

UPSHUR COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2

AUGUST 20, 2024

7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Upshur County Emergency Services District No. 2 Commissioners was held on August 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) **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, Kenny Hankins, Gregg Price, and Rita Criswell being present.
- 4) **Public Comment.** None
- 5) **Approve the minutes as written for the meetings held July 16, 2024 and August 14, 2024.** Motion was made by Kenny Hankins with a second by Gregg Price to approve the minutes of the meetings held July 16, 2024 and August 14, 2024 as written. Motion carried 5-0. Unanimous vote in favor.
- 6) **Discuss and take action regarding an audit requirement for the individual fire departments.** No action.
- 7) **Discuss and take action regarding the purchase of large expenditures by the fire departments.** No action.
- 8) **Discuss and take action regarding the dispatch map and boundary lines of ESD #2.** No action.
- 9) **Discuss and take action on funding contract between ESD #2 and Diana Fire Department, New Mountain Fire Department, and Ore City Fire Department.** No action.
- 10) **Pay the City of Gilmer for dispatching services for the month of July, 2024 in the amount of \$900.00.** Motion by Tommie Whitaker with a second by Rita Criswell to pay the City of Gilmer for dispatching services for the month of July, 2024 in the amount of \$900.00. Motion carried 5-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

- 11) **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 5-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

Terri Ross (July Bookkeeping/Clerical)	\$600.00
Terri Ross (Reimbursement – Office Supplies)	\$ 49.99
Upshur County Tax Assessor/Collector	\$1,562.00

- 12) **Pay the City of Ore City in the amount of \$9,333.33 as the monthly installment as set out in the Contract for Fire Fighting Services.** Motion by Kenny Hankins with a 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 and Tommie Whitaker abstaining.

- 13) **Pay Diana VFD in the amount of \$12,166.00 as their monthly budget allotment and any other expenses presented for approval.** Dwayne Leach presented an invoice in the amount of \$33,408.61 for protective clothing and asked to be reimbursed out of retained funds. 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 for the 23-24 fiscal year plus the additional \$33,408.61 from retained funds. Motion carried 4-0 with Kenny Hankins abstaining.

- 14) **Pay New Mountain VFD in 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 with Rita Criswell abstaining.

- 15) **Discuss and take action on budget amendments.** None.

- 16) **Items to be considered for next month's agenda.** Items #7 and #9

- 17) **Adjournment.** Motion by Kenny Hankins with a second by Tommie Whitaker to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. Unanimous vote in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.



Presiding Officer Signature

Title: President

Date: 9-19-24