

## UPSHUR COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2

SEPTEMBER 17, 2024

7:00 P.M.

### MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Upshur County Emergency Services District No. 2 Commissioners was held on September 17, 2024, 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, Gregg Price, and Rita Criswell being present. Kenny Hankins was absent.
- 4) **Public comment.** No public comment.
- 5) **Approve the minutes as written for the meetings held August 20, 2024 and August 27, 2024.** Motion was made by Tommie Whitaker with a second by Rita Criswell to approve the minutes of the meetings held August 20, 2024 and August 27, 2024 as written. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.
- 6) **Approve the Ordinance Levying a Tax Rate for the Tax Year 2024 and execute same.** Motion by Tommie Whitaker with a second by Rita Criswell to approve the Ordinance Levying a Tax Rate for the Tax Year 2024. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.
- 7) **Presentation from New Mountain Fire Department regarding the acceptance of a donation of one acre of land at the corner of FM 2796 and Verbena Road for the construction of a second fire station.** Matt Burnett advised the Board that New Mountain Fire Department has been offered one acre of land at the corner of FM 2796 and Verbena Road for the construction of a second fire station for the New Mountain Fire Department. Motion by Tommie Whitaker with a second by Gregg Price to approve the acceptance of the donation of one acre of land to the New Mountain Fire Department. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.
- 8) **Discuss and take action regarding the purchase of large expenditures by the fire departments.** Gaston DeBerry, III announced that a contract was being drawn up regarding the purchase of large expenditures by the fire departments over the amount of \$25,000.00. No action.

9) **Discuss and take action on funding contracts between ESD #2 and Diana Fire Department, New Mountain Fire Department, and Ore City Fire Department.** Contracts were read and discussed as written. Motion by Gregg Price with a second by Rita Criswell to approve and execute the contract between ESD #2 and Ore City Fire Department. Motion carried 3-0 with Gaston DeBerry, III abstaining. Motion by Tommie Whitaker with a second by Rita Criswell to approve and execute the contract between ESD #2 and Diana Fire Department. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor. Motion by Tommie Whitaker with a second by Gregg Price to approve and execute the contract between ESD #2 and New Mountain Fire Department. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

10) **Discuss and take action on the mutual aid contract with Upshur County ESD #1.** Motion by Tommie Whitaker with a second by Gregg Price to approve the mutual aid contract with Upshur County ESD #1. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

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

12) **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 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

Terri Ross (August Bookkeeping/Clerical)	\$ 600.00
Gilmer Mirror (Tax Rate Ad)	\$ 230.00
Upshur County Appraisal District (4 <sup>th</sup> qtr)	\$ 3,906.73

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 Gregg Price 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.** 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. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

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 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.

- 16) **Discuss and take action on budget amendments.** Motion by Tommie Whitaker with a second by Gregg Price to move \$1,876.92 from retained earnings from prior years to the Appraisal District line item. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.
- 17) **Items to be considered for next month's agenda.** Item #8; Discussion only on policy or ordinance regarding dividing the money between the departments; Discuss CAD system with Upshur County Sheriff
- 18) **Adjournment.** Motion by Tommie Whitaker with a second by Gregg Price to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

  
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Presiding Officer Signature  
Title: President

Date: 10-15-24