

ELLIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO.9

MINUTES

March 10, 2025

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 10, 2025, 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 7:00 pm

2. Determination of quorum;

3. Recognize any guest;

Mayor-elect Laura Miller was present as well as several members of the VFD

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:

*Commissioners approved \$11,900 for the annual radio contract/\$72 annual renewal of our Post Office box/\$4999.99 for repairs to the brush truck/\$209.69 Gexa/\$9,272.50 to YRWD for the annual audit/Z. Zett made a motion to approve up to \$5,000 to purchase 2 desktop and 2 laptop computers for the fire station. G. Penny seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
R. Davis made motion to approve financials. Z. Zett seconded. Motion passed unanimously.*

- (b) approval of monthly financial report

R. Davis made motion to approve financial report as presented. Z. Zett seconded. 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 were 38 calls: 8 MVA/1 structure fire/5 vehicle/4 grass/12 EMS and 8 Misc. Volunteers had already responded to 13 as of 3/10.

P. Burns asked how the volunteers were doing overall because of the high number of fatalities they had responded to. Chief Medina said he had reached out to Matt Bullard with Balch Springs who was a grief counselor. Chief said M. Bullard had come to speak with the volunteer and volunteers greatly appreciated his presentation and time. G. Penny made motion to send Mr. Bullard \$250 for his services. R. Davis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief Medina also announced that he is working on the WEX card and looking into a training grant from the FFA. He said the one brush truck has been repaired and that the \$4,999.99 for the second brush truck was to repair a blown head gasket.

Chief Medina announced that the Annual Fish Fry would take place on June 14th; Open Burn training is scheduled for March 29th; and that Hose Testing would be conducted April 21st on the Methodist Church parking lot.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

8. Discuss and consider approval of February 10, 2025, regular meeting minutes;

Z. Zett made motion to approve Minutes. R. Davis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Discuss the filing of Form 990 and IRS Form 1023;

Item was tabled until the April 10th meeting. T. Manning said he would check to see if it was required and let us know if and who should file.

10. Discuss start-up of new website from Clicktunity;

Z. Zett mentioned that he had sent the requested info to Clicktunity. L. Miller offered to post our Board Meeting Agenda on the City website

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 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 Section 551. 076 of the Texas Government Code. Action, if any, will be taken in open session.