

## UPSHUR COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2

NOVEMBER 21, 2023

7:00 P.M.

### MINUTES

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

- 1) **Open meeting.** The meeting was opened at 7:12 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, Gregg Price, and Kenny Hankins being present.
- 4) **Read and approve minutes from the meeting held October 17, 2023.** Motion was made by Kenny Hankins with a second by Tommie Whitaker to approve the minutes of the meeting held October 17, 2023 as read. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.
- 5) **Public comment.** Dwayne Leach advised the Board that he had a conversation with dispatch regarding the one page issue. Matt Burnett commented that he wants time to answer calls before paging out any other department. Gaston DeBerry, III said that he would talk to Chief Taylor regarding dispatching issues.
- 6) **Update regarding Christus EMS area.** Olivia with Christus EMS informed the Board that Upshur County Sheriff has an updated map but actually shows Christus with less coverage. Gaston DeBerry, III suggested that Christus draw up a map showing their area of coverage and present to the Sheriff.
- 7) **Discuss and take action regarding the Mutual Aid Contract with Judson Metro Fire Department.** No action. Pass this matter to the December meeting.
- 8) **Discuss and take action regarding the New Mountain VFD financial and equipment status.** Matt Burnett, Chief of New Mountain VFD, presented the Board with a brief inventory, grants awarded through TFS, training of current members, and future plans of the department. No action.
- 9) **Discuss and take action on casting votes for the Upshur County Appraisal District nominees.** Upshur County Appraisal District Chief Appraiser informed Terri Ross prior to the meeting that the ESDs are not authorized to vote on nominees. No action.

10) **Discuss and take action on the SAFE-D conference to be held in February, 2024.** Bubba advised the Board that the conference is to be held February 22-24, 2024 at the Irving Convention Center. He further advised the Board that he will make the reservations. Kenny Hankins made a motion with a second by Gregg Price to authorize Terri Ross to sign into the SAFE-D website and pay for the conference. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

11) **Discuss and take action to pay for the repeater.** Motion by Kenny Hankins with a second by Tommie Whitaker to pay InterCounty Communications in the amount of \$24,233.00 for the repeater. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

12) **Pay the City of Gilmer for dispatching services for the month of October, 2023 in the amount of \$900.00.** Motion by Tommie Whitaker with a second by Gregg Price to pay the City of Gilmer for dispatching services for the month of October, 2023 in the amount of \$900.00. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

13) **Pay bills for the Upshur County ESD #2 as submitted and approved.** Motion by Tommie Whitaker with a second by Kenny Hankins to pay the following bills as submitted and approved. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

Terri Ross (October Bookkeeping/Clerical)	\$ 600.00
Terri Ross (Reimbursement office supplies)	\$ 7.51
Lennis Design (Annual maintenance)	\$ 905.00
U.S. Post Office (Box rental-annual payment)	\$ 70.00

14) **Pay the City of Ore City the amount of \$9,333.33 as the monthly installment as set out in the Contract for Fire Fighting Services.** Motion by Gregg Price and second by Kenny Hankins to pay the City of Ore City in the amount of \$9,333.33 as the monthly installment for the 23-24 fiscal year. Motion carried 3-0 with Gaston DeBerry, III abstaining.

15) **Pay Diana VFD the amount of \$12,166.66 as their monthly budget allotment and any other expenses presented for approval.** Motion by Tommie Whitaker with a second by Gregg Price to pay Diana VFD in the amount of \$12,166.66 as their monthly budget allotment for the 23-24 fiscal year. Motion carried 3-0 with Kenny Hankins abstaining.

16) **Pay New Mountain VFD the amount of \$4,125.00 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 \$4,125.00 as their monthly budget allotment for the 23-24 fiscal year. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

17) **Discuss and take action on budget amendments.** None.

18) **Items to be considered for next month's agenda.** Christus update, Judson Metro statewide mutual aid contract

19) **Adjournment.** Motion by Kenny Hankins with a second by Tommie Whitaker to adjourn.  
Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

*Robert D. Boy*  
Presiding Officer Signature  
Title: *President*

Date: *12-19-23*