

Ellis County Emergency Services District #2

Meeting Minutes Regular Meeting August 18, 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 5:19 p.m.

Commissioners present were:

Tim Raven
Dorinda Sims
Bill Holmes
Ronnie Russell
John Binford

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. The minutes of the regular meeting on July 21, 2025, and August 4, 2025, special meeting were presented for approval.
- b. The July 31, 2025, financial reports and the July 2025 financial transactions were presented for approval.
- c. Approve August invoices for payment.

John Binford made a motion to approve the consent agenda items and Bill Holmes seconded the motion.

VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR

REGULAR AGENDA:

- ITEM 1. Discussion/Action** – Consider taking action regarding budget for fiscal year October 1, 2025, to September 30, 2026.

The FY 2025-2026 budget proposal was presented for approval. After discussion, Bill Holmes made a motion to approve the budget and the Resolution Adopting Budget that requires a \$.0980/100 tax rate and John Binford seconded the motion.

VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR

- ITEM 2. Public Hearing and Discussion** – Conduct a public hearing and discussion regarding the District's 2025 proposed tax rate.

Tim Raven opened the public hearing at 5:24 p.m. No individual attended the hearing. Tim Raven closed the public hearing after a motion was made by John Binford to close the public hearing and seconded by Ronnie Russell.

VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR

- ITEM 3. Discussion/Action** – Take a record vote on the District's 2025 tax rate, adopt an Order Levying Taxes, authorize filing the Order with the Ellis County Tax Assessor/Collector and authorize posting statement regarding adopted tax rate on District website home page.

After discussion, Dorinda Sims moved to: a. increase the property tax rate by the adoption of a tax rate of \$.0980/\$100 valuation, which is effectively a 7.799 percent increase in the tax rate. The 2025 rate includes an M&O rate of \$.086279/\$100 and a debt rate of \$.011721/\$100,

b. Adopt an Order Levying Taxes and

c. To authorize filing the Order with the Ellis County Tax Assessor/Collector and

d. Authorize posting of statement regarding adopted tax rate to home page of District website.

John Binford seconded the motion.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Dorinda Sims Ronnie Russell
Tim Raven John Binford
Bill Holmes

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

A draft of the proposed changes to the FY 2025-2026 contract was presented for approval. This contract includes a 5-year term that is based on the Midlothian Fire Department cost per run. The contract includes the formulas for determining the annual cost per run. The FY 2025-2026 base amount is \$1,468,500.00 based on \$2,670.00 per run. After discussion, Dorinda Simms made a motion to allow Commissioners Ronnie Russell and Bill Holmes with District Manager Tom Manning, to meet with District legal counsel and negotiate any final edits with the City, to be presented at the September 15, 2025, meeting. Bill Holmes seconded the motion.

VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR

- ITEM 5. Discussion/Action** – Discuss and take action on City of Grand Prairie 2025 - 2026 service contract

A draft of the proposed changes to a FY 2025-2026 contract, using the City of Midlothian contract as a template, was presented for approval. This contract includes a 5-year term that is based on the Grand Prairie Fire Department cost per run. The FY 2025-2026 base amount is \$329,000.00 based on \$2,350.00 per run. After discussion, a motion was made by Dorinda Sims and seconded by Bill Holmes to approve the presented FY 2025-2026 City of Grand Prairie service contract.

VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR

- ITEM 6. Discussion/Action** – Discussion and take action as necessary concerning purchase of Bauer cascade system through Buyboard contract 698-23, in the amount of \$66,290.00. Rescind approval of purchase of cascade system from Metro Fire in the amount of \$82,354, on May 19, 2025.

A Bauer cascade system that would be purchased through Buyboard contract 698-23, in the amount of \$66,290.00, was presented for approval. This would replace the cascade system from Metro Fire, approved at the May 19, 2025. After discussion, Dorinda Simms made a motion to approve the purchase of the Bauer cascade system in the amount of \$66,290.00 and rescind the approval of the cascade system from Metro Fire on May 19, 2025. Ronnie Russell seconded the motion.

VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was held.

IV. DISTRICT RESIDENT COMMENTS

No District residents commented at the meeting.

Adjournment

Tim Raven adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

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Tim Raven, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Bill Holmes', written over a horizontal line.
Bill Holmes, Secretary