

## Ellis County Emergency Services District #2

### Meeting Minutes Special Meeting August 4, 2025

A regular meeting of the Ellis County Emergency Services District #2 was held at 5:00 p.m. at the Larry C. Marlow Fire Annex, 105 S. Cockrell Hill, Ovilla, Texas.

President Tim Raven called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Commissioners present were:

Tim Raven - President  
Ronnie Russell – Vice-President  
Bill Holmes - Secretary  
John Binford - Treasurer  
Dorinda Sims – Assistant Treasurer

#### **I. REGULAR AGENDA:**

##### **ITEM 1. Discussion/Action – Presentation of the FY 2025 – 2026 proposed budget.**

The proposed 2025-2026 Budget was presented and discussed. The final vote on this budget will be at the August 18, 2025, regular meeting.

NO ACTION TAKEN

##### **ITEM 2. Discuss and consider taking action regarding 2024 tax rate, including:**

- (a) establishing proposed tax rate;
- (b) taking record vote and scheduling public hearing;
- (c) authorizing expense and publication of "Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase" in the Waxahachie Sun newspaper; and
- (d) acknowledging and approving posting of "Notice About 2025 Tax Rates" and "Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase" to home page of District website.

Following discussion, a motion to move that the 2025 property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a maximum tax rate of \$0.0980/\$100 was made by John Binford and seconded by Bill Holmes.

#### **VOTING IN FAVOR:**

Tim Raven - Aye  
Ronnie Russell - Aye  
Bill Holmes - Aye  
John Binford – Aye  
Dorinda Sims - Aye

John Binford also made a motion to schedule a public hearing on the tax increase and budget on August 18, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. at the Larry C. Marlow Fire Annex, 105 S. Cockrell Hill, Ovilla, Texas 75154. Bill Holmes seconded the motion. The vote to adopt 2025 tax rate and FY 2025-2026 budget will be held at this meeting.

VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR

Truth-In-Taxation requires the "Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase" be published in a local paper. Dorinda Sims made a motion to publish this notice in the Waxahachie Sun newspaper and Ronnie Russell seconded the motion.  
VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR

Truth-In-Taxation requires the "Notice About 2025 Tax Rates" and "Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increases" be posted on the homepage of the District Website. Ronnie Russell made a motion to post these two (2) notices on the District website homepage and John Binford seconded the motion.  
VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR

**ITEM 3. Discussion/Action** – Discuss and take action on City of Midlothian 2024 – 2025 service contract.

After discussion, John Binford made a motion to allow District Manager Tom Manning, Commissioners Ronnie Russell & Bill Holmes to finalize the terms of a five (5) year contract with the City of Midlothian, in consultation with District legal counsel Kelli Carlton. Payment will be based on the actual cost per run and number of responses. Dorinda Simms seconded the motion.  
VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR

**ITEM 4. Discussion/Action** – Discuss and take action on City of Ovilla 2024 – 2025 service contract.

The current City of Ovilla Contract will be in year two (2) of the fifteen (15) year contract. District Manager Tom Manning has determined the FY 25-26 cost amount after meeting with the Fire Chief and City Manager. An addendum with the FY 25-26 budget amounts will be presented to the Board for approval by September.

**II. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No executive session was held.

**III. DISTRICT RESIDENT COMMENTS**

No District residents attended the meeting.

Tim Raven adjourned the meeting at 5:48 p.m.



Tim Raven, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

  
Bill Holmes, SECRETARY