

ELLIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO.9

MINUTES

May 12, 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, May 12, 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 7:01 pm

2. Determination of quorum;

All members except for R. Davis were present

3. Recognize any guest;

Mayor Laura Miller, Chief Medina and Asst Chief R. Townley were recognized.

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: Dival \$3972.65 for PPE/Dival \$831 for masks and bags/Amazon \$3499/Carlton \$245/YWRD \$5506.75 for audit/YWRD \$2900 audit expenses/\$2975 T. Manning for acct. G. Penny made motion to

approve all bills and invoices as presented. Z. Zett seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- (b) approval of monthly financial report

G. Penny made motion to accept the financial report as presented. N. Prewitt 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: 4 Miscellaneous/1 MVA fire/24 EMS/2 Grass/7 accidents/. Chief also reported that the volunteers have run 169 calls ytd. Chief is working with State Farm agent, James Grant, on a \$10,000 grant. Chief will verify with T. Manning that department can apply for said grant. The masks and bags purchased are to be passed out at the next meeting to the volunteers. Amplifier should also be passed out at the same time plus 2 spares will be left on the truck in case one fails on scene.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

8. Discuss and consider approval of April 14, 2025, regular meeting minutes;

N. Prewitt made a motion to approve. Z. Zett seconded. Motion passed unanimously

9. Discuss and receive updates on status of ESD audit due June 1st;

P. Burns will drop off to Fire Marshal this week for submission to Commissioners court.

10. Discuss and vote on updated investment policy, strategies, guidelines and management practices for ESD #9;

P. Burns walked Board through policy. G. Penny made motion to approve. Z. Zett seconded. Motion carried

11. Discuss and receive updates on ESD#9 placing a Sale Tax issue before the public as an upcoming ballot issue and receive comments/edits on TriPepiSmith talking points document;

G. Penny and P. Burns clarified talking points as agreed to with TriPepiSmith. HDL firm should have their estimate as to how much money we can expect if ballot measure passes within the next 4-6 weeks.

12. Discuss and consider for possible action the establishment of a Fire Department Auxiliary Group for the purpose of conducting community awareness seminars. This item was tabled from our April 14th meeting;

Z. Zett made motion to approve up to \$500 to support community outreach projects. N. Prewitt seconded. Motion carried.

13. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 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.