

## UPSHUR COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2

MARCH 21, 2023

7:00 P.M.

### MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Upshur County Emergency Services District No. 2 Commissioners was held on March 21, 2023, at the New Mountain Fire Station, 9871 State Hwy. 155 N, Ore City, Texas 75683.

- 1) **Open meeting.** The meeting was opened at 7:02 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 Kenny Hankins being present. Trevor Larrington was absent.
- 4) **Read and approve minutes from the Regular meeting held February 21, 2023.** Motion was made by Kenny Hankins with a second by Gregg Price to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.
- 5) **Public comment.** Bracy Sweat presented sales tax data he had received and compiled from the State Comptroller. Matt Burnett commented on his support of a possible sales tax election.
- 6) **Update regarding Christus EMS area:** Olivia with Christus EMS updated the Board regarding the status of the dispatching issues. She advised the Board that she is waiting on a meeting with the County Judge to discuss this matter. This item will be placed on next month's agenda. No action.
- 7) **Discuss and take action regarding savings account.** Motion was made by Kenny Hankins with a second by Tommie Whitaker to take action to change the checking account with First National Bank of East Texas into an interest bearing checking account. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor. Motion was made by Tommie Whitaker with a second by Kenny Hankins to open the savings account with a transfer of \$50,000.00 from the checking account into the savings account. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.
- 8) **Discuss and take action regarding Board liability insurance.** No action. Place this matter on next month agenda.
- 9) **Pay the City of Gilmer for dispatching services for the month of February, 2023.** Motion by Tommie Whitaker with a second by Gregg Price to pay the City of Gilmer for dispatching

services for the month of February, 2023 in the amount of \$900.00. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

- 10) **Pay bills for the Upshur County ESD #2 as submitted and approved.** Motion by Tomie 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 (February Bookkeeping/Clerical)                      \$ 500.00

- 11) **Pay the City of Ore City the amount of \$8,250.00 as the monthly installment as set out in the Contract for Fire Fighting Services.** Motion by Kenny Hankins and second by Gregg Price to pay the City of Ore City in the amount of \$8,250.00. Motion carried 3-0 with Gaston DeBerry, III abstaining.

- 12) **Pay Diana VFD the amount of \$10,375.00 as their monthly budget allotment and any other expenses presented for approval.** Motion by Tommie Whitaker and second by Gregg Price to pay Diana VFD the amount of \$10,375.00 as their monthly budget allotment. Motion carried 3-0 with Kenny Hankins abstaining.

- 13) **Pay New Mountain VFD the amount of \$3,687.50 as their monthly budget allotment 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 \$3,687.50 as their monthly budget allotment. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

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

- 15) **Items to be considered for next month's agenda.** Update regarding Christus EMS area; Update on savings account; Discuss and take action on Board liability insurance

- 16) **Adjournment.** Motion by Kenny Hankins with a second by Tommie Whitaker to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.



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Presiding Officer Signature

Title: President

Date: 4-18-22