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County Commissioner, Precinct 1

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County Commissioner, Precinct 3

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County Commissioner, Precinct 4

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County Judge

Hardin County Commissioners Court is currently accepting nominations for the volunteer position of Emergency Services Commissioner to serve a two-year term on the board of one of eight (8) Emergency Services Districts throughout Hardin County, to begin on January 1, 2026, and end on December 31, 2027.

An Emergency Services District (ESD) is a political subdivision of the state with taxing authority, governed by a board consisting of five (5) Emergency Services Commissioners. ESDs operate autonomously from County Government and all other governmental entities. It is the responsibility of each Hardin County ESD to provide fire protection and emergency medical response to the citizens located within the district served by the ESD.

A person must meet the following qualifications to serve as an ESD Commissioner:

1. Must be at least 18 years of age.
2. Must be a resident citizen of the state that is:
 - a. A qualified voter within the ESD; or
 - b. An owner of land subject to taxation within the ESD.

While there are no set criteria for appointment of an ESD Commissioner beyond the age and residency requirements listed above, Hardin County Commissioners Court is seeking certain traits in a potential ESD Commissioner, such as the ability to work well with the board and the community, basic knowledge of business practices and budgeting, and must be able to pass a background check.

State law also requires the Commissioners Court to consider relevant factors in determining the individuals to appoint as ESD Commissioners, including whether the nominee has knowledge of fire prevention or emergency medical services, and knowledge that is relevant to the common policies of the ESD Board.

County Commissioners will review nominations submitted by the deadline and appoint ESD Commissioners to fill expired terms at its Regular Meeting on December 9, 2025. The deadline to submit a Nomination Form is November 14, 2025, as instructed at the bottom of the form. Upon appointment, an ESD Commissioner must execute an Official Oath of Office, a Statement of Appointed Official, and a Conflict Disclosure Statement.

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