

UPSHUR COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2

FEBRUARY 21, 2023

7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Upshur County Emergency Services District No. 2 Commissioners was held on February 21, 2023, at the Ore City Fire Station, 102 S. Dogwood, Ore City, Texas 75683.

- 1) **Open meeting.** The meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m. by Gaston DeBerry, III.
- 2) **Call to order.** Gaston DeBerry, III called the meeting to order. Prayer was led by Gaston DeBerry, III.
- 3) **Determine quorum present.** Gaston DeBerry, III determined a quorum with Tommie Whitaker, Trevor Larrington, and Kenny Hankins being present. Gregg Price was absent.
- 4) **Read and approve minutes from the Regular meeting held January 17, 2023.** Motion was made by Tommie Whitaker with a second by Kenny Hankins to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.
- 5) **Public comment.** Ray questioned the Board regarding pre-approval of bills submitted and the proper licenses for all departments as to the liability regarding the drivers.
- 6) **Discuss and take action regarding Christus EMS area:** Olivia with Christus EMS addressed the Board regarding the issues of dispatching calls currently in place. No action.
- 7) **Discuss sales tax election.** No action. Place this matter on next month agenda.
- 8) **Update on savings account.** Terri Ross has spoken with First National Bank regarding a savings account for the Upshur County ESD #2. No action. Place this matter on next month agenda.
- 9) **Discuss and take action on open records request.** Gaston DeBerry, III announced that he had spoken with our local attorney, David Griffith regarding the open records request we had received from M. Keith Dollahite. Mr. Griffith had contacted Mr. Dollahite regarding same. No action.
- 10) **Discuss and take action regarding update on repeater.** Gaston DeBerry, III announced that March 29th is the shipment date from Motorola. No action.

- 11) **Discuss and take action on Upshur County ESD #2 Commissioners' training.** Gaston DeBerry, III announced that SAFE-D will not have a fall conference but they will offer webinars for training. He will update the Board as soon as he has more information. No action.
- 12) **Discuss and take action regarding update on E-dispatch.** No action.
- 13) **Discuss and take action on Upshur County ESD #2 Board liability insurance.** Gaston DeBerry, III announced that TML carries liability insurance. Motion by Kenny Hankins with a second by Tommie Whitaker to purchase the liability insurance from Texas Municipal League. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.
- 14) **Pay the City of Gilmer for dispatching services for the month of January, 2023.** Motion by Tommie Whitaker with a second by Kenny Hankins to pay the City of Gilmer for dispatching services for the month of January, 2023 in the amount of \$900.00. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.
- 15) **Pay bills for the Upshur County ESD #2 as submitted and approved.** Motion by Kenny Hankins with a second by Tommie Whitaker to pay the following bills as submitted and approved. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

Terri Ross (January Bookkeeping/Clerical)	\$ 500.00
Gilmer Mirror	\$ 6.00

- 16) **Pay the City of Ore City the amount of \$8,250.00 as the monthly installment as set out in the Contract for Fire Fighting Services.** Motion by Kenny Hankins and second by Trevor Larrington to pay the City of Ore City in the amount of \$8,250.00. Motion carried 3-0 with Gaston DeBerry, III abstaining.
- 17) **Pay Diana VFD the amount of \$10,375.00 as their monthly budget allotment and any other expenses presented for approval.** Diana VFD submitted a request for additional funds in the amount of \$55,761.95 as a loan payment to be approved for payment in addition to their monthly budget allotment. Motion by Tommie Whitaker and second by Trevor Larrington to pay Diana VFD the amount of \$10,375.00 as their monthly budget allotment plus an additional \$55,761.95. Motion carried 3-0 with Kenny Hankins abstaining.
- 18) **Pay New Mountain VFD the amount of \$3,687.50 as their monthly budget allotment and any other expenses presented for approval.** Motion by Kenny Hankins with a second by Tommie Whitaker to pay New Mountain VFD the amount of \$3,687.50 as their monthly budget allotment. Motion carried 3-0 with Trevor Larrington abstaining.
- 19) **Discuss and take action on budget amendments.** None.

20) **Items to be considered for next month's agenda.** Update Savings account; update Board liability insurance; update Christus EMS; and possibly sales tax presentation

21) **Adjournment.** Motion by Kenny Hankins with a second by Tommie Whitaker to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

Yusef W. DeBryta

Presiding Officer Signature

Title: *President*

Date: *3-21-13*