

UPSHUR COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2

JUNE 17, 2025

7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Upshur County Emergency Services District No. 2 Commissioners was held on June 17, 2025, at the New Mountain Fire Station, 9871 State Hwy. 155 N, Ore City, Texas 75683.

- 1) **Open meeting.** The meeting was opened at 7:03 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 Gregg Price, Rita Criswell and Kenny Hankins being present. Tommie Whitaker was absent.
- 4) **Public comment.** Matt Burnett announced upcoming training classes and gave an update as to the TFS grants available.
- 5) **Discuss and take action on the Financial Statement ending May 31, 2025.** Gaston DeBerry, III presented the Financial Statement ending May 31, 2025 to the Board. Motion by Gregg Price with a second by Kenny Hankins to approve and accept the Financial Statement. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.
- 6) **Discuss and take action to approve the renewal of the contract with Arnold, Walker, Arnold & Co. for audit services.** Motion by Gregg Price with a second by Kenny Hankins to renew the contract with Arnold, Walker, Arnold & Co. for audit services. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.
- 7) **Approve the minutes as written for the meeting held May 20, 2025.** Motion made by Kenny Hankins with a second by Rita Criswell to approve the minutes of the meeting held May 20, 2025 as written. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.
- 8) **Discuss and take action informing the City of Gilmer that we will not renew the Dispatching Contract as of September 30, 2025.** Motion by Kenny Hankins with a second by Rita Criswell to terminate the Dispatching Contract with the City of Gilmer effective September 30, 2025 and to authorize Gaston DeBerry, III to write a letter to the City of Gilmer notifying them of the termination. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.
- 9) **Discuss and take action on E-Dispatch notification services.** No action.

- 10) **Discuss and take action to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the Upshur County Sheriff's Department.** No action.
- 11) **Discuss and finalize the numbering system for the new dispatching.** Pass this matter to the July agenda.
- 12) **Discuss and finalize the information to be provided to the Upshur County Sheriff's dispatch regarding the call types, terminology, contact numbers, etc. to assist in dispatching.** Pass this matter to the July agenda.
- 13) **Discuss and take action regarding ambulance coverage in ESD2 area.** Shawn Salter with Christus EMS and Flight for Life was present with other representatives of Christus EMS to discuss the coverage area and options regarding ambulance coverage in the ESD #2 area. Add this matter to the July agenda for further discussion.
- 14) **Pay the City of Gilmer for dispatching services for the month of May, 2025 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 May, 2025 in the amount of \$900.00. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.
- 15) **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.
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| Terri Ross (May Bookkeeping/Clerical) | \$ 700.00 |
| Upshur County Appraisal District (3 rd qtr) | \$ 4,480.87 |
- 16) **Discuss and take action for pre-approval expenditures, if any, over \$25,000.00 by Diana VFD or New Mountain VFD.** No requests.
- 17) **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 abstaining.
- 18) **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 Gregg Price 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 3-0 with Kenny Hankins abstaining.

- 19) **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 Gregg Price to pay New Mountain VFD in the amount of \$4,166.66 as their monthly budget allotment for the FYE 2025. Motion carried 3-0 with Rita Criswell abstaining.
- 20) **Items to be considered for next month's agenda.** Update regarding termination letter to City of Gilmer; E-Dispatch services; Interlocal Agreement with Upshur County Sheriff's Department; Finalize the numbering system; Finalize information to be provided to Upshur County Sheriff's Department for dispatching; Ambulance coverage in ESD2 area; Active 911
- 21) **Adjournment.** Motion by Kenny Hankins with a second by Rita Criswell to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



Presiding Officer Signature
Title: President

Date: 7-15-25