

ORANGE COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #4

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Emergency Services Commissioners of Orange County Emergency Services District #4 was held on **Tuesday, October 14, 2025** at Station 1, **10691 Hwy 62 N., Orange (Mauriceville), Texas**.

The following agenda items were considered and action taken as indicated:

1. Call to order and establish a quorum. Prayer and Allegiance to the flag.
The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by D. Jones. Also present were R. Hymes, G. Gravett, A. Shue and D. Brack. A prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance were observed.
2. Citizen Comment (Any individual may make a presentation relevant to the business of the District of not more than three (3) minutes to the Board of Emergency Services Commissioners, after executing the proper form, which may be obtained from the Secretary.
There were four guests and no comments.
3. Discussion and Possible Action: Reading and approval of minutes for Regular Session September 9, 2025.
The minutes of the September regular session were approved on a motion by G. Gravett, second by D. Brack.
4. Discussion and Possible Action: Reading and approval of minutes for the Public Hearing Session September 9, 2025.
The minutes of the Public Hearing session were approved on a motion by G. Gravett, second by D. Brack.
5. Discussion and Possible Action: Review and Approve Financial Reports.
The financial reports were approved on a motion by G. Gravett, second by R. Hymes.
6. Discussion and Possible Action: Review of HB103
HB103 was discussed and the consensus was that since ESD4 had no bonds or ad valorem elections, the bill did not immediately apply. No other action was taken.
7. Discussion and Possible Action: 2025 General Election
E. Lampman reported that no board election was required in 2025.
8. Discussion and Possible Action: Fire Chief's Report and Training Report.
Chief Moore reported that there were 121 calls in the past month and there will probably be more this month. After attending the regional TCFP meeting, Chief Moore advised that he will need to write additional SOPs, there will be more reporting, more regulations regarding safety such as washing PPE, more inspections, especially for schools. ESD4 will have a TCFP inspection on 10/23/2025 at 10:00AM. There has been some great training, live burns with Groves FD. The Doty Road brush fire burned 140 acres and used up all resources. The smoke house will be used at the school for fire prevention. Chief Moore reported that ESD4 had been awarded a TAMU Forest Service grant for \$165,000 for a brush truck. There will be a 5% match for the grant.
9. Discussion and Possible Action: Purchase requests, final status of UTV purchase.
The UTV is pretty well finalized, with only a few minor items to be added. SOP for the UTV will include mandatory operator training, loading, unloading, etc.
10. Discussion and Possible Action: Status of Repairs and/or additions to Station 1 and Station 2 and approval of additional repairs needed.

M. McDuff reported that there are still a few minor items to be completed for Station 2, such as some painting, light switch. The driveway still needs to be completed.

11. Discussion and Possible Action: Status of firefighting apparatus and approval of repairs needed.

D. Hartsfield reported that a quote for rebuilding the front end on Engine 44 is being obtained. Engine 42 was fixed but still has an electrical issue to be checked out.

12. Closed meeting (if required)

Not needed.

13. Reconvene Open meeting and take action on Closed Meeting item(s)

N/A

14. Discussion and Possible Action: New Membership Applications.

The application for membership for Warren Smith was approved on a motion by G. Gravett, second by A. Shue with a 90-day probationary period.

15. Adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 7:13PM.