

## UPSHUR COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2

OCTOBER 15, 2024

7:00 P.M.

### MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Upshur County Emergency Services District No. 2 Commissioners was held on October 15, 2024, at the Diana Fire Station, 10496 State Hwy. 154 E, 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 Tommie Whitaker, Gregg Price, Rita Criswell and Kenny Hankins being present.
- 4) **Public comment.** Michael, TEEX Representative, was present to introduce himself and also to share the schools that are taking place in the Northeast Texas area for those interested in attending. Ray Hubbard, VFIS Representative, was also present to share information regarding the Health and Wellness Grant that is available for those interested.
- 5) **Approve the minutes as written for the meeting held September 17, 2024.** Motion was made by Kenny Hankins with a second by Tommie Whitaker to approve the minutes of the meeting held September 17, 2024 as written. Motion carried 5-0. Unanimous vote in favor.
- 6) **Discuss and take action regarding the purchase of large expenditures by the fire departments.** Gaston DeBerry, III informed the Board that he will have a resolution drawn up for approval at the next meeting. No action.
- 7) **Discuss and take action regarding a policy and/or resolution determining the division of the budget allotments based on tax collections for the Ore City Fire Department, Diana Fire Department, and New Mountain Fire Department.** Gaston DeBerry, III informed the Board that he will have a resolution drawn up for approval at the next meeting. No action.
- 8) **Discuss and take action on the CAD system with the Upshur County Sheriff's Department.** Gaston DeBerry, III will meet with Sheriff Larry Webb and Kenny Southwell with Upshur County ESD #2 and discuss at next meeting. No action.
- 9) **Pay the City of Gilmer for dispatching services for the month of September, 2024 in the amount of \$900.00.** Motion by Kenny Hankins with a second by Rita Criswell to pay the City of Gilmer for dispatching services for the month of September, 2024 in the amount of \$900.00. Motion carried 5-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

10) **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 (September Bookkeeping/Clerical)	\$ 600.00
Terri Ross (Reimbursement Postage)	\$ 14.60
Penguin Management, Inc.	\$ 1,764.00

11) **Pay the City of Ore City the amount of \$12,665.00 as the monthly installment as set out in the Contract for Fire Fighting Services for the FYE 2025.** Motion by Kenny Hankins and second by Gregg Price to pay the City of Ore City in the amount of \$12,665.00 as the monthly installment for the FYE 2025. Motion carried 3-0 with Gaston DeBerry, III and Tommie Whitaker abstaining.

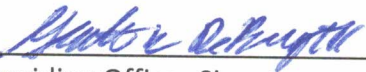
12) **Pay Diana VFD the amount of \$14,916.66 as their monthly budget allotment for the FYE 2025 and any other expenses presented for approval.** Motion by Tommie Whitaker with a second by Rita Criswell to pay Diana VFD in the amount of \$14,916.66 as their monthly budget allotment for the FYE 2025. Motion carried 4-0 with Kenny Hankins abstaining.

13) **Pay New Mountain VFD the amount of \$4,166.66 as their monthly budget allotment for the FYE 2025 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 \$4,166.66 as their monthly budget allotment for the FYE 2025. Motion carried 4-0 with Rita Criswell abstaining.

14) **Discuss and take action on budget amendments.** None.

15) **Items to be considered for next month's agenda.** Item #6, #7, and #8

16) **Adjournment.** Motion by Kenny Hankins with a second by Rita Criswell to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. Unanimous vote in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

  
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Presiding Officer Signature  
Title: President

Date: 11-20-24