# 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, August 12, 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 David Jones. Also present were Robert Hymes, Anthony Shue and Greg Gravett. Dan 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 10 guests and no comments.

3. Discussion and Possible Action: Reading and approval of minutes for Regular Session July 8, 2025.

   The minutes were approved on a motion by A. Shue, seconded by G. Gravett.

4. Discussion and Possible Action: Review and Approve Financial Reports.

   G. Gravett discussed the Definitions section of the recent audit, to ensure that all commissioners understand. G. Gravett moved to approve the reports, A. Shue seconded and it passed.

   The proposed tax rate was discussed. A. Shue moved to propose the same tax rate as current year at $0.072944. R. Hymes seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. G. Gravett moved to hold a required Public Hearing on September 9, 2025 at 6:30pm at Station 1. A. Shue seconded the motion and it passed.

5. Discussion and Possible Action: Consider a board resolution to establish a Fire Marshal's Office and appoint a Fire Marshal in accordance with State Fire Marshal Codes.

   Chief K. Moore discussed the need for a Fire Marshal's Office and explained that Orange County does not have anyone designated as a Fire Marshal or inspector. After discussion, this item was tabled until a later date.

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

   There were 125 calls during July. Training sessions were held covering Extrication. Started training on a regular basis with several other fire departments. Gear testing is in progress, hydrant testing has also been started. He will form a committee to design the expected expansion of Station 1 and he is still working on the budget.

7. Discussion and Possible Action: Set Date and Time for Budget Workshop Session.

   D. Jones set August 19, 2025 for the Budget Workshop, 6:30pm at Station 1.

8. Discussion and Possible Action: Purchase requests.

   A. UTV, Trailer and Equipment
      Discussion covered several bids for a UTV, trailer and skid unit. After discussion, A. Shue moved to approve up to $62,000 per the Performance ATV bid, which requires a down payment of $15,000 for accessories to be installed. R. Hymes seconded the motion and it passed.

   B. Other requests

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

   Station 2 – finish minor repairs related to the bathroom.  Also need to approve rock for the driveway.  D. Jones moved to spend up to $3,200 to complete bathroom repairs, G. Gravett seconded and it passed.

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

    No immediate repairs needed but some nagging issues were discussed.

11. Closed meeting (if required)

    A closed meeting was convened at 8:40pm for personnel issues.

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

    The open meeting was reconvened at 8:53pm.  No action was taken on the closed meeting.

13. Discussion and Possible Action: New Membership Applications.

    There were no applications.

14. Adjourn.

    The meeting was adjourned at 8:54pm on a motion by A. Shue, seconded by R. Hymes.