

ELLIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO.9

MEETING MINUTES

March 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, March 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 7:06pm

2. Determination of quorum;

Commissioners P. Burn, G. Penny and D. Wynn were present making a quorum. Commissioners Z. Zett was traveling, and M. Hamilton was ill.

3. Recognize any guest;

P. Burns recognized Mayor L. Miller, Chief R. Medina, and Asst Chief R. Townley

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:

T. Manning reported that we had \$1,476,735 in the checking account, \$161,095.23 in the CD which has been renewed and now has a maturity date of June 13th, and that we have \$982,657 in the Money Market account.

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

The following invoices were presented for payment: YWRD \$955.00/Ennis News \$32.40/Carlton law firm \$705.21/VFD \$727.25/ WildFire \$1,304.00/Delta \$1364.25/DiVal \$1890/ Fuel Man \$78.90/ Ellis County Election \$4,850.00/PNC credit card \$270.18. G. Penny made motion to approve all bills and invoices as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

(b) approval of monthly financial report

G. Penny made motion to approve the financial report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

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 had been 57 calls with: 12 grass/12 medical/8 MVA/4 structure and 1 hazmat. He also reported that there were 21 volunteers who received training. And he informed the Board that there had been 153 calls YTD.

Chief Medina said that he had been looking into Lithium Extinguishers. For Type he said a 10-pound unit runs \$100 but last up to 6 years if not used. A 5-pound extinguisher costs \$76. Chief Medina also informed the Board that he had looked into fire blankets for electric car fires which cost \$3-5,000 each. He said the Tanker is still making a funny alarm noise. Believes it could be a short, so we agreed to contact Daco to come check it out. We also discussed having the parking lot stripped for \$430 and contracting to have the yard mowed for \$40/mowing. D. Wynn made motion to have work done as presented and to accept the Chief's report. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

8. Discuss and consider approval of February 9, 2026, regular meeting minutes;

D. Wynn made motion to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Discuss and consider approval of resolution authorizing the sale of surplus property.

P. Burns read Resolution concerning selling the 2004 F550 Brush Truck to Bristol for \$37,500. D. Wynn made motion to accept Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Discuss and consider action on bill of sale for apparatus and equipment.

P. Burns read the Bill of Sale into the record. D. Wynn made motion to accept Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Discuss and consider for action having brackets installed on new brush trucks.

After discussing what these brackets were for, G. Penny made motion to spend up to \$1,500 to have these brackets made. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Discuss and receive update/status on the purchase of thermal imagers.

No action taken as M. Hamilton was not present.

13. Discuss and receive update/status on Generac generator maintenance contract.

No action taken as M. Hamilton was not present.

14. Discuss and consider for action the purchase of land for a second fire station.

No action taken since two Board members were not present for discussion.

15. Discuss and consider for action contracting with an auction house to sell the Rescue chassis.

Discussion led to D. Wynn making motion to put it on an Online Auction in Lubbock rather than pay to have it hauled back here. Motion carried unanimously.

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

P. Burns mentioned that we need to see if we can set up hose testing at the school in June

17. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:36pm

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Penny", with a large, stylized loop at the end.