UPSHUR COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2

FEBRUARY 20, 2024 7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Upshur County Emergency Services District No. 2 Commissioners was held on February 20, 2024, 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) <u>Call to order</u>. Gaston DeBerry, III called the meeting to order. Prayer was led by Gaston DeBerry, III.
- **3)** <u>Determine quorum present</u>. Gaston DeBerry, III determined a quorum with Tommie Whitaker, Rita Criswell, and Kenny Hankins being present. Gregg Price was absent.
- 4) Public comment. None
- 5) Read and approve minutes from the meeting held January 16, 2024. Motion was made by Kenny Hankins with a second by Rita Criswell to approve the minutes of the meeting held January 16, 2024 as written. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.
- 6) <u>Update regarding Christus EMS area.</u> This matter was passed at this time.
- 7) <u>Discuss and take action regarding registration and attendance to the SAFE-D conference</u> to be held February 22-25, 2024 at the Irving Convention Center. Kenny Hankins, Rita Criswell, and Gregg Price will be unable to attend. Gaston Deberry, III announced that they could take the required training online.
- 8) Hear from Ray Hubbard with VFIS and take action if necessary. Ray Hubbard was present and gathered the necessary information needed to give a quote at the next meeting.
- 9) <u>Discuss and take action regarding dispatching concerns</u>. Gaston DeBerry, III announced that he would be drawing up a letter to send to Chief Jerry Taylor regarding the issue of the two pages. No action.
- **10)** <u>Discuss and take action regarding the installation of the new repeater</u>. Gaston DeBerry, III gave an update as to the new repeater which will be installed in the coming week.
- 11) Pay the City of Gilmer for dispatching services for the month of January, 2024 in the amount of \$900.00. Motion by Tommie Whitaker with a second by Kenny Hankins to pay

the City of Gilmer for dispatching services for the month of January, 2024 in the amount of \$900.00. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

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

Terri Ross (January Bookkeeping/Clerical) \$ 600.00 Gilmer Mirror (Notice-Physical Address) \$ 6.00 SAFE-D (Conference registration) \$1,180.00

- 13) 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 Kenny Hankins and second by Rita Criswell 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.
- 14) Pay Diana VFD the amount of \$12,166.66 as their monthly budget allotment and any other expenses presented for approval. Diana VFD submitted additional invoices for note payments in the amount of \$42,341.70 for the building payment and \$52,736.10 as the tanker/pumper payment and requested be approved for payment. Motion by Tommie Whitaker with a second by Rita Criswell to pay Diana VFD in the amount of \$12,166.66 as their monthly budget allotment plus an additional \$95,077.80 for the invoices submitted. Motion carried 3-0 with Kenny Hankins abstaining.
- 15) 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 Kenny Hankins 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 with Rita Criswell abstaining.
- 16) Discuss and take action on budget amendments. None.
- **17)** <u>Items to be considered for next month's agenda.</u> VFIS, Dispatching concerns, update on repeater
- 18) Adjournment. Motion by Tommie Whitaker with a second by Kenny Hankins to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

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