

ELLIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO.9

MEETING MINUTES

February 9, 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, February 9, 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 7:003pm.

2. Determination of quorum;

Commissioners P. Burns, Z. Zett, M. Hamilton and D. Wynn were present making a quorum. Commissioner G. Penny joined by phone.

3. Recognize any guest;

P. Burns recognized Mayor L. Miller, Chief R. Medina, Asst Chief R. Townley and fire fighter Cole Christian

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:

(b) *The following invoices were presented: \$1,474.70 to reimburse VFD/\$109,901.00 to WildFire for brush trucks payment/\$8,600 YWRD for annual audit. M. Hamilton made motion to approve all bills and invoices as presented. Motion passed unanimously.*

(c) approval of monthly financial report:

T. Manning informed Board that we moved \$110,000 from the Money Market account to checking to cover the brush trucks payment. He asked Z. Zett to cancel Google Workspace since it is no longer needed. In the Prosperity Money Market account there is \$1,225,257.63, checking has \$43,009.79, and the CD has \$158,952.64.

As of 1/31 in our PNC accounts there was \$532.88 in checking and \$1,285.22 in the Money Market account. Said accounts need to be cancelled with the money moved to Prosperity.

M. Hamilton made motion to approve the financial report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

(d) approval of annual engine payment

This item was covered last month. No action taken

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 there were 70 Everbridge calls with 63 being responded to. There were: EMS 25/ MVA 18/ vehicle fire 2/ grass fire 10/ structure fire 2/ miscellaneous 6. Chief Medina also reported that the Tanker is making an annoying sound, but it is still completely operational-it will be sent to the shop asap; Rescue engine had the alternator replaced; and, the extension cords will be relocated for the new brush trucks

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

8. Discuss and consider approval of January 12, 2026, regular meeting minutes;

Z. Zett made motion to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Discuss which thermal image to purchase and from which company. The purchase of these imagers was approved at April 14, 2025, meeting where the motion was approved to spend up to \$10k for the purchase of 2 gas detectors and 2 thermal imagers;

After thorough discussion about the pros/cons between SEEK and MSA, it was suggested that we line up a demonstration from both companies and then make a final decision. M. Hamilton agreed to reach out to both companies to set up a demonstration. Board postponed any action until the demonstrations have been completed.

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

P. Burns will work with Daco on punch list. P. Burns informed Board that Daco will drive the Tanker from Lubbock to us. He has asked to have the backup cameras mounted in the dashboard. We're still discussing selling the 4-wheel drive brush truck to Bristol. Should have answer by March meeting.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm

Ellis County Emergency Services District #9 is committed to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Reasonable modifications and equal access to communications will be provided upon request. Please call Greg Penny, Secretary for Ellis County Emergency Services District #9 at 469-855-7762 for information. Hearing impaired or speech disabled persons equipped with telecommunication devices for the deaf may utilize the statewide Relay Texas Program, 1-800-735-2988.

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.

