

Ellis County Emergency Services District No.12

Meeting Minutes

January 13th, 2026

The State of Texas

County of Ellis

The Board of Commissioners of Ellis County Emergency Services District No. 12 held a regular meeting, open to the public, on Tuesday January 13th, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Milford Fire Department, located at 104 East Crossmain, Milford, Texas, for the following purposes:

The following board members were present, thus constituting a quorum:

Commissioner	Position	Attendance
Eric Haake	President	Present
Rodney Guthrie	Vice President	Present
Darla Knight	Secretary	Present
James Hearon	Treasurer	Present
Lorna Kaloi	Asst. Secretary/Treasurer	Present

Item #1. Call regular meeting to order. Commissioner Haake called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He declared a quorum and that all notices were legally posted pursuant to the Open Meetings Act.

Item #2, Public comment: In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, any response to a public comment that is made on an item that is not on the published final agenda will be limited to a statement of factual information or a statement of existing policy given in response to the public comment. Any deliberation or decision by the Board must be limited to a proposal to place the subject on a future agenda. There were no public comments,

Item #3. Discuss and consider approval and acceptance of statements in oaths of office for approved/reappointed commissioners; The Oath of Office and Acceptance of Statements in Oaths was administered by Judge Jackie Miller, Jr., to all five returning board members, Eric Haake, Rodney Guthrie, Darla Knight, James Hearon, and Lorna Kaloi.

Item #4, Discuss and consider action on election of officers for the board; Commissioner Kaloi made a motion to keep the officers in their same positions. Commissioner Guthrie seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0,

Item #5. Discuss and consider approval of December 9, 2025 regular meeting minutes; A motion was made by Commissioner Guthrie to approve the meeting minutes from December 9, 2025. Commissioner Hearon seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 .

Item #6. Discuss and consider approval of Financial Report; A motion was made to approve the Financial Report by Commissioner Guthrie. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kaloi. Motion passed 5-0.

Item #7. Discuss and consider taking action on obtaining Bonds for Commissioners; A motion was made by commissioner Guthrie to approve Ellis County Insurance Agency to secure bonding of \$10,000 per board member at a cost not to exceed \$1,000 a year total. Commissioner Hearon seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. This finalizes this item. There is no need for the item to be on the agenda again.

Item #8. Discuss and consider taking action on engaging in contractual relationship for service with Milford Volunteer Fire Department; This item was tabled until all documents can be obtained.

Item #9. Discuss and consider taking action on obtaining District Insurance including Liability Insurance and Directors and Officers Liability Insurance; This item was tabled for further discussion.

Item #10. Discuss and consider attendance at the Texas State Association of Fire and Emergency Services District (SAFE-D) annual conference at the Henry B Gonzalez Center in San Antonio, scheduled for January 29-31 2026; All members were reminded. This Finalizes this item. There is no reason for it to be on the agenda again.

Item #11. Discuss and consider action regarding an apparatus loan for Milford Volunteer Fire Department; Commissioner Guthrie made a motion to approve a loan from Harmony Bank for \$281,000 for a large brush truck and a loan for \$142,000 for a small brush truck. Commissioner Kaloi seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. It was also stated that Eric Haake and James Hearon will be the two individuals to sign the loans.

Item #12. Discuss and consider adoption of Investment Policy and Designating an Investment Officer; Commissioner Kaloi made a motion to adopt an Investment Policy and designate Commissioner Hearon as the Investment Officer. Commissioner Guthrie seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Item #13. Discuss and consider adoption of Resolution Authorizing Payment of Fees of Office; The members have discussed this and decided that no fees will be accepted at this time. The motion is closed.

Item #14. Review training requirements and compliance status for each commissioner; Training requirements were reviewed.

Item #15. Discuss and consider publishing notice of address of administrative office location; Commissioner Haake did the paperwork to publish the information in the Waxahachie Daily Light Newspaper.

Item #16. Discuss agenda, time, and date for next meeting. The next regularly scheduled ESD No. 12 Board Meeting will be held on February 12, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., at the Milford Community Center, 109 South Main Street, Milford Texas.

Item #17. Adjourn; Commissioner Hearon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guthrie. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Approved February 12, 2026

Darla Knight, Secretary
Ellis County Emergency Services District No. 12