

## Ellis County Emergency Services District #2

### Meeting Minutes Regular Meeting March 17, 2025

A regular meeting of the Ellis County Emergency Services District #2 was held at 5:00 p.m. at the Midlothian Fire Department Station 1, 1900 West Main Street, Midlothian, Texas.

The meeting was called to order by President Tim Raven at 5:09 p.m. **Commissioners present were:**

President Tim Raven  
Vice-President Ronnie Russell  
Secretary Bill Holmes  
Asst. Treasurer Dorinda Sims

#### **Commissioner Absent:**

Treasurer John Binford

#### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

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- a. Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting on February 17, 2025
- b. Approve February 2025 Financial Transactions and February 28, 2025, financial report.
- c. Approve March 2025 invoices to pay.

A motion was made by Bill Holmes to approve the consent agenda items and Dorinda Sims seconded the motion.

VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR

#### **REGULAR AGENDA:**

**ITEM 1. Presentation/Discussion** – Receive update from Midlothian Fire Department regarding minimum daily staffing and update on Station #4.

Midlothian Assistant Fire Chief Phillip Brancato gave an update on the Midlothian Fire Department minimum daily staffing of 19 firefighter/paramedics. Chief Brancato also gave an update on the current design work, funding, and construction, for new Midlothian Fire Station #4. The City of Midlothian has purchased land for station #4, close to Walnut Grove and Hwy 287.

NO ACTION TAKEN

**ITEM 2. Presentation/Discussion** – Receive update from Ovilla Fire Department regarding full-time staffing, Advanced Life Support Transport License from Texas Department of State Health Services, and Medic 701 in service date.

Ovilla Fire Chief Cory McLaurin gave a staffing update that included all 18 shift full-time positions have been filled and the 2-week paramedic boot camp began on March 10, 2025. All 15 paramedics are attending and will be tested by the new Medical Director on March 31, 2025. The completed Advanced Life Support Transport License application has been received from the Texas Department of State Health Services, and they are waiting for a response from the local EMS Specialist. The anticipated in-service date for Medic 701 is the first week of April, dependent on the license from the Texas Department of State Health Services.

NO ACTION TAKEN

**ITEM 3. Discussion/Action** - Approve payments to City of Midlothian and City of Ovilla for responses in the District, as included in current agreements.

A payment in the amount of \$562,500 to the City of Midlothian and a payment in the amount of \$276,423.44 to the City of Ovilla, based on FY 2024-2025 budget amounts and agreements, were presented for approval. After discussion Ronnie Russell made a motion to approve and Dorinda Sims seconded the motion.

VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR

**ITEM 4. Discussion/Action** - Discussion and take action as necessary concerning City of Venus FY 2024-2025 agreement and approve payment to the City of Venus.

The City of Venus FY 2024-2025 agreement and the first half payment were both presented for approval. After discussion Ronnie Russell made a motion to approve the agreement and approve a payment in the amount of \$38,787.13, once the agreement is executed by the City of Venus. Bill Holmes seconded the motion.

VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR

**ITEM 5. Discussion/Action** - Discussion and take action as necessary concerning immediate repairs to the Larry C. Marlow annex electrical service and Ovilla Fire Station electrical service.

Bill Holmes presented information concerning the electrical service that was installed with the construction of the Larry C. Marlow Fire Annex in 2008. Immediate changes are needed to correct the original installation. After discussion Dorinda Sims made a motion to approve up to \$45,000.00 in repair cost and Ronnie Russell seconded the motion.

VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR

**ITEM 6. Discussion/Action** - Discussion and take action as necessary concerning approval of payment from 2024 loan fund for EMS training to ArchAngel Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$6,000.00 and Master Medical Equipment in the amount of \$6,510.45.

Invoices from ArchAngel Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$6,000.00 and Master Medical Equipment in the amount of \$6,510.45 were presented for approval. These invoices will be paid from 2024 loan fund. After discussion Bill Holmes made a motion to approve and Dorinda Sims seconded the motion.

VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR

**ITEM 7. Discussion/Action** - Discussion and take action as necessary concerning approval of payment from 2024 loan fund to the Friendly Chevrolet Company in the amount of \$55,740.84, for the Ovilla Fire Chief Command Vehicle, 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 1500.

An invoice and sales agreement from Friendly Chevrolet in Dallas, for a 2024 Silverado Crew Lt Trailboss 4WD vehicle, was presented for approval. This vehicle will be the Ovilla Fire Chief's vehicle. This invoice will be paid from 2024 loan fund. After discussion Ronnie Russell made a motion to approve the invoice amount of \$55,740.84 and Bill Holmes seconded the motion.

VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR



- ITEM 8. Discussion/Action** - Discussion and take action as necessary concerning approval of payment from 2024 loan fund to Randy Martinez in the amount of \$9,550.00 for Larry C. Marlow Fire Annex improvements.

Two (2) invoices from Randy Martinez, for repairs and upgrades to the Larry C. Marlow Fire Annex, were presented for approval. These invoices will be paid from 2024 loan fund. The check will not be issued until all work is complete. After discussion Bill Holmes made a motion to approve the payments and Dorinda Sims seconded the motion.

VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR

- ITEM 9. Presentation/Discussion/Action** – Presentation from District Manager concerning January sales tax receipts received from the Texas Comptroller and proposed future uses of sales tax receipts.

District Manager Tom Manning started the March 14, 2025, sales tax receipts direct deposit amount, from the Comptroller of Public Accounts, was \$134,026.31. Tom Manning also presented a proposal for sales tax receipt funds to fund the Ovilla Fire Department Medic cost, payments to the District Service Providers, increased reserve amounts, District Service Provider capital items, and a fund to fund a future fire station in the Circle S MUD area.

NO ACTION TAKEN

- ITEM 10. Discussion/Action** - Discussion and take action as necessary concerning proposal from HdL Companies for Comprehensive Community Insights Reports and Property Tax Dashboard Services.

A proposal from HDL Companies for Comprehensive Community Insights Reports and Property Tax Dashboard Services was presented for approval. After discussion that included the need and uses of this information and data, Ronnie Russell made a motion to approve, and Bill Holmes seconded the motion.

VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR

### III. DISTRICT RESIDENT COMMENTS

No District residents addressed the Emergency Commissioners.

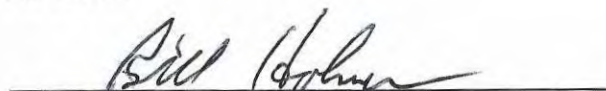
### Adjournment

Tim Raven adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m.



Tim Raven, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:



Bill Holmes, SECRETARY