

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, May 12, 2026** 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, A. Shue, G. Gravett and D. Brack.
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 six guests and no comments.
3. Discussion and Possible Action: Reading and approval of minutes for Regular Session April 14, 2026.
The minutes of the prior meeting were approved on a motion by A. Shue, seconded by G. Gravett.
4. Discussion and Possible Action: Review and Approve Financial Reports.
The financial reports were approved on a motion by A. Shue, seconded by R. Hymes.
5. Discussion and Possible Action: Status of purchase of new Brush Truck.
J. Thibodeaux gave an update. The truck is still on schedule for a late June delivery.
6. Discussion and Possible Action: Review 2026 Preliminary Total Appraisal Values
There was discussion regarding several tax scenarios. No action was taken.
7. Discussion and Possible Action: Approval of Local Option Residence Homestead Exemptions
The local residence homestead exemptions were approved for \$5,000 for Over 65 and \$5,000 for Disability, on a motion by G. Gravett, second by R. Hymes. The vote was unanimous. These are the same as for previous year.
8. Discussion and Possible Action: Review and Recommendations for Compliance with HB471 and HB4144 (Kelley Moore/Chris Jagoe)
K. Moore advised that it appears that neither bill will impact OCESD4 due to size.
9. Discussion and Possible Action: Fire Chief's Report and Training Report.
K. Moore reported that there were 108 calls in April. Presented Training Report attached. Discussed modifying other mutual aid agreements to be automatic mutual aid agreements. Discussed cooperation being achieved with Orange County Commissioner Chris Sowell, Mauriceville MUD and OCESD4 regarding new fire hydrants and increased line sizes. TCFP approved OCESD4 as a certified training facility and OCESD4 will offer many classes.
10. Discussion and Possible Action: Purchase requests.
There were no purchase requests.
11. Discussion and Possible Action: Status of Repairs and/or additions to Station 1 and Station 2 and approval of additional repairs needed.
J. Thibodeaux reported that a donation of PVC pipe had been received for Station 2.
12. Discussion and Possible Action: Status of firefighting apparatus and approval of repairs needed.

MC40 has new lights, Dejean's fixed B45, E42 is out of service, needs new ECM, E44 needs approximately \$7-8K in repairs. No action taken.

13. Closed meeting (if required)

Not required.

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

N/A

15. Discussion and Possible Action: New Membership Applications.

Membership application for Lucie Nguyen was tabled.

16. Adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30PM on a motion by D. Brack, seconded by G. Gravett.