ELLIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO.9

MEETING MINUTES

June 8, 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, June 8, 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 7:27pm

2. Determination of quorum;

Commissioners P. Burns, M. Hamilton and G. Penny were present constituting a quorum. Commissioners Zett and Wynn were excused

3. Recognize any guest;

P. Burns recognized Mayor L. Miller and Chief R. Medina

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 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 72 calls with: 5 grass/14 EMS/17 MVA/5 vehicle fires/3 misc. Of the 72 call outs, the department responded to 44. He also reported that there had been 328 calls YTD with 199 being responded to.

7. Receive monthly report from Treasurer and consider:

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

    The following invoices were presented for payment: VFD $1,568.71/NAFCO $1,199.85/TigerStripe $430(power wash and stripe lot/PNC credit card $1,073.80). FuelMan and Atmos are being paid for by ACH. 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 we now have $32,055.34 in PNC .In Prosperity there is $161,095.23 in the CD/$135,506.37 in checking and $956,799.37 in our Money Market account. T. Manning pointed out that our 4-month CD renews on June 13th. P. Burns agreed to speak with the bank and renew the CD for 4 more month. M. Hamilton made motion to approve the financial report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

8. Discuss and consider approval of May 11, 2026, regular meeting minutes;

M. Hamilton made motion to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Discuss and consider adoption of a tax and budget planning calendar for 2026, authorize payment of tax process publications, and take any related action;

P. Burns walked the Board through the Tax Planning calendar and the requirement to post notice about 2026 Tax Rates and notice of Public Hearing. After discussing the various options. M. Hamilton made the motion to adopt the Purple Route. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Discuss and consider scheduling budget meetings/workshops;

M. Hamilton made the motion to schedule our budget meetings for August 3rd, 17th and the 24th. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Discuss and consider District website status, accessibility, and posting requirements, and take any related action;

Tabled until July 13th meeting

12. Discuss and consider taking action on purchasing a pickup truck for department use;

Chief Medina presented the departments' wish list for this truck. He said the department preferred a ¾ ton. 4-wheel drive, crew cab. If possible, they would also like a tonneau topper and vinyl seats. After discussion, M. Hamilton made motion to spend up to $60k on this purchase. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Discuss and consider approval of quarterly investment report for the first quarter of 2026;

Tabled until July 13th meeting

14. Discuss and take action to adopt an order repealing the telecommunications exemption for its sales and use tax;

P. Burns read the Order Repealing Sales and Use Tax for Telecomm into the record. G. Penny made motion to approve the Order. Motion carried unanimously.

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

P. Burns informed the Board that Justin Burns is working to finalize the Protocol and as such, notified us that the Board needs to purchase 2 more FRO backpacks and 2 suction devices. M. Hamilton made the motion to spend up to $3k on these items. Motion carried unanimously.

16. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm

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.