

Ellis County Emergency Services District #2

Meeting Minutes Regular Meeting May 18, 2026

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 Vice-President Ronnie Russell at 5:11 p.m. Commissioners present were:

Vice-President Ronnie Russell
Treasurer John Binford
Secretary Bill Holmes
Asst. Treasurer Dorinda Sims

Commissioner(s) absent was:

President Tim Raven

I. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a. Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting on April 20, 2026.
- b. Approve April 2026 Financial Transactions and April 30, 2026, Financial Report.
- c. Approve May 2026 Invoices for Payment.

A motion was made by John Binford to approve the consent agenda as presented and Bill Holmes seconded the motion.

VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR

II. **REGULAR AGENDA:**

ITEM 1. **Discussion/Action** – Review tax year 2026 proposed taxable value from Ellis Central Appraisal District and discuss FY 2026-2027 additional budget revenue.

The preliminary Ellis County Chief Appraiser's estimate of 2026 taxable value and the preliminary April 30, 2026 appraisal value was presented for discussion. The projected 2026-2027 revenue was discussed.

NO ACTION TAKEN

ITEM 2. **Discussion/Action** – Approve purchase of capital assets funded by May 12, 2026, Prosperity Bank loan in the amount of \$575,000.00. Capital assets will include District vehicle, hydrant program equipment, Ovilla Fire Department and Midlothian Fire Department PPE, medical equipment, communication equipment, computer equipment, and LCM Fire Annex repairs.

A list of fixed asset purchases funded by the May 12, 2026 bank loan was presented for approval. The list included:

Debt Item	Amount	Project
OFD Brush PPE	\$31,000.00	TIFMAS Project
Lucas CPR Device	\$30,000.00	OFD Medic Project

Debt Item	Amount	Project
Body Amor	\$5,000.00	OFD Medic Project
Squad 701 Slide Out Unit	\$16,000.00	OFD Fire Equipment
ESD2 F-150 & Equipment	\$74,000.00	CRR Project
OFD Station/EOC Improvements	\$25,000.00	LCM Annex LHI
MFD PPE	\$105,500.00	MFD Fire Project
Radios	\$25,000.00	EOC/CCR Project
SCBA Equipment	\$56,000.00	OFD Fire Project
EOC Equipment	\$5,000.00	EOC Project
District Computers	\$7,500.00	District IT Project
CRR Program Equipment	\$10,000.00	CRR Project
Total	\$390,000.00	

After discussion, Dorinda Sims made a motion to approve the listed \$390,000 in purchases and Bill Holmes seconded the motion. Payment of each invoice for the approved items will be approved at future meetings.

VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR

ITEM 3.

ITEM 3. Discussion – Discuss FY 2026 – 2027 budget and budget timeline for approval and tax rate adoption.

The timeline for the approval of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget and Tax Year 2026 tax rate were presented and discussed.

NO ACTION TAKEN

ITEM 4.

Discussion/Action – Discuss and take action as necessary concerning FY 2025 – 2026 budget amendments based on April 2026 budget review.

District Manager Tom Manning presented an amended budget, based on a mid-fiscal year budget review, for approval. After discussion, John Binford made a motion to approve the amended budget as presented and Bill Holmes seconded the motion.

VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR

III. DISTRICT RESIDENT COMMENTS

No District residents addressed the Emergency Commissioners.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was held.

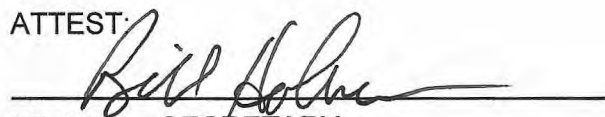
Adjournment

Ronnie Russell adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.



Ronnie Russell, VICE-PRESIDENT

ATTEST:


 Bill Holmes, SECRETARY