

## UPSHUR COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2

DECEMBER 16, 2025

6:00 P.M.

### MINUTES

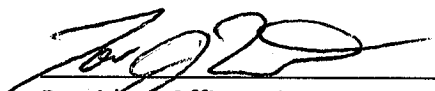
The regular meeting of the Upshur County Emergency Services District No. 2 Commissioners was held on December 16, 2025, at the New Mountain Fire Station, 9871 State Highway 155 N, Ore City, Texas 75683.

- 1) **Open meeting.** The meeting was opened at 6:00 p.m. by Tommie Whitaker.
- 2) **Call to order.** Tommie Whitaker called the meeting to order. Prayer was led by Tommie Whitaker.
- 3) **Determine quorum present.** Tommie Whitaker determined a quorum with Gregg Price, Rita Criswell, and Kenny Hankins being present. Gaston DeBerry, III was absent.
- 4) **Public Comment.** No public comment.
- 5) **Discuss and take action on the Financial Statement ending November 30, 2025.** Tommie Whitaker announced the balances of the checking account at \$74,917.06; savings account (FNB) at \$50,255.94; and savings account (GNB) at \$100,201.56. Motion by Kenny Hankins with a second by Rita Criswell to accept the Financial Statement as presented. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.
- 6) **Approve the minutes as written for the meeting held November 18, 2025.** Motion by Kenny Hankins with a second by Rita Criswell to approve the minutes as written for the meeting held November 18, 2025. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.
- 7) **Pay Upshur County Sheriff for dispatching services for the month of December, 2025 in the amount of \$900.00.** Motion by Kenny Hankins with a second by Gregg Price to pay the Upshur County Sheriff for dispatching services for the month of December, 2025 in the amount of \$900.00. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.
- 8) **Pay bills for the Upshur County ESD #2 as submitted and approved.** Motion by Kenny Hankins 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 (November Bookkeeping/Clerical)	\$ 833.33
Terri Ross (Reimbursement Office supplies)	\$ 52.99
Active 911 (Subscription for agency)	\$ 773.80
Active 911 (Active Comms, Active Bridge)	\$ 1,501.70

Active 911 (Additional Licenses)	\$ 1,115.10
Simpsonville VFD (E-Dispatch invoice)	\$ 2,099.55
Upshur County Appraisal District (1 <sup>st</sup> qtr)	\$ 5,167.02
Inter County Communications (Labor repair repeater)	\$ 1,613.00
Lennis Design (Website Annual Subscription)	\$ 905.00
SAFE-D (Conference Registration)	\$ 1,770.00

- 9) **Discuss and take action for pre-approval expenditures, if any, over \$25,000.00 by Diana VFD or New Mountain VFD.** None submitted.
- 10) **Pay the City of Ore City the amount of \$14,166.00 as the monthly installment as set out in the Contract for Fire Fighting Services for the FYE 2026.** Motion by Kenny Hankins with a second by Rita Criswell to pay the City of Ore City in the amount of \$14,166.00 as the monthly installment for the FYE 2026. Motion carried 3 For with Tommie Whitaker abstaining.
- 11) **Pay Diana VFD the amount of \$16,583.33 as their monthly budget allotment for the FYE 2026 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 \$16,583.33 as their monthly budget allotment for the FYE 2026. Motion carried 3 For with Kenny Hankins abstaining.
- 12) **Pay New Mountain VFD the amount of \$4,291.66 as their monthly budget allotment for the FYE 2026 plus \$1,500.00 as the recurring truck payment as previously approved and any other expenses presented for approval.** Matt Burnett presented additional invoices totaling the amount of \$3,678.72 and requested approval for payment. Motion by Kenny Hankins with a second by Gregg Price to pay New Mountain VFD in the amount of \$4,291.66 as their monthly budget allotment for the FYE 2026 plus an additional \$1,500.00 as previously approved for their truck payment plus the additional \$3,678.72 for invoices presented for approval. Motion carried 3 For with Rita Criswell abstaining.
- 13) **Discuss and take action on budget amendments.** None.
- 14) **Items to be considered for next month's agenda.** Discussion regarding setting a special meeting on December 23, 2025 to discuss the purchase and installation of the new repeater.
- 15) **Adjournment.** Motion by Kenny Hankins with a second by Rita Criswell to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

  
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 Presiding Officer Signature  
 Title: Vice President

Date: 1-20-26