

ELLIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO.9

AGENDA

August 18, 2025

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Ellis County Emergency Services District #9 will be held on Monday, August 18, 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 7:10pm

2. Determination of quorum;

Commissioners P. Burns, N. Prewitt and G. Penny were present. Commissioners Z. Zett and R. Davis were excused.

3. Recognize any guest;

K. Sanders, D. Wynn and Mayor Miller were present

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

PUBLIC HEARING

6. Conduct a public hearing on the proposal to increase property taxes;

G. Penny made motion to open the public hearing. N. Prewitt seconded the motion. As there were no comments from the public, G. Penny made the following motion: "I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 10 cents per \$100 valuation, which is effectively an 8.15 percent increase in the tax rate." A vote was then taken with the following result:

P. Burns FOR
N. Prewitt FOR
G. Penny FOR

N. Prewitt then made the motions to close the public hearing. G. Penny seconded the motion. Motion was unanimous.

REPORTS

7. Receive monthly report from Treasurer and consider:

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

The following invoices were presented: Carlton law firm \$1,030/ VFIS \$2454 for A&S~\$1,638 for Commercial~\$1,374.26 W/C~\$15,267 for Property, Casualty and Theft insurance/TriPepiSmith \$2,932.50. G. Penny made motion to approve all bills and invoices as presented. N. Prewitt seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

(b) approval of monthly financial report

G. Penny made motion to accept the financial report as presented. N. Prewitt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

(c) approval of transfers between District accounts

No action was taken

(d) approval of FY25 budget amendments, if needed

No action taken as no amendments were made.

8. 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;

As the fire department was holding their regularly scheduled meeting at the fire station, P. Burns reported that the call volume was down from the previous month; the volunteers are involved in training with several volunteers planning on attending Fir/Rescue Training at Tarrant County College; exhaust fans have been installed and WEX is being replaced with Fuel Man cards effective tomorrow.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

9. Discuss and consider approval of July 14, 2025 regular, and August 4, 2025 special called meeting minutes;

N. Prewitt made motion to approve the minutes. G. Penny seconded. Motion carried

10. Consider taking action on budget for fiscal year October 1, 2025, to September 30, 2026, and adopting a resolution for same;

G. Penny made motion to adopt a resolution approving the budget as presented for fiscal year October 1, 2025, to September 30, 2026. N. Prewitt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

11. Take a record vote on the District's 2025 tax rate, adopt an Order Levying Taxes, and authorize filing the Order with the county tax assessor/collector;
P. Burns read into the record at 8:07pm an Order Levying Taxes and authorizing the filing of the Order with the county tax assessor/collector. The Order was to adopt a tax rate that will raise more taxes for maintenance and operations. The proposed tax rate to be raised effectively by 7.30 percent and will raise taxes on a \$100,000 home by approximately \$6.80. A vote was then taken with the following result:

<i>P. Burns</i>	<i>FOR</i>
<i>N. Prewitt</i>	<i>FOR</i>
<i>G. Penny</i>	<i>FOR</i>

12. Acknowledge and approve posting of statement regarding adopted tax rate to the home page of the District's website;

N. Prewitt made motion to have statement regarding adopted tax rate posted to our website. G. Penny seconded. Motion carried

13. Discuss and take action on revised mapping for the District at the County's request;
P. Burns gave overview and said he had print off which he would deliver to County. N. Prewitt made motion for P. Burns to handle. G. Penny seconded. Motion carried

14. Discuss and take action on the purchase of ten (10) Motorola chargers;
N. Prewitt said that these chargers are to replace the ones the volunteers purchased on Amazon which will not hold a charge. N. Prewitt said chargers are \$150 each and that we need ten (10). N. Prewitt made motion to purchase these chargers. G. Penny seconded. Motion carried

15. Discuss and take action on the purchase of six (6) new tires for the Brush Truck;
P. Burns said that as a result of our PM inspection, inspector said the tires on this truck must be replaced. They failed inspection. We therefore need to purchase six (6) new 16-ply tires at a cost of \$1675. G. Penny made motion to approve. N. Prewitt seconded. Motion carried

16. Discuss and take action on the purchase of six (6) tires for each Engine-total of twelve (12) new tires;
P. Burns said that the National Tire Standard was not to run tires for more than 7/8 years. These tires are the original tires and therefore must be replaced. That requires the purchase of twelve (12) tires at a cost of \$12,000. Trucks will be primarily for blocking

*until new Engine is purchased. . G. Penny made motion to approve. N. Prewitt seconded.
Motion carried*

17. Discuss and consider for possible action establishing a contractual automatic aid agreement with Bristol, ESD 5, and East Garrett which would automatically dispatch resources to each other's incidents. This item was Tabled from the July meeting;
G. penny made motion to table this item until the January meeting. N. Prewitt seconded the motion. Motion carried

18. Discuss and consider for possible action establishing a Records Management program for both our physical and electronic records ensuring that they are organized, stored, and properly disposed of compliant with appropriate regulations. This item was Tabled from the June meeting;
G. penny made motion to table this item until the January meeting. N. Prewitt seconded the motion. Motion carried

19. Discuss and consider signing new engagement letter with YWRD for annual audit;
G. Penny made motion to table this item until the September meeting. N. Prewitt seconded. Motion carried

20. Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Greg Penny, Secretary

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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 or 551.089 of the Texas Government Code. Action, if any, will be taken in open session.