

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 24, 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 6:37PM by D. Jones. Also present were R. Hymes, G. Gravett and A. Shue. 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.
There were 6 guests and no comments.
3. Discussion and Possible Action: Audit for FY 2023/2024.
Roger Croley of Marino CPA Firm presented the District's FY 2023/2024 audit. The audit was accepted on a motion by G. Gravett, seconded by A. Shue.
4. Discussion and Possible Action: Reading and approval of minutes for Regular Session May 13, 2025.
The minutes of the Regular Session for May 13, 2025 were approved on a motion by A. Shue, seconded by R. Hymes.
5. Discussion and Possible Action: Reading and approval of minutes for Special Session May 13, 2025.
The minutes for the Special Session for May 13, 2025 were approved on a motion by A. Shue, seconded by R. Hymes.
6. Discussion and Possible Action: Review and Approve Financial Reports.
The financial reports were approved on a motion by A. Shue, seconded by G. Gravett.
7. Discussion and Possible Action: Equipment purchase requests.
See below under Chief's Report.
8. Discussion and Possible Action: Status of Repairs and/or additions to Station 1 and Station 2 and approval of additional repairs needed.
 - A. Status of Station 2 Project
G. Gravett reported that a resolution still is needed to resolve the uneven joint between the slab for the new bay. Flooring is needed in the bathroom. The water heater does work but needs to improve distribution. The shower is completed. There are still a couple of light switches that need to be done.
 - B. Internet service at Station 2
It was reported that current Verizon jet packs do not work inside the metal building. Dylan Gray has received a proposal from Spectrum for internet service for \$105/month for one year. This was approved on a motion by G. Gravett, seconded by R. Hymes.
 - M. McDuff requested approval to purchase 2 loads of crushed concrete for the drive at Station 2. There was a discussion regarding a 30 foot extension to the culvert for better apparatus movement. Commissioner Chris Sowell may be able to have this done by the County. G. Gravett advised that he would be in favor of spending the funds to acquire a better base than that

provided by crushed concrete. It was decided that the new material may be coordinated with the culvert extension. A rolloff dumpster is needed for cleanup at Station 2. D. Jones advised that he would make arrangements to have a dumpster delivered. J. Thibodeaux advised that an existing bay door needs to be replaced at a cost of approximately \$3,000. It was noted that this expenditure had already been approved in the May meeting.

S. Welch presented a proposal to purchase of furniture for Station 1. This would include new sofa, recliners and a loveseat at a cost of approximately \$1,869. A. Shue moved to spend up to \$2,000 on the furniture. The motion was seconded by R. Hymes and it passed.

9. Discussion and Possible Action: Status of firefighting apparatus and approval of repairs needed. D. Hartsfield reported some minor issues for E42. Also, E42 air pumps, Kuzmal plug. No action was taken.

10. Discussion and Possible Action: Purchase of uniform polo shirts for Duty Crew, those with rank changes, new members and new board members, approximately \$1,200 for 20 shirts. Chief K. Moore asked the board to approve the purchase of polo shirts. After discussion, G. Gravett moved to approve up to \$2,400 on 2 shirts each. R. Hymes seconded the motion and it passed.

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

There were 133 calls during May. Chief Moore reported that there has been some great training in the last month. The forestry training has been held four times with about 20 students in each. Four departments will participate in Mayday training and 51 participated in search culture training. Narcan training will be held this week.

Chief Moore advised the board he plans to request the addition of two more paid parttime firefighters for the night shift, two sets of bunker gear. He will limit the total number of paid firefighters to 15 to stay within the category for grant relief. Two more radios are needed.

He also discussed the purchase of a firefighting equipped UTV. He will bring at least three bids for consideration. Also needed are a hydrant testing kit, 10 SCBA masks and bags. He advised that the Station 1 expansion will be re-bid.

Chief Moore announced that FF Clay Autery was awarded the Firefighter of the Quarter.

12. Discussion and Possible Action: New Membership Applications.

On a motion by G. Gravett, seconded by R. Hymes, Dylan McGuire was approved as a new volunteer on a 90 day probation.

A closed meeting for personnel issues was convened at 8:15PM.

The open meeting was reconvened at 8:30PM and no action was taken.

13. Adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM on a motion by A. Shue, seconded by G. Gravett.