

UPSHUR COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2

DECEMBER 19, 2023

7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Upshur County Emergency Services District No. 2 Commissioners was held on December 19, 2023, at the New Mountain Fire Station, 9871 State Hwy. 155 N, 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 and Gregg Price being present. Kenny Hankins was absent.
- 4) **Read and approve minutes from the meeting held November 21, 2023.** Motion was made by Tommie Whitaker with a second by Gregg Price to approve the minutes of the meeting held November 21, 2023 as read with the correction to item 7) correcting "Pass this matter to the November meeting" to "Pass this matter to the December meeting". Motion carried 3-0. Unanimous vote in favor.
- 5) **Public comment.** Bobby Wright had a question regarding the votes for the Upshur County Appraisal District Board as to why the ESDs were not allowed to cast votes.
- 6) **Update regarding Christus EMS area.** Pass to January meeting.
- 7) **Discuss and take action regarding the Mutual Aid Contract with Judson Metro Fire Department.** No action.
- 8) **Discuss and take action on bonus for Terri Ross.** Motion by Tommie Whitaker with a second by Gregg Price to give Terri Ross a Christmas bonus in the amount of \$1,000.00 to be taken from retained earnings. Motion carried 3-0. Unanimous vote in favor.
- 9) **Pay the City of Gilmer for dispatching services for the month of November, 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 November, 2023 in the amount of \$900.00. Motion carried 3-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

10) **Pay bills for the Upshur County ESD #2 as submitted and approved.** Motion by Tommie Whitaker with a second by Gregg Price to pay the following bills as submitted and approved. Motion carried 3-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

Terri Ross (November Bookkeeping/Clerical)	\$ 600.00
Upshur County Appraisal District (1 st quarter)	\$ 3,906.73

11) **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 Tommie Whitaker 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 2-0 with Gaston DeBerry, III abstaining.


12) **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. Unanimous vote in favor.

13) **Pay New Mountain VFD the amount of \$4,125.00 as their monthly budget allotment and any other expenses presented for approval.** Motion by Tommie Whitaker with a second by Gregg Price to pay New Mountain VFD the amount of \$4,125.00 as their monthly budget allotment for the 23-24 fiscal year. Motion carried 3-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

14) **Discuss and take action on budget amendments.** Motion by Tommie Whitaker with a second by Gregg Price to move \$10.00 from retained earnings to Post Office Box Rental. Motion carried 3-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

15) **Items to be considered for next month's agenda.** Christus update, Dispatch concerns, and Ray Hubbard with VFIS regarding Board insurance

16) **Adjournment.** Motion by Tommie Whitaker with a second by Gregg Price to adjourn. Motion carried 3-0. Unanimous vote in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.



Presiding Officer Signature
Title: President

Date: 1-16-24