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, June 9, 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.

   D. Jones called the meeting to order at 6:30PM. Also present were R. Hymes, G. Gravett and D. Brack. The pledge of allegiance and a prayer 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 six guests and no comments.
3. Discussion and Possible Action: Reading and approval of minutes for Regular Session May 12, 2026.

   The minutes of the prior meeting were approved on a motion by G. Gravett, seconded by R. Hymes.
4. Discussion and Possible Action: Review and Approve Financial Reports.

   Financial reports were approved on a motion by D. Brack, seconded by G. Gravett.
5. Discussion and Possible Action: Review and Accept Annual Audit for 2024/2025.

   The annual audit for 2024/2025 was accepted on a motion by G. Gravett, seconded by R. Hymes.
6. Discussion and Possible Action: Updated Report on Meeting with the County and the MMUD.

   K. Moore reported that he met with the County Commissioner and Mauriceville MUD representatives to discuss plans for improving the water system and firefighting capabilities. Plans were discussed for increasing the size of several water mains up to 12" and looping several areas. Plans are in place to install 5 new fire hydrants plus one from the County, and will replace or repair those that were damaged and/or removed. ESD4 will begin testing hydrants within the next two weeks. Any new business will be required to install hydrants.
7. Discussion and Possible Action: 2026/2027 Budget.

   There was some discussion regarding the budget but no action was taken.
8. Discussion and Possible Action: Initial Discussion Regarding New Engine Specifications.

   K. Moore and C. Jagoe discussed specs for a new pumper that is available from US Fire Apparatus through the Houston Galveston Area Council for $690,386. The truck is a Freightliner with Cummins engine and would come with 4 new air packs. The Fire Apparatus committee strongly recommends this truck.
9. Discussion and Possible Action: Status of Approved Outstanding Grants.

   K. Moore discussed the status of several outstanding grants. No action was taken.
10. Discussion and Possible Action: Status of purchase of new Brush Truck.

    J. Thibodeaux advised that the new brush truck is still on track to be delivered in late July. The bed is to be painted this week.
11. Discussion and Possible Action: Fire Chief's Report and Training Report.

K. Moore asked the board to accept another $25K grant from TAMU Forest Service for the purchase of firefighting equipment. On a motion by G. Gravett, seconded by R. Hymes, the board accepted the grant. There were 118 calls in May, 20 hours training, Lamar Univ has approved the EMT class but the cost is $1800 per student X 8 students. The TWC denied a request to fund the class. TCFP certified training is now being offered and is income to the ESD. Compliance reports are being completed. J. Thibodeaux reported that ESD4 now has five junior firefighters in that program.

12. Discussion and Possible Action: Purchase requests.

    K. Moore requested the board purchase yellow helmets for junior firefighters at a cost of $1800. This was approved on a motion by D. Brack, seconded by R. Hymes.

13. Discussion and Possible Action: Status of Repairs and/or additions to Station 1 and Station 2 and approval of additional repairs needed.

    Security cameras are now installed at both stations. The rock at Station 2 needs to be spread.

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

    Engine 42 is back in service, Engine 44 is in the shop at EPS for A/C repair.

15. Discussion and Possible Action: July 4th 250th Anniversary Celebration.

    No action was taken as it was left to the fire department to decide.

16. Closed meeting (if required)

    Closed meeting convened at 8:15PM

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

    The Open meeting was re-convened at 8:23PM. No action was taken.

18. Discussion and Possible Action: New Membership Applications.

    Application for Lucie Nguyen was tabled.

19. Adjourn.

    Adjourned at 8:25PM on a motion by D. Brack, seconded by R. Hymes.