

UPSHUR COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2

APRIL 22, 2024

7:00 P.M.


MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Upshur County Emergency Services District No. 2 Commissioners was held on April 22, 2024, at the Diana Fire Station, 10496 State Hwy. 154E, Diana, Texas 75640.

- 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 Kenny Hankins, Gregg Price, and Rita Criswell being present. Tommie Whitaker was absent.
- 4) **Public comment.** Matt Burnett announced that they would be holding a TFS Wildlands class on April 25th & 26th. He also announced the Lufkin Academy and that there were SFMAA training grants available.
- 5) **Read and approve minutes from the meeting held March 19, 2024.** Motion was made by Kenny Hankins with a second by Rita Criswell to approve the minutes of the meeting held March 19, 2024 as written. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.
- 6) **Update on installation of new repeater and take action if needed.** Gaston DeBerry, III reported that the repeater was up and ready. He further announced that Ore City was in the process of getting the radios reprogrammed with Intercounty Communications.
- 7) **Discuss and take action on getting E-Dispatch installed.** Dwayne Leach gave an update to the Board. He announced that the radios will need to be ready before installation.
- 8) **Pay the City of Gilmer for dispatching services for the month of March, 2024 in the amount of \$900.00.** Motion by Kenny Hankins with a second by Gregg Price to pay the City of Gilmer for dispatching services for the month of March, 2024 in the amount of \$900.00. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.
- 9) **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.

City of Gilmer (March dispatching)	\$ 900.00
Terri Ross (March Bookkeeping/Clerical)	\$ 600.00

- 10) **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 Gregg Price 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.
- 11) **Pay Diana VFD the amount of \$12,166.66 as their monthly budget allotment and any other expenses presented for approval.** Motion by Rita Criswell 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.
- 12) **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 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 with Rita Criswell abstaining.
- 13) **Discuss and take action on budget amendments.** Motion by Kenny Hankins with a second by Rita Criswell to move \$315.00 from retained earnings to SAFE-D dues line item. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.
- 14) **Items to be considered for next month's agenda.** Update on repeater and E-Dispatch, Discuss mapping of ESD #1 and ESD #2 and take action
- 15) **Adjournment.** Motion by Kenny Hankins with a second by Rita Criswell to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.



Presiding Officer Signature
Title: President

Date: 5-21-24