

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, April 8, 2025** at Station 1, **10691 Hwy 62 N., Orange (Mauriceville), Texas.**

The following agenda items will be considered and action taken as appropriate:

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 A. Shue, G. Gravett and R. Hymes. D. Brack was absent.
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.
Brian Campbell and his son were present. He explained that his son is observing the meeting in order to earn a Boy Scout Merit Badge.
3. Brad Harggquist with the Mauriceville Municipal Utility District to speak to the board.
Mr. Harggquist thanked all OCESD#4 parties for their service and reported that the MMUD plans to install four new hydrants this year. He briefly mentioned other projects and advised the board that MMUD encourages cooperation with the ESD. MMUD currently operates 200 miles of water lines.
4. Discussion and Possible Action: Reading and approval of minutes for Regular Session March 11, 2025.
The minutes of the prior meeting were approved on a motion by R. Hymes, seconded by G. Gravett.
5. Discussion and Possible Action: Review and Approve Financial Reports.
The financial reports were approved on a motion by R. Hymes, seconded by G. Gravett.
6. Discussion and Possible Action: Touchstone District Services status of project.
Justin Waggoner of Touchstone advised that he will not be doing text messaging to potential voters, but will pin a flyer to the OCESD#4 Facebook page.
7. Discussion and Possible Action: Equipment purchase requests
 - a. Purchase 5 MSA Masks and Bags from Casco Industries for \$2,150 plus shipping.
This purchase was approved on a motion by G. Gravett, seconded by R. Hymes.
8. Discussion and Possible Action: Status of Repairs and/or additions to Station 1 and Station 2 and approval of additional repairs needed.
G. Gravett reported that he had met with Glen Cleveland and advised him of the issues with the work done at Station 2. The shower was not built to contract size and showed poor workmanship. A fiberglass 6 X 6 shower was installed instead of the contracted tile and other issues such as faucet placement and shower heads. Concrete work is within scope. He also discussed with Mr. Cleveland the re-sheeting of the front of the building, which was not included in the original contract. G. Gravett summarized his plan to discuss the following issues with Mr. Cleveland:
 - A) Move the plumbing for the shower
 - B) Connect the electrical switch
 - C) Change the T-111 siding to match existing siding

D) Install an exhaust vent

E) Install ducting for HVAC into the bathroom/shower area

F) Discuss additional work to replace existing water heater

D. Jones moved to authorize G. Gravett to deal with Cleveland on this project. R. Hymes seconded the motion and it passed.

Chief Moore reported that the Chief's office will be made into a bunk room. This can be done by ESD personnel.

9. Discussion and Possible Action: Status of firefighting apparatus and approval of repairs needed. There were no requests for approval presented.

10. Discussion and Possible Action: Fire Chief's Report and Training Report

There were 122 calls in March. Training opportunities are being expanded by utilizing paid personnel. We are still missing some calls between midnight and 6:00AM due to staffing. Chief Moore will move one part time firefighter to a 10:00PM to 6:00Am shift to address this issue. The new fire academy just needs state approval to become a reality. After the third wildland class, 60-70 firefighters have become TCFP eligible. D. Jones read a letter from Wes Journeay stating that he will become inactive due to health reasons.

11. Discussion and Possible Action: New Membership Applications.

Volunteer membership applications for Marshall Stevens Braus and Joshua Michael Adair were approved on a motion by D. Jones, seconded by R. Hymes, with a 90-day probationary period.

12. Adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42PM.