

## UPSHUR COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2

MARCH 18, 2025

7:00 P.M.

### MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Upshur County Emergency Services District No. 2 Commissioners was held on March 18, 2025, at the New Mountain Fire Station, 9871 State Hwy. 155N, 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, Rita Criswell, Gregg Price, and Kenny Hankins being present.
- 4) **Public comment.** David Atkinson with TEEX was present to announce training that was coming up if anyone was interested.
- 5) **Discuss and take action on the Financial Statement ending February 28, 2025.** Gaston DeBerry, III presented the Financial Statement ending February 28, 2025 to the Board. Motion by Kenny Hankins with a second by Rita Criswell to approve and accept the Financial Statement. Motion carried 5-0. Unanimous vote in favor.
- 6) **Approve the minutes as written for the meeting held February 18, 2025.** Motion made by Kenny Hankins with a second by Tommie Whitaker to approve the minutes of the meeting held February 18, 2025 as written. Motion carried 5-0. Unanimous vote in favor.
- 7) **Discuss and take action on dispatching services.** No action.
- 8) **Pay the City of Gilmer for dispatching services for the month of February, 2025 in the amount of \$900.00.** Motion by Kenny Hankins with a second by Tommie Whitaker to pay the City of Gilmer for dispatching services for the month of February, 2025 in the amount of \$900.00. Motion carried 5-0. 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 5-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

Terri Ross (February Bookkeeping/Clerical)	\$ 700.00
Upshur County ESD #1 (Maps)	\$ 405.00
Upshur County Appraisal District (2 <sup>nd</sup> qtr)	\$ 3,512.64

- 10) Discuss and take action for pre-approval expenditures, if any, over \$25,000.00 by Diana VFD or New Mountain VFD. None presented for approval.
- 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 with a 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 Gregg Price 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 Kenny Hankins with a second by Tommie Whitaker to pay New Mountain VFD in the amount of \$4,166.66 as their monthly budget allotment for the FYE 2025. Motion carried 4-0 with Rita Criswell abstaining.
- 14) Items to be considered for next month's agenda. Bank investment, dispatching services
- 15) Adjournment. Motion by Kenny Hankins with a second by Tommie Whitaker to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. Unanimous vote in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.



Presiding Officer Signature

Title: President

Date: 4-15-25