, and consider approval of Treasurer's Report

Present, review, and consider approval for Payment of Accounts due

ESD #1 Board to receive for review and consider approval for payment of sworn billing and any submitted requests of contractual amounts by Holly Lake Volunteer Fire Department (HLVFD)

Activity Report including any training time from HLVFD and Christus EMS.

Old Business:

1. Report by President on delivery of August 17, 2026 Resolution proposing ad valorem tax rate of \$0.0416 per \$100 valuation to Wood County Tax Assessor-Collector Angie Luman and confirmation of publication of "Small Taxing Unit Notice" in Wood County Monitor newspaper.
2. Any old business still pending.

New Business:

1. Receive public comment on proposed FY 2027 Budget for Wood County ESD #1.
2. Discuss and take action by record vote to consider adoption of the proposed FY 2027 Budget for Wood County ESD #1.
3. Receive public comment on the proposed 2026 Ad Valorem tax rate of \$0.0416 per \$100 valuation for Wood County ESD #1.
4. Discuss and take action by record vote to consider adoption of the proposed 2026 Ad Valorem tax rate of \$0.0416 per \$100 valuation for Wood County ESD #1.
5. Discuss and request input from HLVFD in regard to Texas House Bill 5424 changes effective September 1, 2026 to Section 419.0322(c) of the Texas Government Code.
6. Report by Commissioner Treece on free AI training.
7. Discuss any upcoming public events involving Wood County ESD #1, HLVFD, or Christus EMS.
8. Any other new business.

Close Meeting and Adjourn

By 
Prepared by Kristina Horn, Board President, September 15, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.0416 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Wood County Emergency Service District #1.

PROPOSED TAX RATE \$0.0416 per \$100

NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE \$0.0394 per \$100

VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE \$0.0417 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2026 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Wood County Emergency Service District #1 from the same properties in both the 2025 tax year and the 2026 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that Wood County Emergency Service District #1 may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Wood County Emergency Service District #1 is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2026 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 21, 2026 AT 9:00 am AT Holly Lake Volunteer Fire Station 126 PR 7689, Holly Lake Ranch, Texas, 75765.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, Wood County Emergency Service District #1 is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the Wood County ESD #1 of Wood County Emergency Service District #1 at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

Property tax amount= (tax rate) x (taxable value of your property)/100

FOR the proposal: Kristina Horn Chuck Bahr
 Sharon Lindquist Mike Zuckett
 Cindy Treece

AGAINST the proposal:

PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT:

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](https://www.texas.gov/PropertyTaxes) to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by Wood County Emergency Service District #1 last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by Wood County Emergency Service District #1 this year.

	2025	2026	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.0411	\$0.0416	increase of 0.0005 per \$100, or 1.22%
Average homestead taxable value	\$192,110	\$201,041	increase of 4.65%
Tax on average homestead	\$78.96	\$83.63	increase of \$4.67, or 5.91%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$281,205	\$295,250	increase of \$14,045, or 4.99%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Wood County Emergency Service District #1 at 903-763-2261 or aluman@mywoodcounty.com, or visit www.mywoodcounty.com for more information.