

ELLIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO.9

MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 12, 2026

Notice is hereby given that a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Ellis County Emergency Services District #9 will be held on Monday, January 12, 2026, at 7:00 PM at Huey Baron fire station located at 165 S. Sherman St. Palmer, TX for the following purposes:

1. Call meeting to order;

Meeting was called to order at 7:03pm.

2. Determination of quorum;

Commissioners P. Burns, Z. Zett, M. Hamilton, and G. Penny were present making a quorum. Commissioner D. Wynn was excused due to travel

3. Recognize any guest;

P. Burns recognized Mayor L. Miller

4. Public Comment: Individual members of the public may address the Board for a maximum of three minutes on items not on the current agenda for a collective total of 15 minutes. In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, any response to a public comment on items not on the published final agenda will be limited to a statement of factual information or a statement of existing policy. Any deliberation or decision by the Board will be limited to a proposal to place the subject on a future agenda.

N/A

5. Public Comment on agenda items: Members of the public may speak on an agenda item after comments on the item are called for by the presiding officer, but before Board discussion and consideration of the item. Individual members of the public may address the Board once per item for a maximum of three minutes per person per agenda item.

N/A

REPORTS

6. Receive monthly report from Treasurer and consider:

(a) approval of payment of monthly bills and invoices:

The following invoices were presented: Credit Card for \$750.00/ VFD \$488.54/ Carlton Law Firm \$328.67/ Community First Bank, Kansas \$66,520.27 9(annual engine payment). P. Burns informed the Board that Atmos has been successfully transferred to Prosperity from PNC. G. Penny made motion to approve all bills and invoices as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

(b) approval of monthly financial report

T. Manning reported that the Money Market was \$1,208,044.75; there was \$44,281.73 in the checking account and we have \$158,970.06 in our CD. The loan for the new equipment is \$2,152,000.00. Z. Zett made a motion to approve the financial report. Motion carried unanimously.

(c) approval of annual engine payment

See (a) above

7. Receive monthly report from Palmer fire department personnel regarding emergency operations, response times, call volume, training, equipment, apparatus, and fire station, and take any related action:

Chief Medina reported that last year the FD received 841 calls and ran 454. This past month Chief Medina reported that there were 68 calls with 43 being run. There were: EMS 184/ MVA 13/ vehicle fire 1/ grass fire 10/ structure fire 1. Twenty five volunteers received training during the month. Chief Medina also reported that the Reserve truck is back; Rescue should be back by months end; new Brush Truck should be received within the next 2-4 weeks and that once received, Bristol wants to purchase the old 4 wheel-drive Brush Truck.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

8. Discuss and consider approval of December 8, 2025, regular meeting minutes;
Z. Zett made motion to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
9. Welcome and swearing in of newly appointed Commissioner Mark Hamilton, and swearing in Z. Zett and D. Wynn whose terms of office expired 12/31/2025;

P. Burns officially welcomed our new Commissioner M. Hamilton. Immediately afterwards P. Burns administered the Oath to Commissioners, Hamilton, Zett and Wynn.

10. Discuss and consider action on obtaining a surety bond for all Board members which will ensure financial accountability and protect against financial mismanagement;

P. Burns informed the Board that Fire Marshall T. Birdwell and J. Wray's office has now stated that only the Treasurer has to get a Surety Bond. T. Manning suggested that we keep the Crime Policy in force at \$100,000 for all Board members. G. Penny made motion to obtain the Surety Bond through VFIS. Motion passed unanimously.

11. Discuss status of loan for the two new engines and tanker;

P. Burns informed the Board that the loan for \$2.15M had been approved at Prosperity Bank, Red Oak with the first payment(auto) being due on January 18, 2026.

12. Discuss and consider for action purchasing a new office printer and the purchase of one additional computer to be used for running accounting program;

T. Manning informed the Board that he was transferring his practice over to QuickBooks Online, and as such would like for the Board to approve the purchase of a HP printer for printing checks. T. Manning requested a 2 tray laser plus blank checks for printing. Z. Zett agreed to purchase same and set up with remote desk top log in. G. Penny made motion to approve up to \$600 to purchase computer and blank check stock. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Set date and time for February's regular meeting;

Commissioners agreed to meet February 1th at 7pm.

14. Discuss and receive updates on projects and items impacting Board from President;

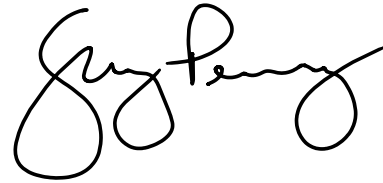
P. Burns reminded the Board that the SAFE-D conference would be held Jan. 28-31 in San Antonio. P. Burns then gave an overview of the fire house remodel.

15. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm

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The Board may retire to Executive Session anytime between the meetings opening and adjournment for the purpose of consulting with legal counsel pursuant to Section 551. 071 of the Texas Government Code; discussing real estate acquisition pursuant to Section 551. 072 of the Texas Government Code; discussing gifts and donations pursuant to Section 551. 073 of the Texas Government Code; discussing personnel matters pursuant to Section 551. 074 of the Texas Government Code; discussing security personnel or devices pursuant to Sections 551. 076 and 551.089 of the Texas Government Code. Action, if any, will be taken in open session.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Penny". The signature is written in a cursive style with large, sweeping loops.