

ELLIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO.9

Minutes

August 4, 2025

Notice is hereby given that a SPECIAL CALLED meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Ellis County Emergency Services District #9 will be held on Monday, August 4, 2025, at 7:00 PM at First Baptist Church located at 200 S. Sherman St. Palmer, TX for the following purposes:

1. Call meeting to order;

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

2. Determination of quorum;

All Commissioners were present except for Z. Zett who was excused.

3. Recognize any guest;

N/A

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

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

6. Receive monthly report from Treasurer and consider:

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

The following invoices were presented: Motorola \$6500 for radios/WAPCO \$6940.35 for headsets/ Clicktunity \$2159.46 for managing website. G. Penny made motion to approve all bills and invoices as presented. N. Prewitt seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- (b) approval of monthly financial report

N/A

7. Discuss and consider spending up to \$5,000 to install two exhaust fans in garage area;

N. Prewitt reported that after Chief Medina had received corrected bids to install only two (2) fans, Wynn's Construction was still the low bidder for this job. N. Prewitt made a motion to approve awarding the Bid to Wynn's Construction. R. Davis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Discuss and consider spending up to \$7,000 to paint the outside of the building;

G. Penny said he would contact a painter he used to use for his buildings to get a bid and report back to the Board if the bid was going to be more than \$7,000. R. Davis made motion to approve. N. Prewitt seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Discuss and take action regarding 2025-26 budget;

T. Manning presented the proposed budget for 2025-26. After taking the Board thru the budget, a discussion ensued regarding the need to change some of the line items to prepare for the addition of potentially staffing the station during days with two (2) certified firefighters with EMT preferred at \$20/hr. It was agreed that we would give preference to qualified internal candidates first, then look outside. Scheduling would be handled by the new Administrative Chief. There was also a discussion on how best to budget for future equipment needs and potentially a second fire station. And T. Manning was asked to add monies for an additional squad vehicle for the new Administrative Chief. T. Manning agreed to rework the budget and have it ready for our next meeting.

10. Discuss and consider taking action regarding 2025 tax rate, including: (a) establishing proposed tax rate; (b) taking record vote and scheduling public hearing; (c) authorizing expense and publication of "Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase" in the Newspaper; and (d) acknowledging and approving posting of "Notice About 2025 Tax Rates" and "Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase" to home page of District website.

P. Burns read into the record the Order establishing the tax rate at 0.10000; scheduling a public hearing regarding same, authorizing paying for the publication of "Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase" in the local newspaper and approving the posting of "Notice About 2025 Tax Rates" and "Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase" on our ESD9 website.

The following Directors were present and voted "FOR" on all the above Tax Increase related items .

President P. Burns (FOR)

Vice President N. Prewitt (FOR)

Treasurer R. Davis (FOR)

Secretary G. Penny (FOR)

Assistant Treasurer Z. Zett was absent and therefore did not vote.

The Public scheduled meeting was voted on and passed unanimously, and will be held at the First Baptist Church on Monday, August 18th at 7 pm.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:59pm

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.